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Student Session Descriptions

To Apply Early or Not to Apply Early, That is the Question: Colleges have many different admission deadlines/programs with varying commitments expected from students. This session will fully explain the differences between three popular early programs: early decision, early action, and restrictive/single-choice early action. Is one of them right for you?

What Does it Take? Tips for Admission into Highly Selective Colleges: Gaining admission into highly selective colleges is much more difficult than it has ever been. Hear good advice about how you can best present yourself to gain admission into some of the top schools in the nation. Learn firsthand how admission committees consider various factors in the college admission process, including the transcript, GPA, test scores, extracurricular activities, recommendation letters, and institutional priorities, plus the relative importance of each. This session will give a behind-the-scenes view into the nuances of the comprehensive admission review process.

Grants, Scholarships, and Financial Aid – Oh My: Learn details about these three types of funding resources. An admission dean will explain the differences between each and talk about the requirements for obtaining these resources, including separate application procedures and deadlines. Maybe you can finance your education (or part of it) on scholarships!

Considering Honors Colleges: What are the benefits and demands of an honors college program within a larger university? What do these competitive programs seek in applicants for admission? Learn more about what these programs have to offer, and how they compare with a private liberal arts education.

Making the Moment Count: College Visits, Interviews, and Communication  
An admission dean will help you make the most of your campus visit. What should you be doing when you visit a college campus? Are you missing out on important information? Interview tips and communication etiquette with college representatives will also be discussed.

Liberal Arts in the 21st Century: What does a liberal arts degree mean in today's world? Learn about the practical application of the liberal arts and how critical thinking skills can prepare you for any career.

Do's and Don'ts: Application Advice  
Learn important information that will help your application stand out among the masses. Hear advice from the admission deans about what makes for smooth admission sailing and what can sink your ship.

Engineering and You: What exactly does an engineer do? Learn everything you ever wanted to know about the engineering field and what opportunities an engineering degree can provide. You'll be informed and ready to make the decision of whether an engineering major is for you.

Junior Parent Forum

Special Session for Parents of Juniors  
Friday, January 11  
MUS Hyde Chapel  
6-7:30 p.m.  
Panel - A session to help parents guide their children through the college admissions process