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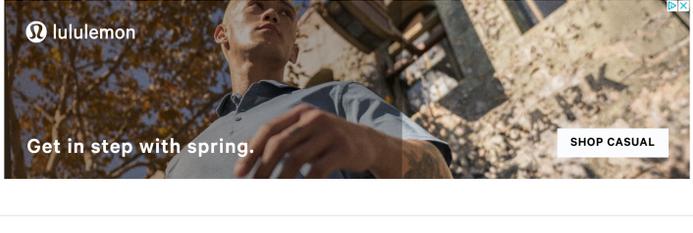
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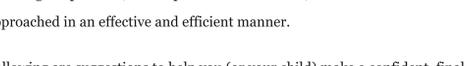
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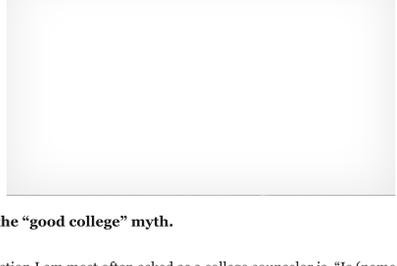


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As the college admission season comes to an end with National Candidate Reply Date on May 1, students might think the hardest part of the application process is behind them.

Following are suggestions to help you (or your child) make a confident, final college selection.



Avoid the "good college" myth.

The question I am most often asked as a college counselor is, "Is (name of institution) a good college?" My response is always an unequivocal "Yes."

Know the mission of the college.

It always strikes me that students and parents typically overlook or ignore this vital piece of information when applying.

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Trust your gut.

The college selection process need not be overly analyzed or intellectualized.

Explore what's meaningful to you.

Your college years are a time to hone your talents and interests in a focused and analytical manner.

Remember college isn't just about academics.

College is also about learning to navigate, communicate and collaborate.

Compare (and scrutinize!) financial aid offers.

One of the most essential elements of college acceptances is the offer of financial aid.

Finally, avoid "senioritis" and keep up your grades.

Now that your college admission has been secured, you might be tempted to coast along during the last couple of months of school.

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