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The College Admission Process: Planning Workshop for High School Students & Parents

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Different types of colleges and universities

A **university** is an institution of higher education and research, which grants academic degrees in a variety of subjects. A university provides both undergraduate education and postgraduate education.

University of Georgia- Georgia State University – Georgia Tech

A **community college**, sometimes called a **county college**, **junior college**, **technical college**, or a **city college**, is an educational institution providing higher education and lower-level tertiary education, granting certificates, diplomas, and associate's degrees.

Georgia Perimeter College- Atlanta Metropolitan College

Liberal arts colleges are primarily colleges with an emphasis upon undergraduate study in the liberal arts. A liberal arts education is defined as a "college or university curriculum aimed at imparting general knowledge and developing general intellectual capacities, in contrast to a professional, vocational, or technical curriculum."

Emory College-Agnes Scott College – Berry College

A **vocational school** provides vocational education and is also referred to as a **trade school** or **career college**. They are operated for the express purpose of giving students the skills needed to perform a certain job or jobs.

Atlanta Technical College-Gwinnett Technical College

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were established before 1964 with the principal mission of educating African Americans and have long played a vital role in the U. S. educational system.

Morehouse –Spelman-Clark Atlanta

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Other Factors to Consider When Applying to Selective Institutions

- Major and Minors offered
- What does the school specialize in?
- Diversity
- Physical location of School
- Retention rates
- Support services in place
- Scholarships/Financial Aid Programs
- Campus climate
- Social setting

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Admission Plan Types

- Rolling
  - Range of institutions – from large state schools (University of Maine and Hawaii Pacific University) to liberal arts colleges (Barry University) and others (Parsons New School of Design)
  - No deposit required
  - Deadline: Determined by the school
  - Notification: Determined based on the application submission date
  - Deposit: May 1 (usually)

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Admission Plan Types

- Regular Decision
  - Multiple applications
  - Deadline: January/February
  - Notification: April 1
  - Deposit: May 1

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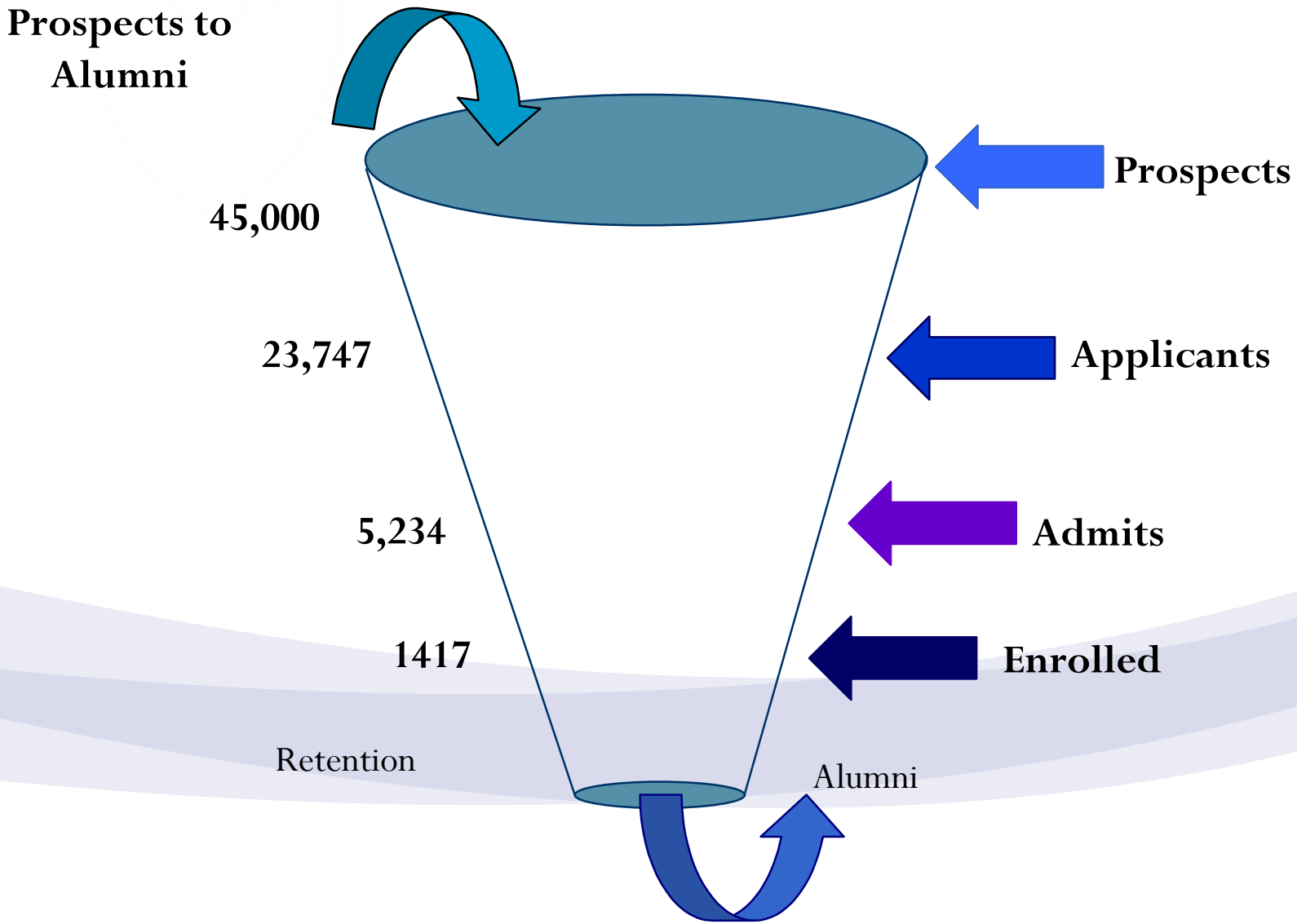
Application Plan Types

- Early Action
  - Non-binding
  - Deadline: November 1 or 15
  - Notification: December/January
  - Deposit: May 1

- Early Decision
  - Binding (contract) where student, parent and counselor sign document
  - 1st choice school
  - Commitment with deposit once accepted
  - Deadline: November 1 or 15
  - Notification: December
  - Deposit: December/January

Perspective- SAMPLE FRESHMEN CLASS



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2017 Admit Rates at Most Selective Institutions

School	Class of 2021 Admission Rate	Class of 2020 Admission Rate
Brown University	8.3%	9%
Columbia University	5.8%	6.04%
Cornell University	12.5 %	13.9%
Duke University	9 %	10.4%
Emory University	21.8 %	25.2%
Harvard University	5.2%	5.2%
Johns Hopkins University	11.8%	11.5%
Princeton University	6.1%	6.46%
Stanford University	4.65 %	4.69%
Vanderbilt University	10.3%	10.4%
Washington University in St. Louis	16%	17%
Yale University	6.9 %	6.3%

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Selection Criteria

- What do colleges and universities consider?
- What is your role as a student?

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Selection Criteria – Curriculum

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

AP Courses- English, Calculus, Languages, Science, History, and Micro/Macro Economics courses

Perceived "easy" AP's: Art History, Psychology and Statistics

I.B Programs – Being Enrolled in the Diploma Program completing higher level courses through "Theory of Knowledge"

Advanced/Honors Courses- Classes beyond the traditional College Prep Track

College Courses/Dural Enrollment - Core Courses (Math, Science, Languages, and English)

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Selection Criteria –Personal

- Extracurricular Involvements
  - Leadership
  - Community Service
  - Special Talents Abilities
- Essays
- Recommendations
  - Counselor and (2) Teachers
- Other: special circumstances = additional information on the Common Application

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Selection Criteria –Recommendations

- Counselor Recommendation
  - Overview of the student
  - Picture of the student within the class and context of the school
  - Involvements in and outside of school

- Teacher Recommendation(s)
  - Classroom experiences
  - Intellectual vitality
  - Consider perspective that the teachers will give the admission committee = 1 humanities and 1 math/science teacher (?)

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Selection Criteria –Essays

- Consider your "essay" to be a PERSONAL STATEMENT

- Question to consider: What can the application reader learn about you that has not been illustrated in other parts of your application?

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Selection Criteria – Test Registration

- SAT
  - August 26, 2017
  - October 7, 2017
  - November 4, 2017
  - December 2, 2017
  - March 10, 2018
  - May 5, 2018
  - June 2, 2018
- ACT
  - September 9, 2017
  - October 28, 2017
  - December 9, 2017
  - February 10, 2018
  - April 14, 2018
  - June 19, 2018
  - July 14, 2018

Registration usually happens at least one month prior to the exam

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Emory Courtesy Scholarship

- The benefit amount you receive as a faculty or staff member is determined by, years of service and area of Emory you work for (Healthcare or University).
- You will need to contact your HR representative to determine your eligibility amount .
- Undergraduate Admission takes into consideration children of Faculty and Staff members in the review process.
- Legacy includes, Parents, Siblings, and Grandparents.
- The Courtesy Scholarship is the same for both Emory and Oxford College

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Questions & Discussion

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