

## Summertime is a Great Time to Research Colleges

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## Why Research Colleges in the Summer?

- Conducting a thorough college search requires considerable time & attention
- Fewer competing commitments
- Useful no matter what grade you are in

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## Myths about Choosing a College

- **MYTH:** "Only the 'top' colleges are worth considering."
- **MYTH:** "The schools that are the hardest to get into are the best."
- **MYTH:** "Only the most expensive private schools are really good."

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## How to Fight the Hype

- Realize that colleges do not expect perfection
- Plan ahead
- Do not overload on activities
- Get adequate sleep, nutrition & exercise

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## Which Schools Are Right for Me?

- Majors & mentors
- Academic rigor
- Size / # Undergraduates
- Student-to-Faculty ratio
- Clubs, Sports, Organizations
- Distance from home
- Geographical location / weather
- Urban / Suburban / Rural
- Cost

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## Imagine the Future!

- **STUDENTS:** The perfect college for me...
- **PARENTS:** The perfect college for my son/daughter...
  
- **STUDENTS:** When I think about going to college, I worry about...
- **PARENTS:** When I think about my son/daughter going to college, I worry about...

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## College Search Tools & Strategies

- The College Board's Online College Matchmaker  
<http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/index.jsp>
- School, Department & Faculty websites
- Facebook
- *Fiske Guide to Colleges*
- Campus Visits

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## Campus Visits

- Visit on a weekday while classes are in session
- Plan to spend 2 – 3 hours on campus
- Consider scheduling meetings with admissions officers & financial aid representatives
- Take a campus tour
- Talk to people
- See what is available in your area of interest

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## Questions?

PowerPoint Slides for today's presentation are available online:  
<http://www.KlassTutoring.com/CAAP.htm>

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