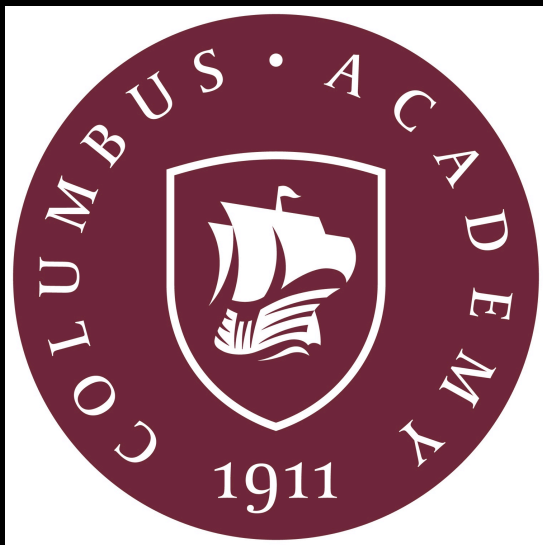
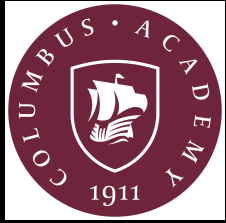


Senior Parent College Night

CLASS of 2018



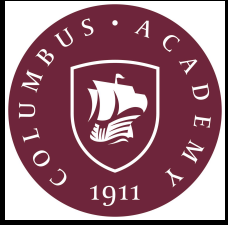
Mrs. Heywood
Mrs. FitzPatrick
Mrs. Young



First, Congratulations!



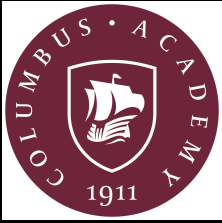
- You made it! They are seniors!
- They all get into college. For real. 100%
- And.... they have started applications,
but there is still some work to be done.



Quick Review of Responsibilities and Roles

- Student
- Counselor
- Parent

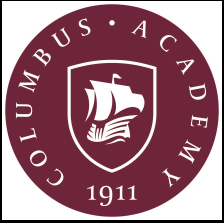




Student Responsibilities

- Meet with college visitors at Academy
- Prep for SAT/ACT
- Read your school e-mail
- Meet with College Counselor
- **Understand application requirements**
- Keep track of **deadlines**
- Write your own college essays
- Ask two teachers to write rec letters for you
- Complete application(s) and the supplements
- Submit Transcript Request Forms to College Counseling Office
- **Send Official SAT/ACT scores from testing websites**
 - Actstudent.org and Collegeboard.com (click view and send scores)





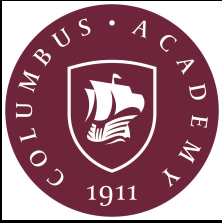
Student Role

- Be open to suggestions – your college list is fluid
- Know when you need help from an adult...and don't wait until the last minute



- Know when to help yourself
Example: "I know you already told us 5 times, but what is the registration deadline for the SAT?"

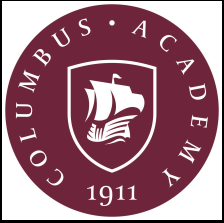
- Be sensitive to your classmates
 - confidentiality, pressure, language
- Know that you are not your GPA or the college you go to



Counselor Responsibilities

- Guide families through the many complexities of the process
- Lead College Counseling Meetings for topics that apply to all
- Serve as external face of CA to colleges
 - Host colleges who visit Academy
 - Visit college campuses
 - Attend 3-4 national conferences per year
 - Stay abreast of NCAA rules/regulations
- Coordinate standardized testing
- Educate CA community (teachers, etc.) about current trends
- Narrate the counselor (school) letter of recommendation
- Send the following to colleges and universities:
Secondary School Report, Official Transcript, Counselor Recommendation
Teacher Recommendations, School Profile, 1st semester grades in January





Counselor Role

- Provide support & advice
- Be an advocate for the student
- Help students learn important interpersonal skills
 - Introductions, interviews, and follow-up
- Place the college process in context within overall student development & school life
- Keep our core values at the center of the college admission process

Respect

Honesty

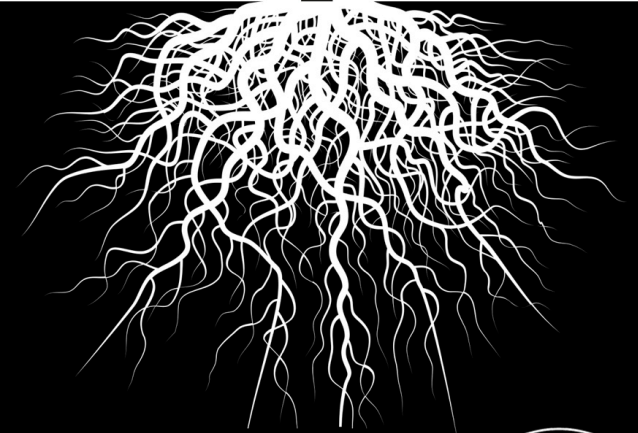
Fairness

Integrity

Responsibility

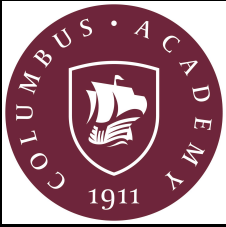
Compassion

Moral Courage



ETHICS & CHARACTER

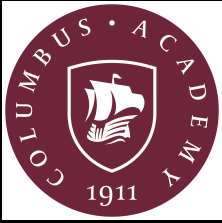




Parent Responsibilities

- Complete Parent Brag Sheet – tell us about your student!
- Communicate with college counselor
- Attend Parent Nights, Coffees, & College Fairs
- Visit college campuses
- Consider options with your student
- Be upfront about limiting factors
 - Cost, distance, location, major
- Pay for college and complete any necessary Financial Aid applications
 - FAFSA and CSS Profile
 - www.finaid.org (for estimate)
- Help student keep track of deadlines





Parent Role

- Choose your words carefully - ~~we~~ or ~~bad college~~
- Be a member of your student's support system
 - Know when to step in/when to encourage independence
- Educate yourself about the process
 - Myths v. Facts
 - Don't believe everything you read
- Know when to change the topic
- Model good behavior and etiquette
- Think about unintended consequences



Example #1:

Parent: "The admission process is just a game!"

Student hears: "There are winners and losers"

Solution: Reframe approach

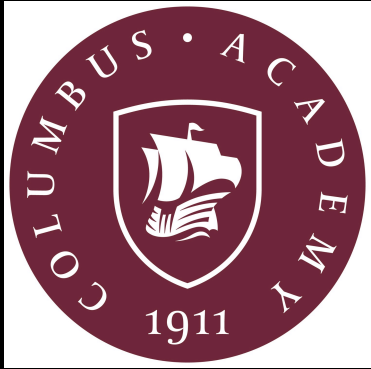
Example #2:

Parent: "Make a chart to make a choice about college"

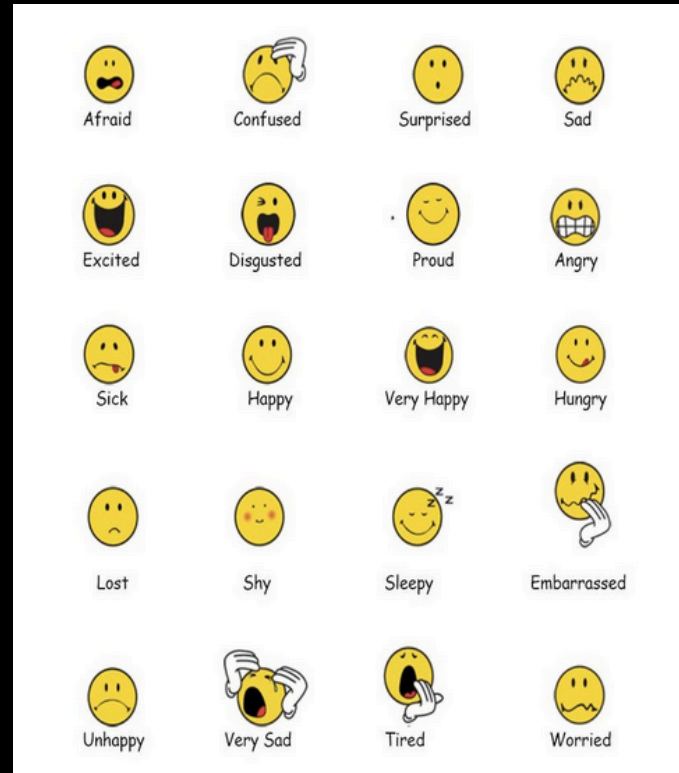
Student hears: "Should I get out Consumer Reports?"

"Is there one best college?"

Solution: Recognize possibility of several fits/matches



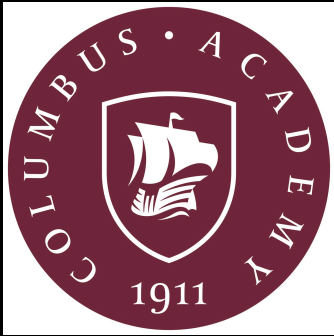
Where Are We Now?



A Long View

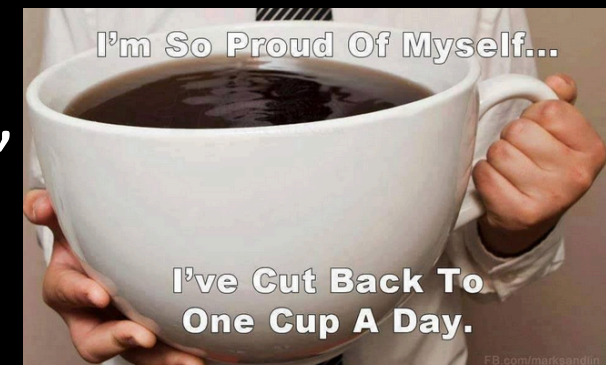
Tips & Observations

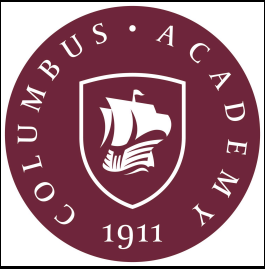
What We've Done So Far



Things You May Hear Your Child Say

- “My counselor wants me to add more schools to my list” (sniffle, sniffle)
- “Jeeze, I still have a lot of writing to do!”
- “Did you send my scores yet?”
- “Can I have your credit card?”
- “Oh my goodness, everybody is applying to my school!”
- “Our counselors drink a lot of coffee!”

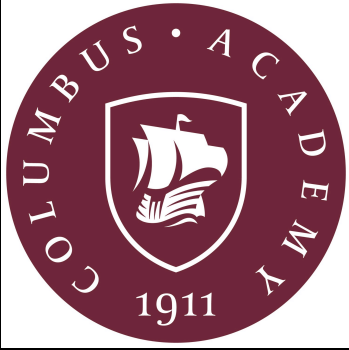




WHY ADD SCHOOLS?

NACAC State of College Admissions

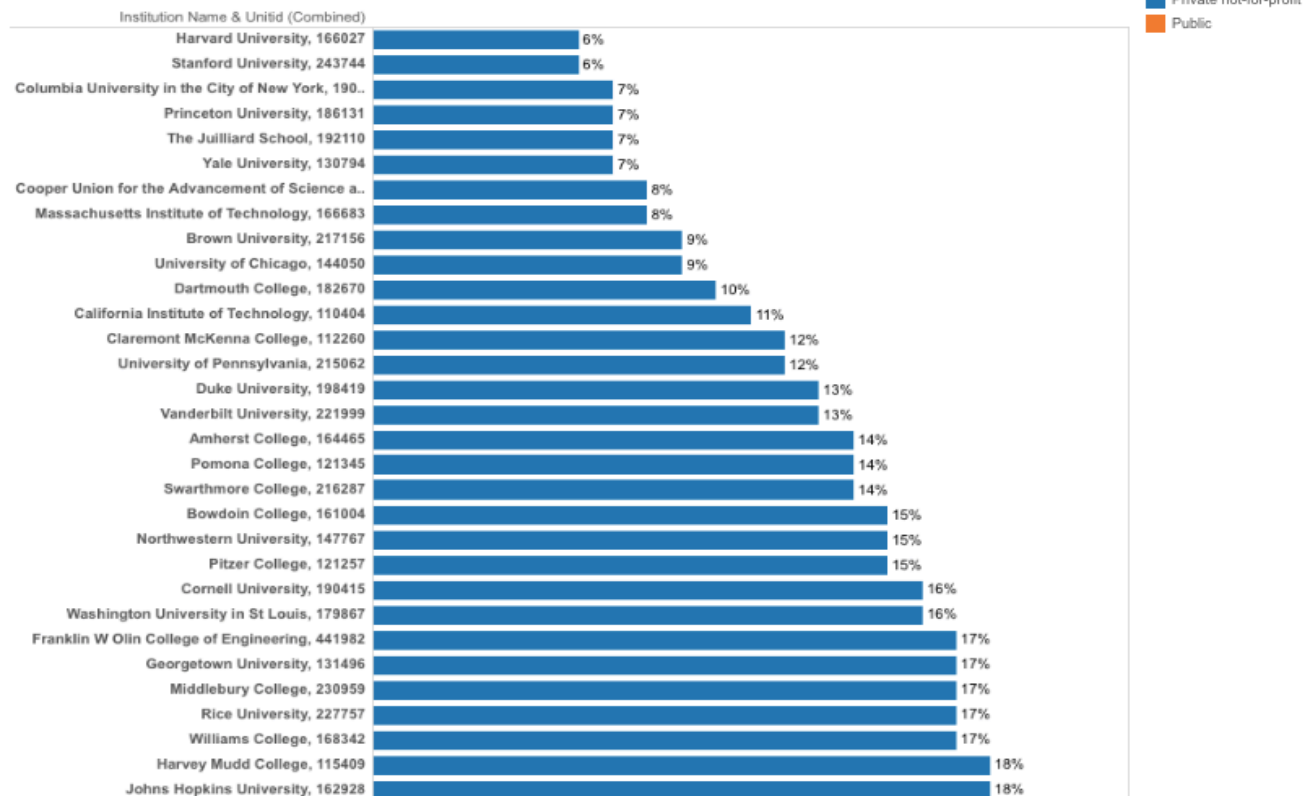
See your folder for a
review of the trends



WHY ADD SCHOOLS?

In 2004 only 21 institutions reported admit rates under 20%. By 2013 that number had *doubled* to 42.

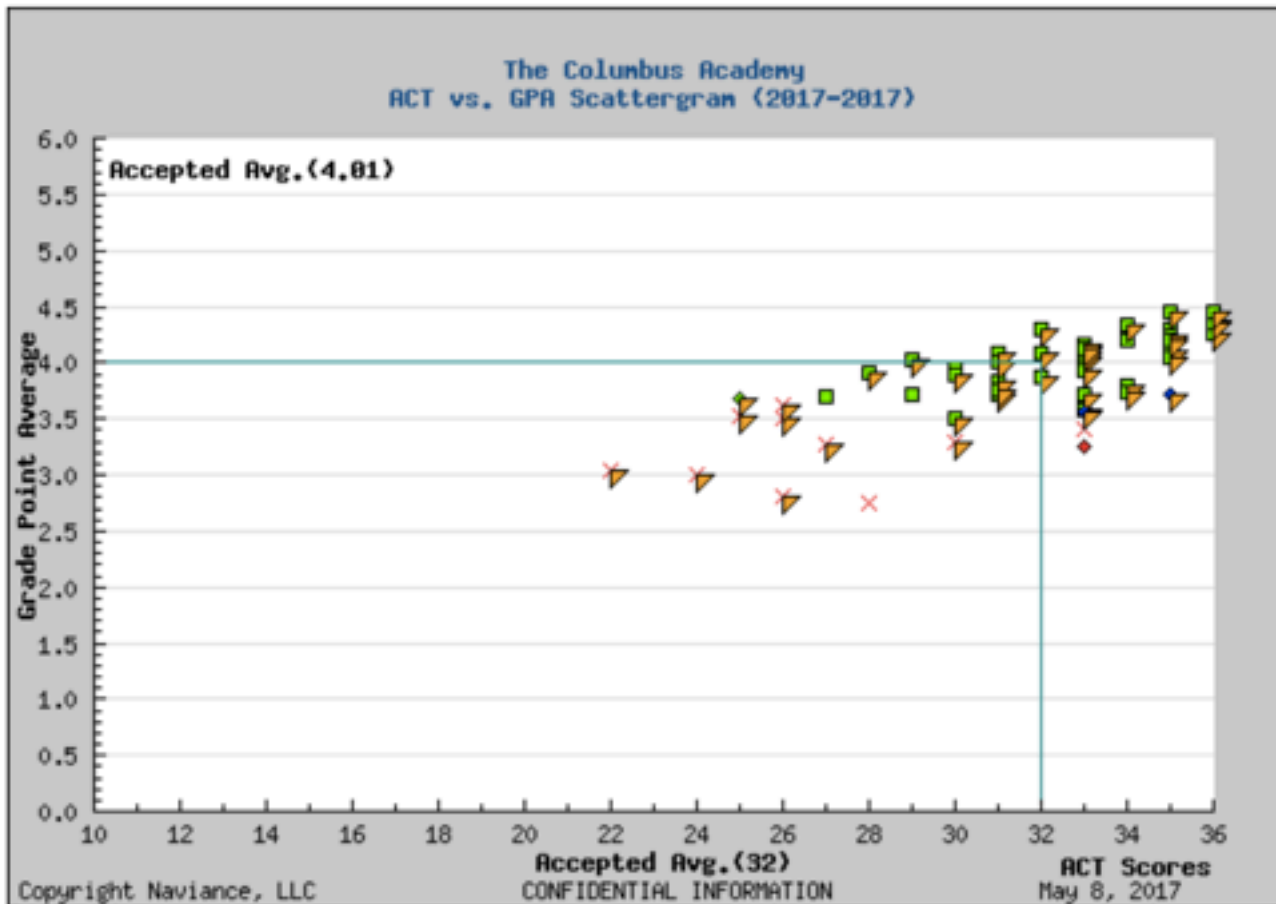
Selectivity 2013



Today,
it's over
50.

The Ohio State University – Admissions Info for the Class of 2017

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The Ohio State University

Stats on the 45 admits to The Ohio State University:

GPA average: 4.01
SAT average: 1432
ACT average: 32

From CA's Class of 2017

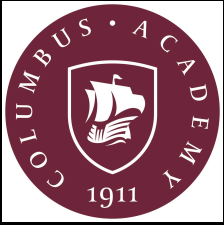
Lowest admitted GPA: 3.51 (with 1390 SAT and many honors courses)

Lowest admitted SAT: 1260 (had a 31 ACT)

Lowest admitted ACT: 25 (had a 1360 SAT)

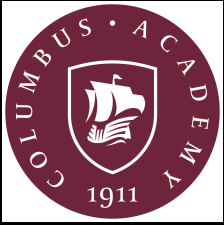
74% of Columbus Academy applicants admitted (national average was less than 50%)

1/3 of all OSU graduates begin at Newark, Marion, Wooster, Mansfield, or the Lima campus



Adding Schools Balances the List

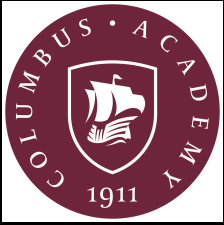




Types of Applications

- Early Decision
- Early Action
- Restrictive Early Action
- Rolling Admission
- Regular Decision
- Priority, Presidential, Leadership, V.I.P.
 - These are commonly referred to as “fast apps” or “snap apps”
 - We discourage these because it is harder to track “materials sent”
 - Fee Waiver can be used on the Common Application

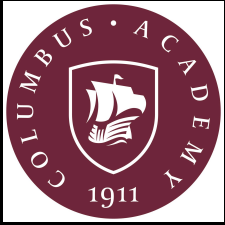




Early Decision (ED)



- Deadline - November 1st or 15th
- Early Reply - usually by December 20th
- Binding Agreement
 - If admitted, student must withdraw all other applications
 - Student must make an enrollment deposit
- Great plan if student is 100% sure it is his/her first choice
- Same formula used to compute your financial aid package, but you forfeit the ability to *compare* financial aid offers from other schools
- Your financial aid package will be an *estimate*
- Student will be accepted, deferred, or denied
 - Deferred students are evaluated again in the spring
- Some schools offer an **ED II** option with a later deadline



Early Action x 2

Early Action (EA)

- Application Deadlines are typically Oct 15 or Nov 1
- Notification from College – usually by January 30th
- No commitment from student required until May 1st
- Student may continue to apply to other colleges
- State universities that have EA admit the bulk of students during this time
- As with ED, applicant may be accepted, deferred, or denied

Ex: The Ohio State University, UVA, and Georgetown have EA, *not* ED

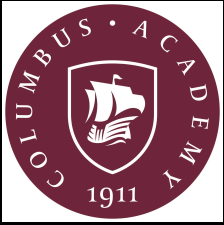
Ex: University of Chicago, Villanova, and The College of Wooster
have ED *and* EA



Restrictive Early Action (REA)

- Same as above except:
- Student may *not* apply early (ED or EA) to any other colleges

Examples: Stanford, Yale, Harvard



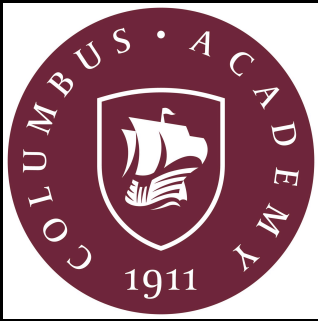
Two Traditional Application Plans

Rolling Admission

- Student usually receives a reply within 8 weeks
- Colleges using this plan will continue to admit qualified students until they have filled their freshman class.
- Apply in September/October, not December!
Examples: Penn State, University of Pittsburgh, Ohio University
- Qualified, but late applicants will be wait-listed or admitted to branch campuses when all slots for freshmen admissions have been filled

Regular Decision

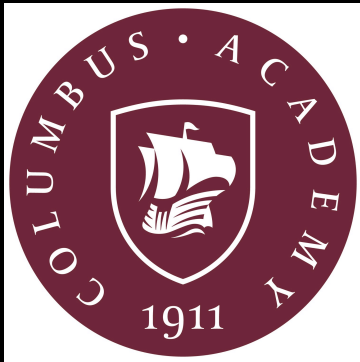
- Set deadline is established – usually January 1 or February 1
- All applications reviewed relative to one another after the deadline



Senior Year Road Map

- Application Workshops
- Individual Appointments
- College Visits at Academy
 - Listed on Naviance, TV screens in school, daily e-mail to students with lunch menu/sporting events, bulletin board outside of the College Counseling office
- Alumni Interviews
- Most Applications completed by Nov. 1
- Class Meetings for College Counseling (students)
- Financial Aid Night – Oct. 4 @ CSG (parents) ←





In Your Folder

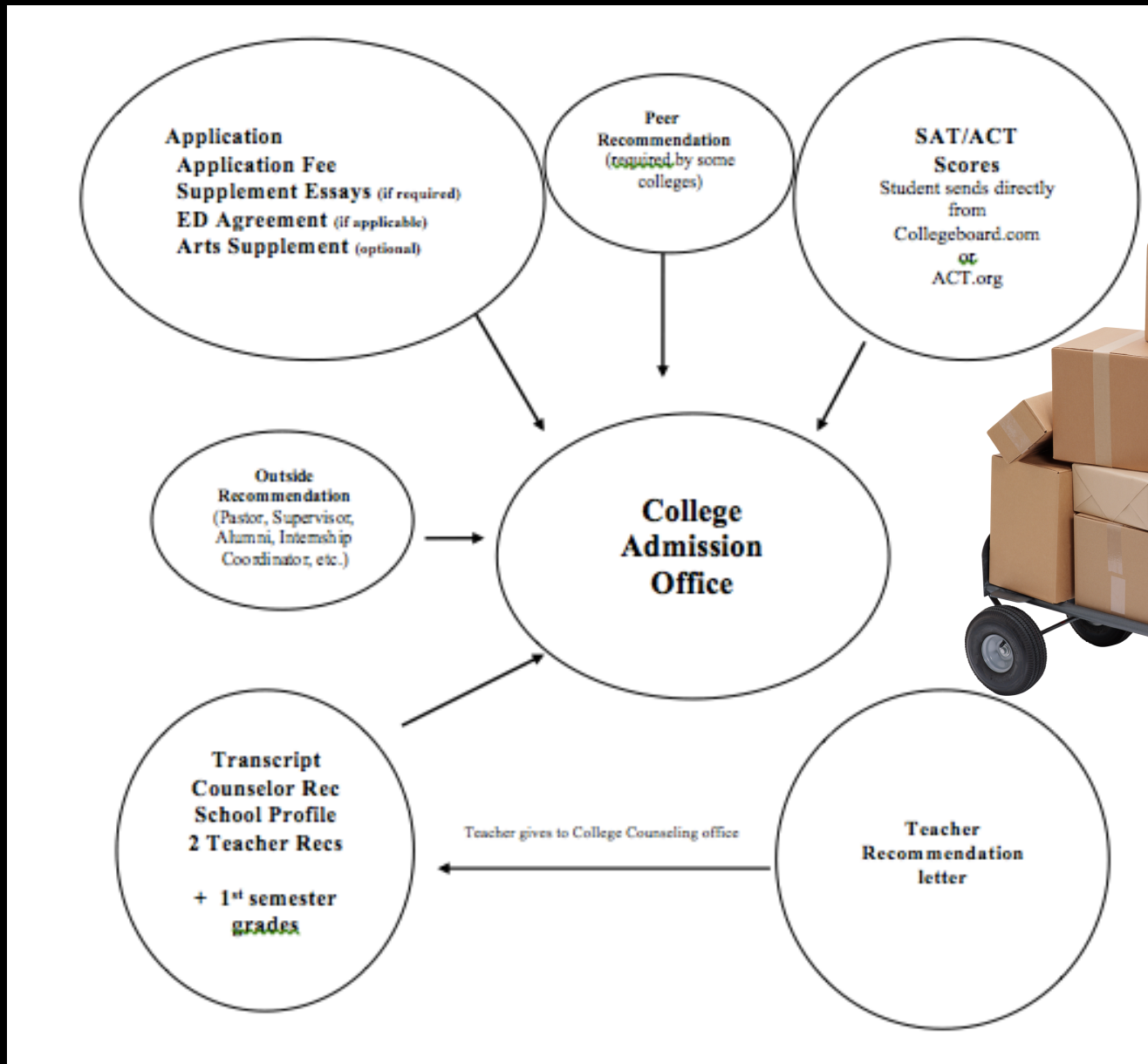


- College Visit List (most up to date info is on Naviance)
- Parts of a College Application & How It Gets There
- Importance of 3 T's (transcript, test scores, teacher recs)
- Transcript Request & Release of School Documents Form★**
- Columbus Academy School Profile
- NACAC "State of College Admission"
- Select Articles and Words of Wisdom
- Your student's transcript

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How does it all get there?





The Three T's

Transcript
Teacher Recs
Test Scores



If you remember nothing else...

November 1

College Applications (students)

**Financial Aid Forms for ED/REA applications (parents)

January 1

Financial Aid Applications (parents)

***Note: ED & EA applications have earlier requirements.
Check college websites – this is the parents' responsibility*

