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CAN YOU CHANGE YOUR COLLEGE DECISION AFTER MAY 1?

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After years of planning, months of applications, weeks of college visits, and waiting for those emails to come through before April 1, you've finally chosen a college. You've put down a deposit and you're going to Far Away University.

But... is another school still hanging out in the back of your head? Are you worried you made the wrong choice? And most importantly... are you even able to change your college decision after May 1?

Admissions offices know that their yield will "melt" over the summer. That means the number that they accept for Early Decision (yes, even ED) and Regular Decision will decrease. That decrease can happen for financial reasons, grades, other personal issues, or yes, a change of mind.

The first thing to do is call the admissions office of the school lurking in the back of your head (let's call it Subconscious School) and see if there's any possible way you can reclaim the spot you gave up when you accepted Far Away University.

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WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT A GAP YEAR

(parentingforcollege.com)

"I want to take a gap year before I go to college" are some of the most feared words by parents. What do we fear? We fear they won't want to go back to school after being off for a year. We fear they will lie around the house, watch TV and play video games. We fear they aren't thinking clearly and have no idea what they are saying. And for those competitive parents, it's not what they planned.

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HOW TO GET OFF THE WAITLIST AND INTO YOUR DREAM COLLEGE

(shemmassianconsulting.com)

Being stuck on a college admissions waitlist can feel like purgatory. Your child's dream school seems nearly within their grasp, yet still just beyond it.

You likely have tons of questions. What are your child's chances of leaving the waitlist? How many people are on this mysterious list? Are they ahead of your child? Behind them? Should your child hold out for their dream school to turn that maybe into a yes, or should they move on? And is there anything your child can do to improve their odds in the meantime?

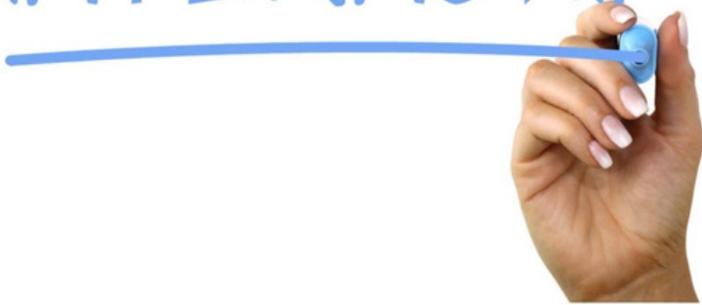
This guide is designed to answer those questions and cut through your anxiety.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

(Ef.com)

INTERNSHIP



Perhaps the process of resumes, cover letters and interviews to then enter an unknown place is daunting, but finding that willingness to step out of your comfort zone will reflect when companies are looking for candidates. As someone who has done several internships, all in different fields, I can say that each was a valuable experience that has helped me in various ways.

I've compiled a short but important list of the benefits of internships that will hopefully pique your interest in venturing out to find an internship of your own.

Learn about yourself

Find out what you like and dislike, it'll help when making decisions regarding which path you're interested in following. Through internships, you'll see your strong points, which areas you might want to work on and which are simply not for you.

Discover job opportunities

Applying for a job is a competition between candidates and the more experience you have, the more you will seem qualified for the job. It also says a lot about you: how many skills you've acquired, how motivated you are and how outgoing you are, among other things. Taking the time to look and apply for an internship can make you realize how many possible positions there are out there and how ever-changing the world of work is.

Create connections

As you move along your career, your network will play a major role. Getting acquainted with people from various backgrounds and building relationships is a great way to build a base and it's definitely something you want to keep up throughout your life. An internship will help you do that and heighten your chances to be involved in opportunities. If someone feels you'll be good for a job position, they'll reach out to you. Similarly, if you want to start a business and are looking for employees or partnerships, you know where to start looking. Or simply, if you have a question, you can easily ask someone who is experienced and receive support.

Step into real life

Think of an internship as a transition from a classroom to a professional environment. Internships give you a first look into what real life will be like, getting an idea about what it's like to have a full-time job, sort of like an amuse-bouche. It also gives you the opportunity to become experienced with different working environments to see what suits you. It's important to keep in mind that this is a learning experience, for you to observe and apply the skills you've acquired. Subsequently, your resume will intrigue your readers, making them want to learn more about you.

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“A love song to Ohlone culture” is taking shape on the south patio of **UC Berkeley’s** Hearst Museum of Anthropology. When the installation opens to the public in June, it will feature an abundance of native plants; a dry creek with basalt boulders; native trees that sing, converse and even joke with each other; and dining tables and seats made from fallen East Bay redwood trees

41 University of San Francisco students and their professor have helped to complete a village of tiny houses in Oakland for 24 previously homeless young people

Oregon State University’s Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine is hosting its community Pet Day event on Saturday, May 7. Leashed animals of all kinds are invited to attend with their humans. This will be the first Pet Day in two years due to the pandemic

Chapman MBA Program Rises to Highest Position Ever in U.S. News Rankings Career placement success is a key factor as the Argyros School of Business and Economics climbs to No. 72 nationally in the full-time MBA rankings

For the fourth consecutive year, **Santa Clara University** has earned a top spot in Sierra magazine’s “Cool Schools” list for 2021. The list celebrates colleges and universities that prioritize sustainability and lead efforts to protect and preserve the environment

JUNIOR CHECKLIST

-  Attend virtual college visits
-  Make plans to visit college campuses during summer
-  ACT - Next test date is June 11th. You must register by May 6th. It takes 30 minutes to complete registration and you will need a photo.
-  SAT - Next test date is June 4th. You must register by May 5th.

LATINO JOURNALISTS OF CALIFORNIA, CCNMA SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline August 31st, 2022

AROUND THE CORNER FROM COLLEGE

\$1,000 scholarship to one applicant each season. Deadline is June 30th

HSF SCHOLARSHIPS

More than 150 scholarships for Latino students with or without US citizenship.

PRE COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM AT SEATTLE

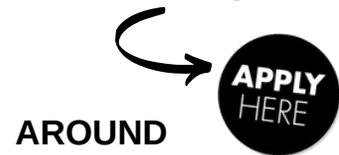
If you are interested in AI, Business or Urban Sustainability

MYIMPACT CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP

MyImpact Challenge is a civic engagement contest hosted by the Bill of Rights Institute. Due May 16th

B DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP

Submit a 1000 word essay answering this prompt: Describe the three characteristics of leadership you value most. Discuss why you believe that these traits are so important and how you feel that they are developed in an individual. Deadline May 21st 2022



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When do waitlist decisions come out?

Waitlisted applicants usually hear back sometime after the May 1st deadline for high school seniors to submit their deposit and confirm their attendance at the college. It's not uncommon, however, for decisions on waitlisted applicants to stretch on into the summer.

What are the chances of getting accepted after being waitlisted?

You might assume that a spot opens up for a waitlisted applicant as soon as an admitted student rejects a college's offer of admission, but this is rarely the case. Usually, hundreds of students have to reject an offer of admission for a college to turn to its waitlist. Every college dreams up an ideal number of students for its incoming class. Wanting to avoid falling too far under this target, colleges usually distribute far more admissions offers than they expect or even want to be accepted, like when airlines oversell seats, knowing that some people will miss their flights.

Does that mean it's impossible to get off a waitlist? Not at all. But it does mean that the number of waitlisted applicants who receive offers of admission varies greatly from year to year, since colleges don't always estimate their yields perfectly. Harvard, for example, admitted zero waitlisted applicants to the Class of 2021, but admitted 63 into the Class of 2022.

How do colleges decide which waitlisted applicants to admit?

It's often said that admissions committees could put together highly qualified classes from their waitlist pool alone—so choosing which of those applicants should get one of the few spots available to waitlisted students is a near-impossible task. Admissions committees handle the challenge in different ways.

Some rank their waitlists and immediately admit their highest-rated applicant as soon as a spot opens up. Most, however, do not. They instead reconsider the entire pool of waitlisted applicants, admitting students who are qualified and who compensate for the non-academic qualities which, the committee feels, were lost among the students who rejected their offer of admission.

If your child doesn't make it off the waitlist and remains committed to attending their dream school, they should consider transferring there after one or two years at another university. They may also consider taking a gap year, collecting new experiences, and reapplying next fall.

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The University of Alaska

Fairbanks premiered a new limited-run podcast, "Adventure, Classes and Midnight Sun: My Alaska Summer." The six-episode series follows New York City resident Emily Charash during her summer 2021 semester as a student at UAF

University of California announced that the higher education system would waive tuition and student services fees for California residents who are members of federally recognized tribes.

The Sun, **Southwestern College's** student newspaper, has been named one of America's Top 100 college publications of the last century by the Associated Collegiate Press, home of the prestigious Pacemaker often considered the Pulitzer prize of college media

Two days after **Saint Leo University and Marymount California University** called off plans to merge, the latter institution announced Friday that it would close in August. "Like other small, tuition-dependent schools, MCU has struggled financially in recent years

CSUSM opened the Schools First Federal Credit Union Education Active Learning Lab, a large and previously traditional classroom on the fourth floor of **University Hall** that has been transformed thanks to a \$132,707 gift

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT A GAP YEAR

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Don't fear the gap year. Not every student is ready for college after high school. Some simply aren't mature enough, and others simply don't know where they want to go or what they want to study.

Have a serious conversation.

If your student is considering a gap year, you need to have a serious conversation—without judgment. Let them talk and listen. Try to find out why they want to do this. Is it

about fear of college, are they afraid of failing or not being accepted, or are they simply unsure about what they want to do. Once you know that reason, it will be easier to parent regarding their decision.

Be straightforward and honest.

If you ascertain that their reasons are motivated by fear of failing, be encouraging. Point out their strengths and offer to help if they are struggling. Tutoring might help or consider hiring a professional college counselor to help them make some decisions. If they truly don't feel college is for them, be supportive and discuss what the next year will be like.

Make a plan.

Gap years are successful and beneficial if your student has a plan. During this year, they should work toward determining what they want to do once the year is up. This can be accomplished in many different ways. They could work and save money for college. They could investigate internships or apprenticeships in areas they are interested in. They could travel and work abroad. It's all about making a plan, setting the ground rules, and making sure they understand what is expected of them.

Gap years are becoming more and more acceptable, especially with colleges. Once your student has been accepted, it's not uncommon for them to defer admission for a year and use that time to get focused. And remember that not all students are ready for college. Push and they will suffer the consequences. Keep an open mind, discuss the possibilities, and breathe deeply. It could be the best year in your student's life.

Facts About Gap Years:

Amazing Fact #1: American universities say that students who took a gap year achieve 23% higher grades than students who went straight to college.

Amazing Fact #2: 60% of gap year students said that they took their academics more seriously after taking a year out from education.

Amazing Fact #3: 60% of gap year students said that a year out helped them decide their major and realize their future career direction.



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Sometimes, if Subconscious didn't make their yield target, they will find a way to help you. If they did make their target, you're probably out of luck. But you won't know until you call.

Be polite and apologetic. Explain the reasons why you're reconsidering: Better facilities, major ranking, student body diversity, even gut feelings.

Concurrently, you need to talk to your family. They've been riding this rollercoaster with you, and you need to talk this out. Tell them you might need to change your college decision, and ask them to help you weigh the two schools. Tell them from the beginning that, financially, you might be out your admissions deposit and any other spot-securing money. Admissions deposits are non-refundable, but in the long run, isn't losing that money the best option? Be honest and open.

So, maybe Subconscious University is very apologetic but is full up for the year. There are two things you can do from this point forward.

First, you can realign your brain. Read up on FarAway and remember why you chose it in the first place. Reconnect with it. It might end up being your dream university in the end. Breathe and move forward.

On the other hand, you can start considering transferring after your first year of university. Coming up with a game plan for this huge task before you've even matriculated at FarAway is daunting, but if you're committed to NOT being there, figure out the easiest path to get to the university you want. You might need to tailor classes and/or majors. Talk with transfer admissions professionals at Subconscious and get (yet another) college admissions plan together.

You might even want to consider withdrawing from FarAway and doing a year at a community college. This version 2.1 plan would be financially very affordable, and community colleges will work with you to move to a four-year institution.

But we recommend giving FarAway a year first.

HOW DOES THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS WORK?**Here's some insider info:**

The admissions office lives for one point between April 1st and May 1st, and that magical time is called "yield."

While April is a very exciting time of year for the high school seniors who have finished applications and received decisions, it is an excruciatingly painful month of waiting and crossing fingers for college admission officers. Your March pain is their April pain. May 1st, a.k.a. national college decision day, is the day they know whether or not they've done their job right for the past year.

Ultimately, a college admissions office has one job: to enroll the right number of students. To do that, most college admissions offices mail out *at least two times the number of offers of admission they need* in order to enroll that target number of freshmen.

Predictive modeling doesn't always account perfectly for the decision processes of 17-year-olds! Go figure! You could easily land 10% above or 10% below your target. This may not sound like much, but fluctuations of that size can have enormous implications for colleges. They rely on consistency to plan housing, professors, dining capacity, and a steady stream of tuition money to pay bills.

HOW TO STAY ADMITTED

(admissionblog.tulane.edu)

See, whenever an admitted student finds themselves in trouble at school, we have to meet to discuss what happened and if it will have an impact on their admission. This happens quite a few times every year. It is never fun! As a reminder, in every acceptance letter there is a paragraph that says:

“Your admission is contingent upon your continued academic performance and the successful completion of your senior year. Disciplinary violations or poor academic performance your senior year may result in Tulane University deferring or rescinding your offer of admission”.

Unfortunately, a handful of students each year do not listen to that message and have their acceptance rescinded for various reasons. Do NOT be in that number. Here are some common missteps to avoid (and some general life advice).

- 1. Don't be a jerk!** This one counts as general life advice. It's not a hard instruction to follow and yet students disappoint us every year. It costs nothing to be a nice person! It is defeating as an admission counselor to find out that a student you supported and rooted for turned out to be a mean person.
- 2. Be smart on social media.** Everything lives forever on the internet. While we don't have the time or desire to browse students' profiles, we are often sent things that we cannot ignore.
- 3. Don't catch a horrible case of Senioritis.** The grades we admitted you with are (roughly) the grades we expect you to finish high school with. Certainly enjoy your senior spring, but don't totally throw caution into the wind.
- 4. Don't drop all of your classes.** Similar to #3, we admitted you with a certain expectation for your senior year. If you drop from AP Calc to Honors Calc that is one thing, but dropping AP Calc for a free period is another.
- 5. Don't go wild socially.** This is an easy one. Just be smart and know you'll have plenty of time to be social in college.

No one is sure where the nickname came from, but the Antoinette and Mark Hatfield Fountain on **Williamette University's** campus is commonly referred to as "the Chicken Fountain", and it is a great meeting place on campus for things like events, Outdoor Program kickoffs and the arrival of guests to campus. But, fast fact, the birds in the fountain aren't actually chickens.

\$2,500 NO SWEAT SCHOLARSHIP



The Cirkled In "No Sweat" Scholarship is a \$2500 CASH scholarship you can use for any educational purpose. Deadline June 30th