# Opening Doors To Families through Future Centers

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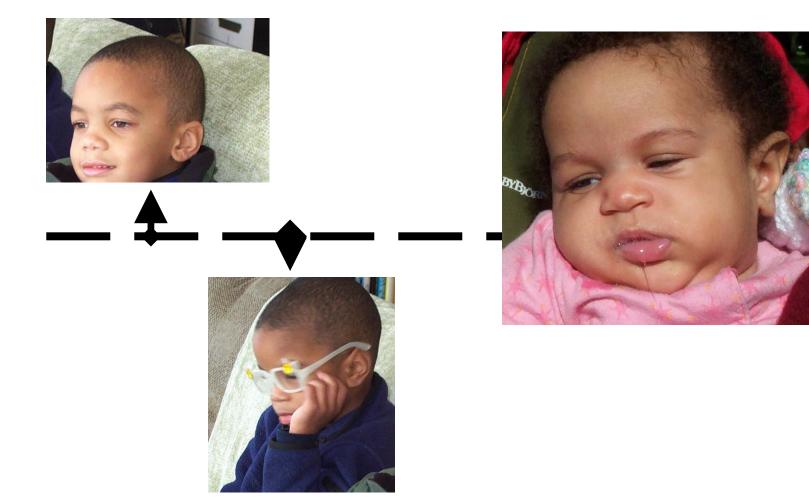












#### **I BECAME**

# Obsessed

WITH SCHOOLING







#### Guiding Lens



- ✓ Resilience
- Family engagement
- Community coaches



### **Employment Trends**

- Rapid pace of change
- Teams
- Entrepreneurial
- Unknown Today

### Post-secondary Landscape

- 2-year Open
- 4-year Liberal Arts,
   Selectivity range
- Non-profit vs. For Profit
- Public vs. Private
- Gap or Bridge

- Who applies
- How they apply
- Gap or Bridge

Who Applies

 In 2014, 68% of high school graduates

#### Who Applies

- Enrollment gaps
  - Race/ethnicity
  - Income (82/66/52)
  - Gender (10%)
  - Private vs Public high school
  - Student-to-counselor ratios

- Aggressive recruitment (not admissions) to achieve diversity
- Growing special populations
  - Homeschoolers
  - International

#### Internet role

- Online applications
- Online notifications
- Social media

## College Stats worth Knowii

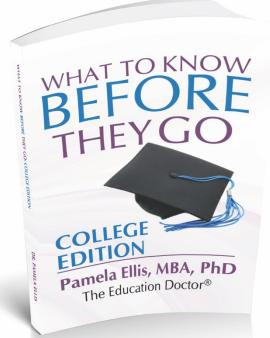
- Freshman to Sophomore Retention
- Time to completion
- Completion rate

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#### **FUTURE CENTERS**

#### Work and Role

- Dedicated college and career counseling
- Extended, aligned curriculum
- Community partnerships



### Impact

- College-going: 57% to 92%
- FAFSA: 47% to 92%

#### More Information

- 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> Roadmaps
- FB Live on Tuesdays at 1 pm ET



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# Module two

LAYING THE FOUNDATION

# discover

- What transcript informs
- Standardized tests for college
- Available inventories to consider



#### 3 types of FIT

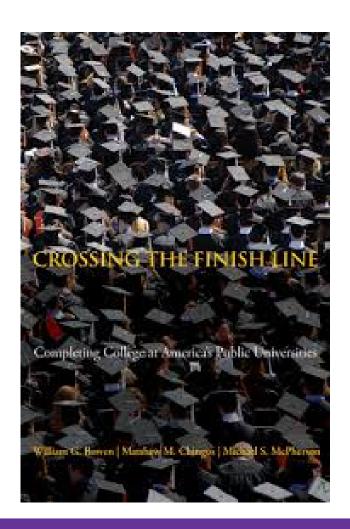
- Academic
  - Social
- Financial

#### Why Fit Matters

- Academic
- Social
- Financial



Completion





#### Transcript

- Courses
- Rank
- Teacher comments
- Marks and Grading scale
- Attendance
- Credits earned
- GPA (term and cumulative)

### Tests

- ACT
- SATI
- AP
- SAT II
- IB

### Inventories

- Do What You Are
- Strengths Explorer
- Birkman
- Career Clusters
- Who R U?
- Drive of your Life

Doesn't know it "counts"

Doesn't know it matters

# Not having access to inventories

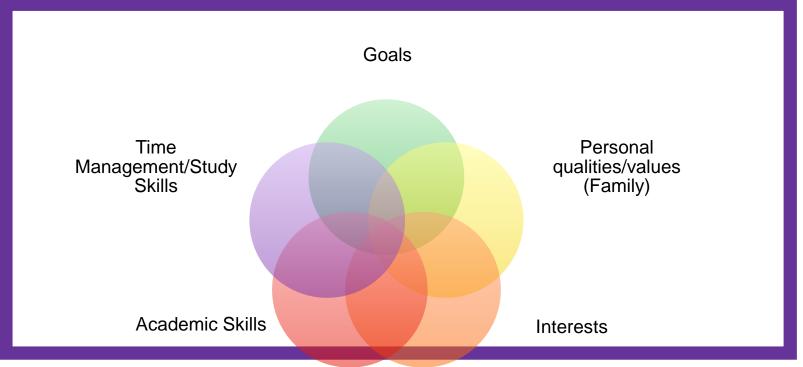
# Module three

SELECTING THE RIGHT COLLEGE





### STUDENT FIRST





#### FIT MATTERS

## Academic fit

Distributed curriculum

Open curriculum

Closed curriculum

# Which curriculum did your college have?

### Social fit

- Campus lifestyle
- Diet
- Extra-curricular
- Greek life
- Political climate
- Sports and Spirit

### Financial fit

- 4-year guarantee
- 5<sup>th</sup> year free
- Books covered each year
- Co-op
- No loans
- No tuition increase
- Research grants

# Student Challe nge Develop College List

#### MICRO-DEVELOPMENT

- Region
- Urbanicity
- Average class size (note: Freshman year)
- UG enrollment size
- Academic program and/or services

#### MACRO-DEVELOPMENT

- Standardized test scores
- GPA range
- Social/Cultural
- College style
- The "Spread"

# Student Challe nge Research each College

#### RESEARCH NOT BROWSE

- Share websites to help with research
- Challenge students to go beyond the surface
- Encourage note-taking
- Perhaps a checklist

# Student Challe nge Refine College List

#### REFINING

- College fairs
- Campus visits
- Time

Shallow, incomplete Search

Missing out on campus visits

# Not preparing Activities Resume ahead of when needed

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APPLYING FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICER'S SEAT



Your role in the application



## SCHOOL PROFILE AND TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS MATTER

## Application Options

Non – restrictive

Restrictive

## Application Options

Non – restrictive

- Regular

- Rolling

- Early Action

## Application Options

Restrictive

Restrictive Early
 Action

- Early Decision

## Ways to Apply

## **Application Types**

School-specific

 Universal College Application

Common Application

Not planning ahead for deadlines

Students list is moving target

Last-minute Panic

Fast Apps

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UNPACKING FINANCIAL AID AND AFFORDABILITY



- How colleges determine need
- A framework for determining a Family Financial Profile
- What questions to now ask a Financial Advisor



#### LIST MATTERS

# 3 phase financial aid process

- College costs
- Expected family contribution
- Need

#### College costs

#### Cost of Attendance

DIRECT (to the college)

Tuition

Room and Board

(to family)

Books and fees

Personal expenses

Transportation

# Expected FAMILY contribution

### College funding types

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Work-Study
- Loans

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PARENT(S)	STUDENT		

Grants Grants

Scholarships

Work Study

Loans Loans

#### Work Study Caveat

### Funding Sources

- Federal Government (incl Military & Veteran)
- State
- Private sources
- Non-profit orgs
- Colleges

#### Follow the Money

	Federal	State	External	Colleges
Grant	\$	\$	\$	\$
Scholarship	\$	\$	\$	\$
Work-study	\$			
Loan	\$	\$		\$

# How do the colleges determine what family contributes?

#### Financial Aid forms

 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

 College Scholarship Service (CSS Profile)

### Financial aid forms (con't)

FAFSA CSS

Federal and state

College specific (institutional)

All colleges

Private colleges

# Expected Family Contribution

# How Federal is Calculated

Parent's income

- + Parent's assets
- + Student's income
- + Student's assets

**Expected Family Contribution** 

#### What you must know

Protected vs. Available

# What influences Parent Contribution

- Income (protected allowance)
- Family size (mo kids, mo money)
- Assets (ex. home equity, qualified retirement, portion of business/farm)
- Age
- Number in college

# What influences Student Contribution

- Income (protected allowance)
- Assets (20% available)
- Independent/dependent status



# It's a Family thing

#### Institutional Calculation

- After federal
- Determined by college-specific funds and " need"
- Different calculation = different EFC

## Institutional Differences for Parent(s)

- Business losses
- Non-custodial
- Proportional distribution per child
- Other, i.e. home equity

#### Financial Need

#### How Need is Calculated

**Cost of attendance** 

Family

Contribution

**Financial Need** 

#### What to know about "Need"

- Need blind –vs- Need aware
- Percent of Need met

## Where students may get Stuck

#### Determining list based on "sticker prices"

## Where students may get Stuck

#### Meeting priority deadlines

## Where students may get Stuck

Being focused on 1 college