

Exploring College Options

Looking at Out-of-State Public Universities and Private Colleges

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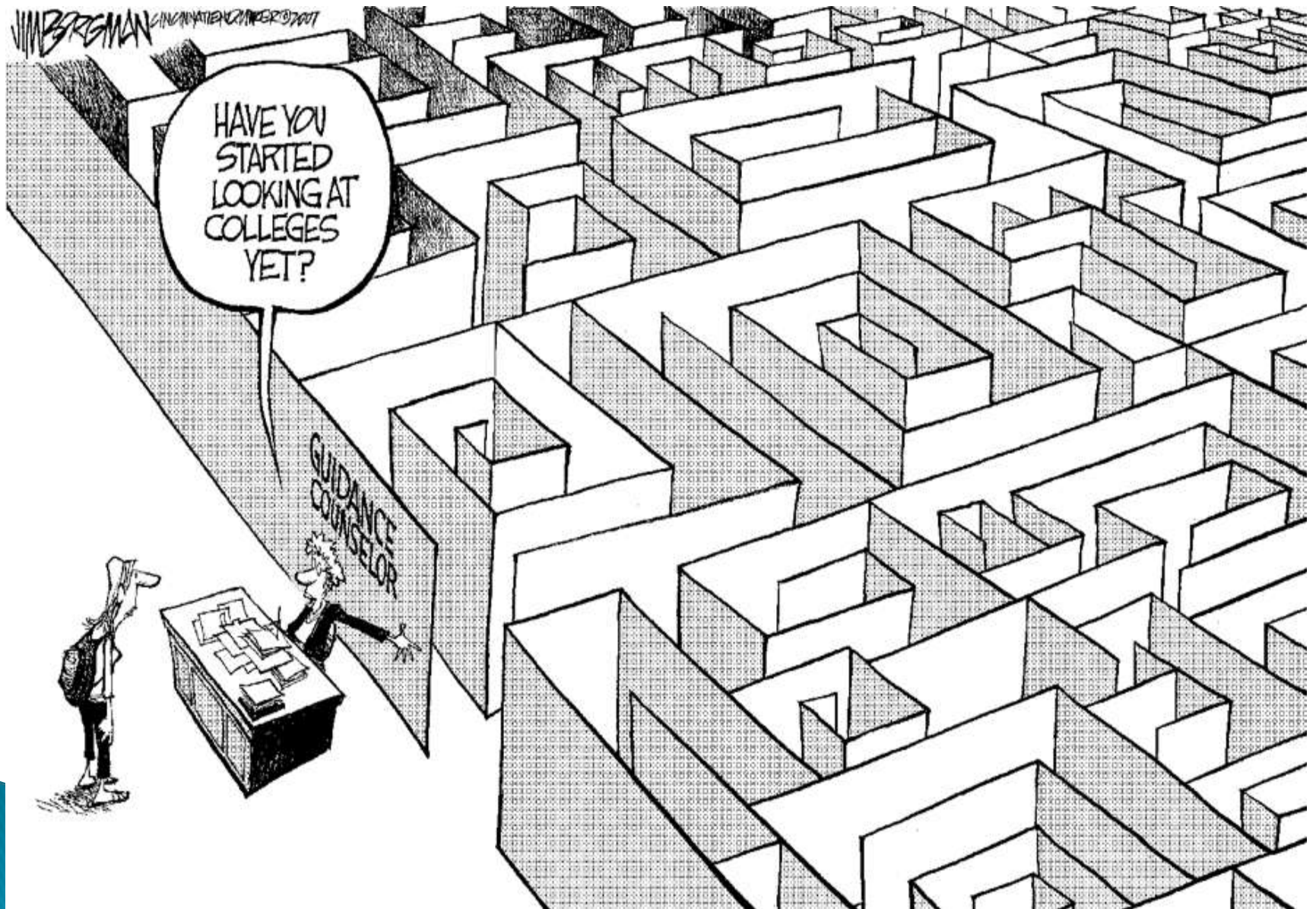
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After PGHS graduation – what next??

CA Community College (2-year)

CA Public University: UC & CSU (4-year)

*****Private College/University**

*****Out-of-State Public University**



Keep in Mind:

**College is not a prize to be
won,
but a match to be made**



What if I don't get in?

If you only pay attention to the headlines, you might start to believe that no one is getting in anywhere! The truth is that the majority of the colleges and universities in this country admit more students than they reject. If you're willing to investigate beyond the very narrow band of highly selective colleges — you'll find that you have many options that will lead to a great fit for you.

Apply Broadly!!



UC Admission Rates / Freshman Profile 2015

Campus	HS GPA	SAT: Reading/Math	Admit Rate
Berkeley	4.19	686/710	17%
Davis	4.07	618/670	38%
Irvine	4.04	598/662	39%
UCLA	4.18	675/702	17%
Merced	3.67	529/566	64%
Riverside	3.78	566/604	56%
San Diego	4.13	657/705	34%
Santa Barbara	4.05	629/665	33%
Santa Cruz	3.88	593/632	51%

Check Graduation Rates: CSU's 2015

	In 4 Years	In 6 Years
San Jose State U	8%	48%
Cal State Monterey Bay	12%	38%
Cal State Long Beach	14%	60%
San Francisco State	13%	45.5%
Cal State Chico	17%	56%
CSU Channel Islands	21%	52%
Sonoma State	26%	54%
Cal Poly SLO	29%	70%
San Diego State	33%	66%

Private Colleges and Universities

There are 1,845 private/independent non-profit colleges in the US. Tuition varies per institution.

The tuition listed on the college website is not necessarily the tuition you actually pay! Remember that lots of money available – both merit aid and need-based aid for private colleges that is not typically available at public universities. 87% of students receive merit aid at private colleges. Average private school tuition discount is 53%.

Use the college's *Net Price Calculator* found on the college's website to get an idea of what actual cost might be.

Financial Aid

Some schools are more generous with financial aid than others. This may be an important factor to consider if financial need is a priority.

Look for schools whose financial aid profile says that it meets 90% –100% of financial need.

If Financial Aid is a deciding factor:

Some students near the bottom of the college's admitted group are offered some financial aid, but it may not meet their full need.

What this means to you:

If money is a factor in your college search and will impact your final choice, make sure to apply to some colleges in which you are in the top third or top quarter of the applicant pool.

This should maximize your chances for a large financial aid package.

Attending School Far from Home



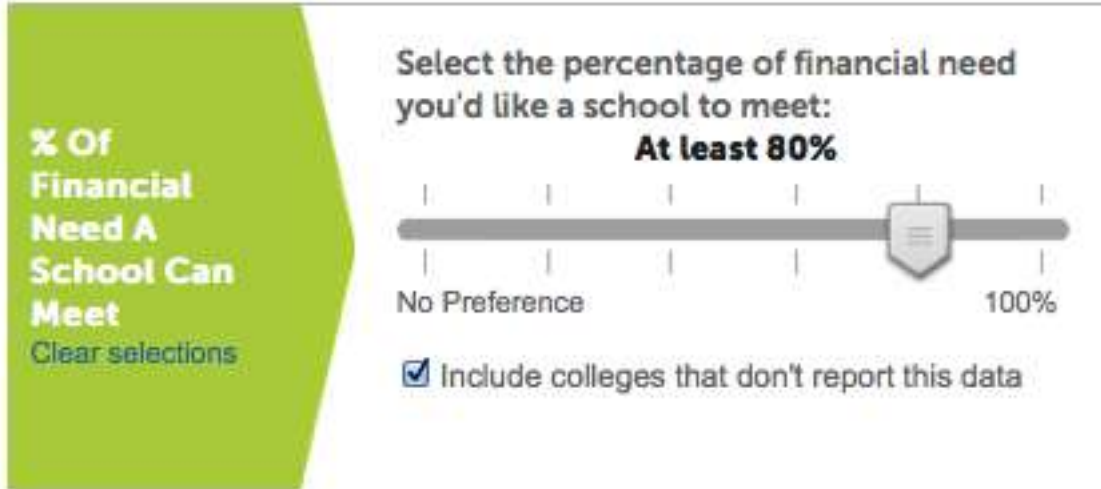
Only 14% of students attend college 500 miles or more from home? Colleges seek **Geographic Diversity**. Could be an advantage to students willing to go far.

Harvard Law Class of 2013

Undergraduate Institutions

Adelphi University	Rice University
American University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Amherst College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Andrews University	Rutgers - State University of New Jersey
Arizona State University	Saint John's College - New Mexico
Arkansas State University	Saint Olaf College
Auburn University	San Jose State University
Austin College	Sarah Lawrence College
Babson College	Seoul National University
Bard College	Seton Hall University
Barnard College	Simon Fraser University
Bates College	Simon's Rock College of Bard
Baylor University	Skidmore College
Beloit College	Smith College
Bentley College	Sonoma State University
Beth Medrash Govoha	Southern Methodist University
Boston College	Spelman College
Boston University	St. John's College
Bowdoin College	St. Johns University
Brandeis University	Stanford University
Brigham Young University	Sungkyunkwan University
Brooklyn College	SUNY at Albany
Brown University	SUNY at Binghamton Center
Bucknell University	SUNY at Buffalo Center
California Polytechnic State University	SUNY at Stony Brook Center
California Institute of Technology	Swarthmore College
California State University - Fresno	Syracuse University
California State University - Fullerton	Texas A&M University
California State University - Long Beach	Texas Christian University
California State University - Northridge	Texas Tech University
Calvin College	The College of New Jersey
Carleton College	Tsinghua University
Carnegie Mellon University	Tufts University
Case Western Reserve University	Tulane University
Central Connecticut State University	Union College of New York
Claremont McKenna College	United State Military Academy
Clemson University	United States Naval Academy
Colby College	University of Alabama
College of the Holy Cross	University of Alaska
College of William and Mary	University of Alberta
Colorado School of Mines	University of Arizona
Columbia University	University of Arkansas - Fayetteville

College Board Search Engine



The screenshot shows a filter for the percentage of financial need a school can meet. On the left, a green arrow-shaped box contains the text: "% Of Financial Need A School Can Meet" and "Clear selections". To the right, a horizontal slider is set to "At least 80%". The slider has tick marks at "No Preference" and "100%". Below the slider is a checked checkbox with the text "Include colleges that don't report this data".

Use College Board's search engine to find schools that meet highest percentage of financial need. Go to www.collegeboard.org and click on the college planning tab. Click on **Find College**, **Pay for College**, or **Make a Plan**.

Using Naviance to research colleges

www.connection.naviance.com/pacificgrove. Use student Power School log-in

The screenshot shows the Naviance Family Connection website interface. At the top, the user is logged in as 'Cari Richard Paris (log out)'. The main navigation bar includes 'home', 'colleges', 'careers', and 'about me'. A search bar for colleges is on the left. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'my colleges', 'college research', and 'scholarships & money'. Each section contains several links for further exploration. A cartoon character is visible in the top right corner of the page.

family connection

Here are all the tools for getting into cool schools

colleges careers about me

search for colleges:

my colleges

- colleges i'm thinking about
- colleges i'm applying to

Upcoming college visits

No upcoming visits

college research

- SpeedMatch™ college search
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- college resources
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- acad programs
- acceptance history
- enrichment programs

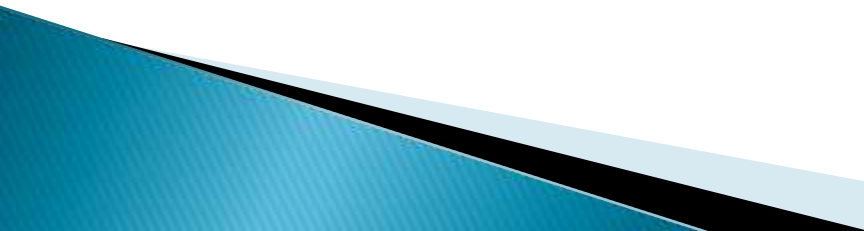
scholarships & money

- scholarship match
- scholarship list
- scholarship applications
- national scholarship search

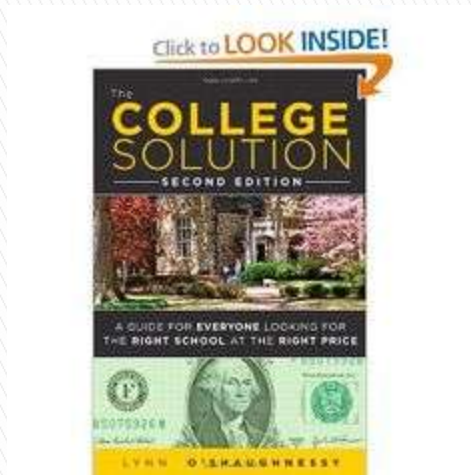
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Useful websites

- ▶ www.collegeboard.org for college search, college profiles, and looking up how much financial need a college will match.
 - ▶ www.collegeresults.org for looking up freshman retention rates, 4 year graduation rates, college profiles, etc.
 - ▶ www.diycollegerankings.com for college info, articles on different topics related to college search, admissions, etc.
 - ▶ www.thecollegesolution.com is particularly useful for financial aid information.
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Useful Books



The College Solution
By Lynn O'Shaughnessy



Colleges That Change Lives
By Loren Pope