

Making The Most of Your High School Experience

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Background

- Age 23- Fresh College Graduate
- Served as a Florida Cicerone: Ambassador to the UF campus
- Trained to answer admission questions
- Speaking career: Spoken in 10 states to students about college, leadership, and staying positive



The Plan

- Research Prospective Colleges
- Dealing with academics
- Making yourself well-rounded
- Developing skills today...for tomorrow
- THE SAT
- Enjoy It



Research Prospective Colleges

- Think about where you want to go (get options)
- Look at admission rates (average SAT, GPA, male/female ratio) etc...
- Look at the programs they offer
- Look at the school amenities (gym, residence halls, student services, clubs)
- Visit the school
- (Take a tour, get a feeling)



Academics

- Take challenging courses now
- AP and Honors grades carry more weight
- Well-rounded academically
- Take it seriously...it's your future
- Be on good terms with faculty and administrators



The Well-Rounded Student

- Colleges look at: Grades, SAT, personal statement, letters of recommendation, activities, volunteer hours...the whole package
- Keep track of volunteer hours (Do more than what is required)
- Get Involved (clubs, SG, committees, athletics)
- Don't overextend yourself



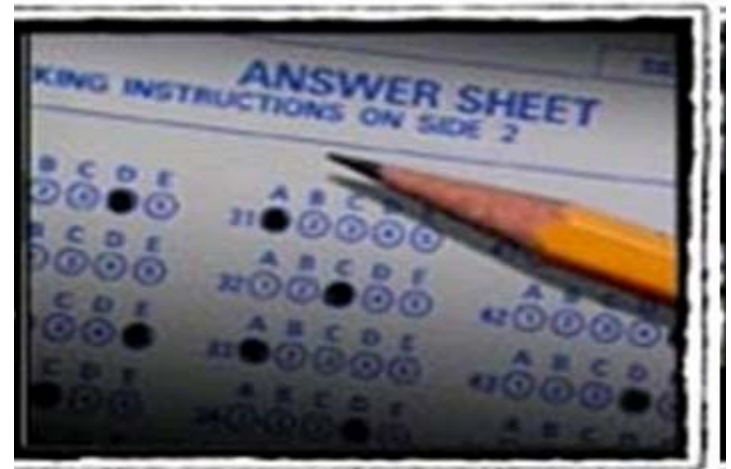
Developing Your Skills

- Written and Verbal Communication
- Time-Management (Academics/Personal Life)
- Study Skills
- Fostering relationships



The SAT

- Don't assume you'll get a good score
- Tutoring
- Practice exams
- Prepare ahead of time
- Do practice every week
- Breathe!



Enjoy It

- Be excited for your future
- Be willing to take on a new challenge
- Look forward to learning about yourself
- Staying Positive
- Focus on successes
- ‘Get To’ Instead of ‘Have To’
- Too Blessed Too Be Stressed

