



Juniors Take Flight College Application Workshop

Presented by the Academic Magnet Foundation

May 24, 2024

Schedule

8.40-8.45am:	Welcome & Introductions (Charles Claus, AMF Board Member)
8.45-10am:	Common Terms / Uncommon Application
10.00-10.15am:	Break
10.15-11.30am:	Mission & Voice: Your Profile & Writing
11.30am-12pm:	Lunch & Case Review Study
12.00-12.30pm:	Case Study Review: Gather in assigned groups
12.30-1.15pm:	Case Study Debrief: Admit, Deny, or Waitlist?
1.15-1.30pm:	Wrap up & Final Thoughts (Plus final raffle prizes!)
1.30pm:	Enjoy your weekend!

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Mr. Brennan Barnard is the co-author of "The Truth about College Admission: A Family Guide to Getting In and Staying Together," He is the Director of College Counseling at Khan Lab High School in Mountain View, CA and for the College Guidance Network. Mr. Barnard is also the college admission program advisor for Making Caring Common, a project of the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a co-founder of Educational Futures Consulting.

For two decades he has worked as teacher, dorm parent, advisor, coach, admission officer and student affairs administrator in independent high schools and colleges. He has served on the executive committee for the Character Collaborative and written about college admission for the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Washington Post, HuffPost, Concord Monitor, and Journal of College Admission. He is the father of a high school senior and college sophomore.

Mr. Barnard will discuss the college application process and the Common App

Topics will include:

- *Review of survey results*
- *Figuring out the "right schools" to apply to*
- *Completing the Common App*
- *Thinking about your essay*
- *The admissions timeline*
- *The importance of a College's "Institutional Priorities"*

Chris Gruber

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Chris Gruber is the Vice President and Dean of Admission and Financial Aid at Davidson College, in Davidson, North Carolina, a position held since 2005. Prior to Davidson, he was the Director of Admission at the University of Richmond in Virginia.

Mr. Gruber has served as a faculty member and program director for programs offered through the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). He has also served as a reader for the National Merit Scholarships Program, as a trustee and board chair for an independent school in Charlotte, and as the Executive Director for a group of Admission Deans from 19 private colleges and universities throughout the southeastern United States. He was the President of the Common Application during his five-year tenure on their Board of Directors and also served on the Board of Directors for the Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success. Mr. Gruber earned both his B.A. and MBA from the University of Richmond. Chris is married and has three children, all college graduates and all teachers.

Dean Gruber and Mr. Barnard will lead a case study exercise which includes:

- ***What admissions officers “see” when they review your application***
- ***How admissions officers evaluate an application***
- ***How colleges “build a class”***
- ***The role of “institutional priorities”***

Case Study Exercise

Group 1 – 7131 (Flo)

Group 2 – 7202 (Rusciolelli)

Group 3- 7213 (Grayson)

Group 4 – 7218 (Smith)

Group 5 – 7206 (Orr)

Group 6 – 7220 (Hay)

Group 7 – 7223 (Vann)

Group 8 – 7235 (Conference Room)

Group 9 – 8125 (College/Career Center)

Group 10 – 7125 (Percy)

Group 11 – 7201 (Stackhouse)

Group 12 – (Lecture Hall)

Group 13 – (Lecture Hall)

As part of our mock admission committee exercise, four mock admission applications have been prepared for your review:

Kenneth Aldman

Makele Johnson

Mary Ann Leavitt

Robert Brandeis

During this exercise we will review and discuss these applications and make a determination regarding admission for each of them.

Prior to today, you should have familiarized yourself with each application. If you have not done so, please take time at lunch to complete this crucial step.

In addition, it will be helpful to review the "Admission Case Studies" overview as it will give you reading tips, information about the sample university, and a guideline applicant review form.

Take notes as you review the applications, considering each student's academic, extracurricular, and personal experiences in your analysis.

During our exercise you will be asked to recommend 2 students for admission, 1 for waitlist and 1 to decline admission. Be ready to justify your decision to the "Admissions Committee".

Resources

The Truth about College Admissions, Brennan Barnard and Rick Clark, www.truthaboutcollegeadmission.com

1-2 Day summer offerings for AMHS rising seniors!!

The Truth About College Admission: A Family Guide to Getting In & Staying Together

Presented by Brennan Barnard and Rick Clark
DATES & TIMES ARE FLEXIBLE BASED ON INTEREST

<https://tinyurl.com/HACWorkshop>

Register at: HolisticAdmission@gmail.com

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College Board and the CSS Profile <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

The Common App <https://www.commonapp.org/>

Coalition for College & the Coalition App
<https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

FAFSA
<https://studentaid.gov/>

Scholarship Search <https://www.fastweb.com/>

Naviance Resume Builder Tutorial
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bc5keginaXM>
this is one of many tutorials for Naviance. Search google and YouTube for more.

Other Naviance Tutorials
<https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/21791>

College Essay Guy Free Workshops
<https://www.collegeessayguy.com/>

The College Sage
<https://www.thecollegesage.com/>
Private college counseling services (*reduced pricing available for qualified students*)

Notes

Timeline of Important Dates

August 1	Common App Opens
August 13	First Day of Senior Year
October 1	CSS Profile Open
October 1	Send SAT and AP Scores to colleges
October 5	Latest SAT for ED/EA
October 15	Clemson and South Carolina EA applications due
October 26	Latest ACT for ED/EA
November 1-15	Early Decision 1 (ED)/Early Action (EA) Applications Due, South Carolina Honors College materials due
December 7	Latest SAT for RD
December 14	Latest ACT for RD
Mid December	EA/ED1 Acceptances begin to come out
December	New FAFSA form available
Around January 1-15	Regular Decision (RD)/ Early Decision 2 Applications Due (some earlier/later)
Mid February	ED2 Acceptances Out
Mid/Late March	Regular Decision Acceptances Out
May 1, 2024	Decision Day
Around May 29, 2025	AMHS Graduation

** All of these dates are guidelines. Check with individual colleges and universities for their exact requirements and deadlines**

Recommended Dates

NOW!	Ask Teachers to write you a Recommendation
By August 1 (the sooner the better!)	Finish your resume in Naviance and on Paper and provide it to teachers for recommendations
By August 23	Have at least a draft Personal Statement and one draft supplemental essay
By October 1	Research and apply for Scholarships
By October 1	Finalize your list of schools and determine which decision window you will apply