

College Planning 101 Workshop Guide For Parents and Students

This practical, comprehensive guide is designed to help individuals and groups understand and successfully manage the high school preparation, college admission, financing and scholarship processes. **The goal is to empower each family to confidently find, be admitted to, and afford one or more “good fit” colleges.**

Contact Dr. Bernier if you wish to schedule a free workshop for your group, or a fee-based private consultation for your family.

I. HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION --- How to Take Charge!

- The Six Steps of College Planning
- Recommended College Planning Resources
- College Planning Guide -- Grades 9-12
- College Planning Activities Schedule -- Deadlines, Tests, Workshops, College Nights
- Standardized Tests -- ACT, SAT, PSAT, Michigan Merit Exam, AP, CLEP
- “ACT with Writing” Test-Prep Workshops -- Dates and Locations
- Reducing Anxiety When Taking Standardized and Classroom Tests
- Student Resume -- A Proven Way to Build and Highlight Your Qualifications and Gain Leverage
- Working with Your Guidance Counselor -- Understanding Her/His Roles. How You Can Help

II. FINDING A GOOD FIT COLLEGE --- How to Take Charge!

- “Leverage” -- How to Recognize and Use It Effectively
- Working with Admissions Representatives -- Their Roles. Suggestions
- Primary College Admission Factors --With Explanations
- Admissions Guidelines for Michigan and Out-of-State Colleges -- GPA, ACT, SAT
- Honors Program Benefits and Requirements
- Education Quality -- Freshman Year, Size, Honors and Residential College Programs
- Planning College Visits and Dormitory Overnights
- Guide for Comparing Colleges
- Application Process -- Deadlines, Personal Statements, Essays, Recommendations
- Enhancing Your Chances of Being Admitted to Your Top Choice College
- Colleges With Strong Disability and ADD Support Services
- Gifted and Talented Students -- Education Planning and Summer Opportunities
- College Planning Mistakes to Avoid

III. DESIGNING YOUR COLLEGE PLAN --- How to Take Charge!

IV. SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES AND FINANCIAL STRATEGIES --- How to Take Charge!

V. HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE TRANSITION --- How to Take Charge!

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