

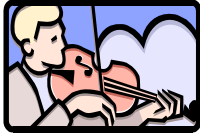


College Newsletter Summer 2008



Which Activities Are Best?

Parents frequently want to know which activities might help their son or daughter gain admission to college. Should they encourage their children to join the debate team, compete for a position in student government, play sports, join the Thespian club or is community service a better choice?



Colleges are not going to make admissions decisions on the basis of involvement in activities. A candidate with a resume containing two pages of activities may not necessarily be a winner. In fact, it may be detrimental to the application. Colleges are seeking students who have a passion and dedication to one or two main activities. They want to see a depth of commitment and leadership. They are not primarily looking for well-rounded students, but a well-rounded student body.



Students should be involved in an activity because they truly enjoy it. They should not try to build a list that will look impressive to college admission personnel. A student's interests should be the driving force of involvement, not what a college

might be seeking or needing. This will also help the student stay engaged, not get burned out and, in the end, be a happier family and school member.

University of Tennessee Knoxville

Freshmen Entering in 2007:
Average High School G.P.A. was 3.6
Average ACT Composite Score was 26

Important Dates for Fall 2009 Admission:
November 1st – application deadline to be considered for competitive merit scholarships
December 1st – general application deadline
March 1st – FAFSA deadline



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Fastest Growing Occupations

According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics these are some of the careers that will experience the greatest growth in demand between 2006 – 2016:

Medical Field: Physicians, Nurses, Dentists, Physician Assistants, Therapists, Medical Assistants, Personal Care Aides, Orderlies, Pharmacists, Optometrists, Dental Hygienists

Computers: Information Scientists, Software Engineers, Systems Analysts, Support Specialists, Computer Research Scientists, Information Systems Managers

Education: Postsecondary Teachers, Counselors, Administrators, Elementary and Preschool Teachers, School Psychologists

Social Services: Clergy, Social Workers, Rehabilitation Counselors, Vocational Counselors, Marriage and Family Counselors, Mental Health Counselors, Service Assistants

Website Resources

The following websites offer college admissions assistance:

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.act.org
- www.princetonreview.com
- www.mymajors.com
- www.petersons.com

If you desire a more personal approach to the college search and would appreciate one-to-one advisement please contact Kathryn March at ktm@kathrynmarc.com.



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