



## Notes from Meg Brinker's College & Career Night Interactive Workshop

- Activities Resume - list ALL activities, NOW, and update regularly! Engage yourself in activities and community.
- Grow into leadership - stay involved. Don't forget youth group, varsity athlete, sitting service - anything that shows your involvement over period of time.
- Involve yourself in community service that you have sincere interest in.
- Long term service viewed favorably.
- Get to know your Admissions officers at your schools.
- Get to know your Counselor.
- Write thank you notes to each admission officers that you meet at schools you want to attend. Follow up, share curriculum choices, build friendship - you will be remembered.
- Develop relationship with at least 3 teachers who can give good recommendation/referral letters.
- Take academically challenging courses (steady As, may be viewed as your not challenging self).
- Get extra help in classes you need it in! Sometimes those teachers are your best recommendations.
- Request teachers letters BEFORE summer going into senior year.
- SATs, take twice. ACT once (tests material you know). Recommended: Junior year - spring, get prep class summer, retake in fall your senior year, then take ACT.
- If you take year off following high school, be sure it's to enrich, enhance self.
- Essay should express who you are, may be your only intro to school officers who may admit you. Make it original, honest.
- Early Action Application - non-binding. Early Decision - binding
- Enroll in 1 "rolling" school application - by November
- Enroll in 1-2 Reach schools, 2-3 Probable schools, 1-2 Realistic schools that you'd be glad to attend
- Popular Majors - don't get noticed as much as unique major.
- 70% change majors, don't stress.
- May consider community college, or other school for 1 year - take a full load of credits, maintain minimum of 3.0 average, you'll have very good possibility to transfer to your choice school.