

# High School & Life After

**New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (NJHESAA)**



# Conversations are Essential

- What careers are of interest to the student?
- What careers are of interest to the parent for the student?
- Have the student talk to family and friends about their jobs and careers
- Have the student(s) get involved with extracurricular activities



# Opportunities Students Will Have

- Four year public colleges or universities
- Four year private universities
- Community College
- Trade and Technical Career Schools
- Nursing schools
- Union Apprenticeship

## Higher education



# Why is Higher Education Important

Choosing higher education will give the student an introduction into careers and expanded knowledge and thinking to improve the chances of lifelong growth.

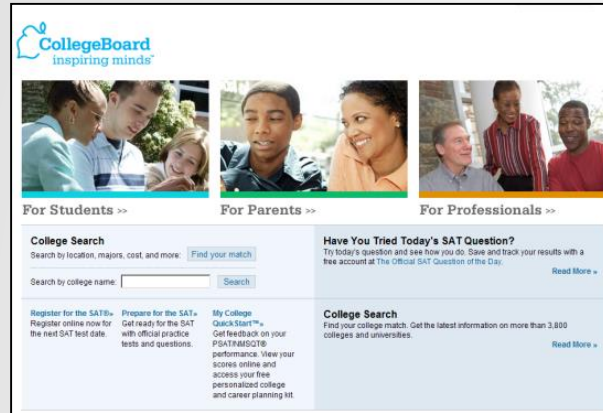
- A wider range of job possibilities
- Develop lifelong learning skills
- Provides young adults with the tools to help themselves, their families and their communities
- Broaden their thinking

# Preparing for College Enhancing Your Academic Profile



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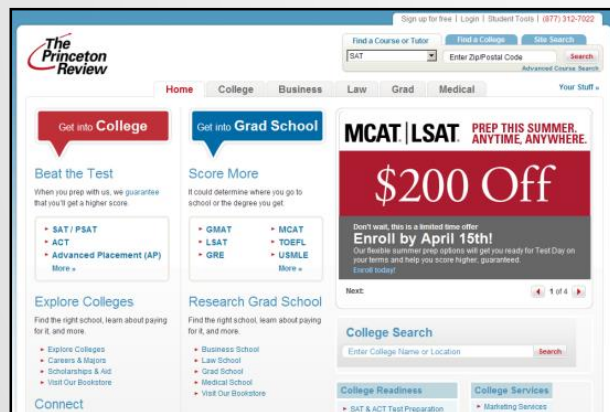
# College Search Resources...



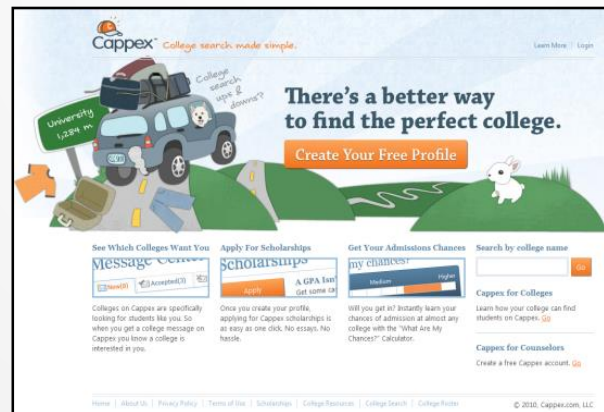
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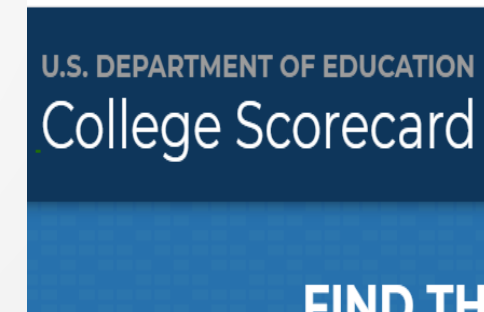
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# How Do Admissions Officers Review a Candidate

- High School Transcript
  - Standardized Test Scores (SAT's, ACT's)
  - Letter of Recommendation
  - School/Community Activities
  - Student Writings/Essay
- Quality over Quantity*



*“The college selection process is an art, do not attempt to make it a science.”*



## What's Best for You?

- Four-year college vs. Two-year
- Residential student vs. Commuter
- Research vs. Teaching Oriented College
- Comprehensive vs. Specialized College





# Admission Lingo

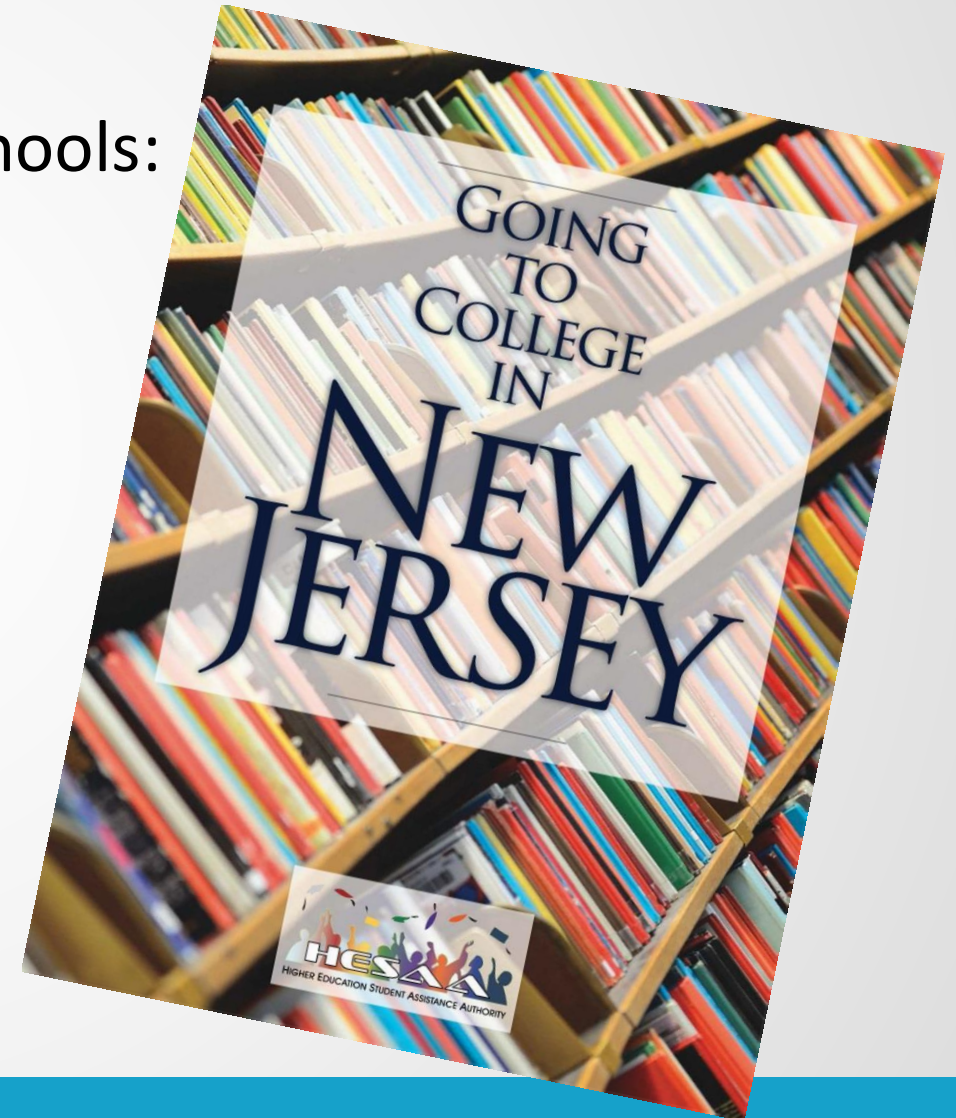
- Common Application
- School Specific Application (Paper or Online)
- Rolling Admission
- Early Action
- Early Decision
- Wait List



# Selecting Colleges for Admission

A time-honored principle in applying to schools:

- Reach
- Range
- Safety



## Be Organized and Disciplined



It is all about the PLAN to ensure  
you have checked all the boxes!

# Financing a Higher Education

- College SAVINGS PLANS!!
- Federal Aid
- State Aid
- College Scholarships
- Private Scholarships

## Applications:

- College Scholarship Services Profile (CSS Profile)
- FAFSA
- NJ Alternative Application
- School specific financial aid application (i.e. Princeton University)



**DEADLINES MATTER**

# QUESTIONS