



Westwood High School Class of 2019 Postsecondary Plans

School Committee Presentation
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Class of 2019 Statistics

261 students

50% male

50% female



Class of 2019 Post H.S. Plans

- 98% continuing their education
 - 97% attending 4-year colleges
 - <1% attending 2-year colleges
- 2% PG Year, Gap Year, or Employment

Four-year college statistics



Colleges

63% private schools

37% public schools

Applications by the Numbers

2215 - transcripts sent

8 - average number of applications per student

Early Decision (binding agreement)

21% applied

51% accepted

Early Action (non-binding)

62% applied

98% accepted

The Flagship Campus: University of Massachusetts, Amherst

34 students are attending



53% of the class applied

69% accepted

3.77 avg. accepted GPA/1314 SAT (regular)

4.03 avg. accepted GPA/1352 SAT (early)

Other Massachusetts State Colleges & Universities



7

2



5

1



1



5

1



1



Out of State Public Colleges: New England



11



3



1



1



1

Private Colleges: New England



CLARK
UNIVERSITY



BROWN



Fairfield
UNIVERSITY



WENTWORTH
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



PROVIDENCE
COLLEGE

MOUNT HOLYOKE



MERRIMACK
COLLEGE



Wellesley
COLLEGE



COLLEGE OF THE
Holy Cross



CONNECTICUT
COLLEGE



Dartmouth

SMITH
COLLEGE



ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

Colby

CURRY
COLLEGE

SAINT
ANSELM
COLLEGE



Northeastern



SUFFOLK
UNIVERSITY



Sacred Heart
UNIVERSITY

ENDICOTT
COLLEGE



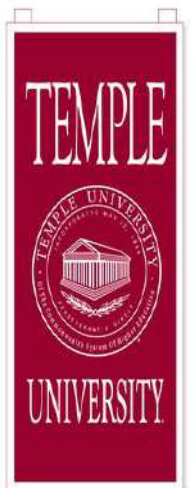
STONEHILL
COLLEGE



MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE of PHARMACY
and HEALTH SCIENCES

Trinity College
HARTFORD CONNECTICUT

Out of State Public Colleges: Outside of New England



Private Colleges: Outside of New England

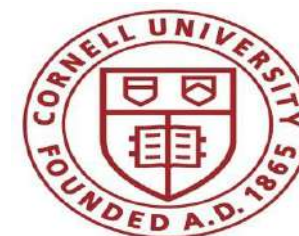
MACALESTER COLLEGE



PEPPERDINE
UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY of
DAYTON



International Colleges



UNIVERSITY OF
TORONTO



McGill



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF
WATERLOO



THE UNIVERSITY
of EDINBURGH

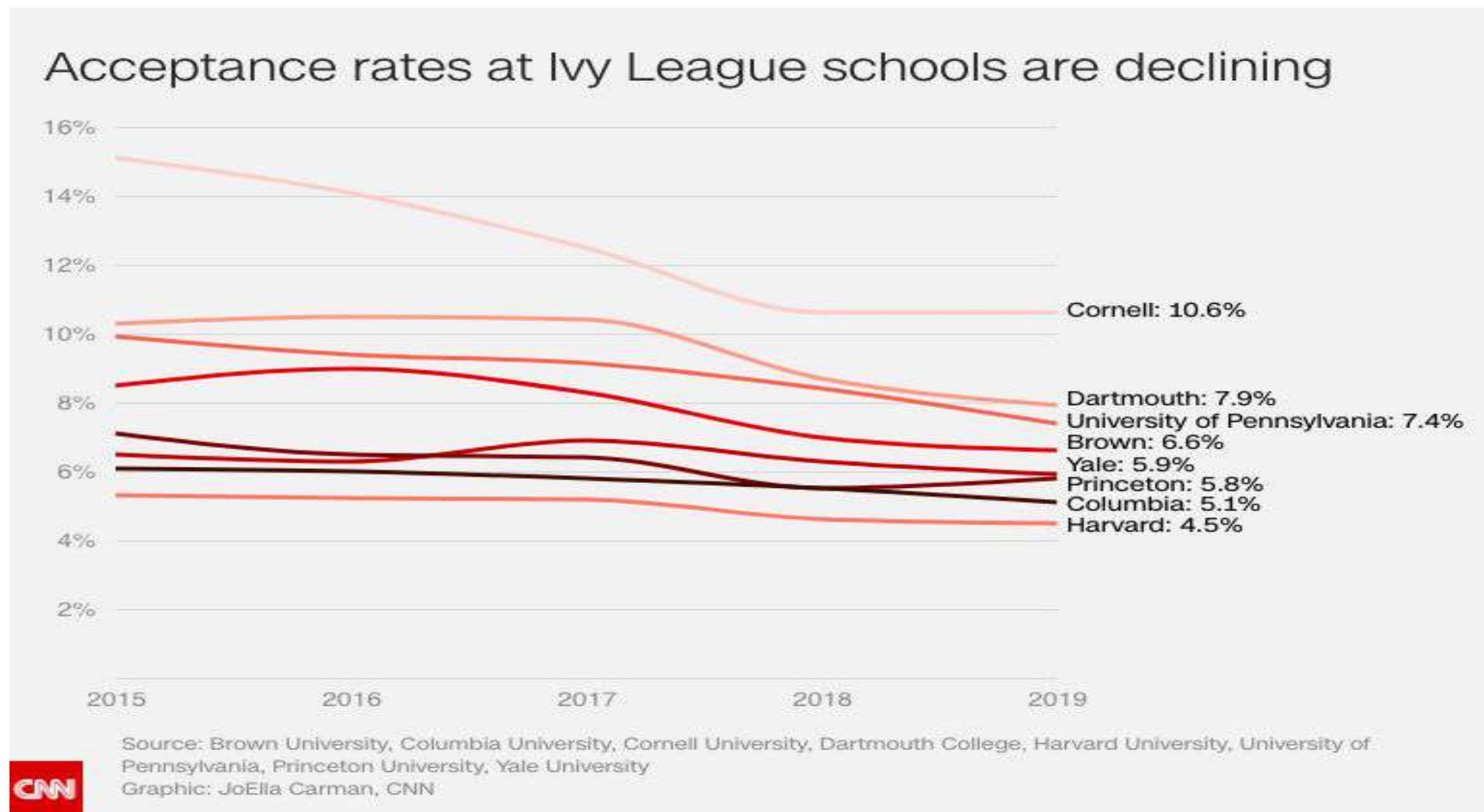
Senior Exit Survey

- Students identified the most important factors in choosing a college:
 - Location/Distance from home (76%)
 - Size (59%)
 - Fit or “vibe” (57%)
 - Affordability (51%)
 - Major/Program (49%)
 - School Spirit - (40%)
 - Internships - (39%)



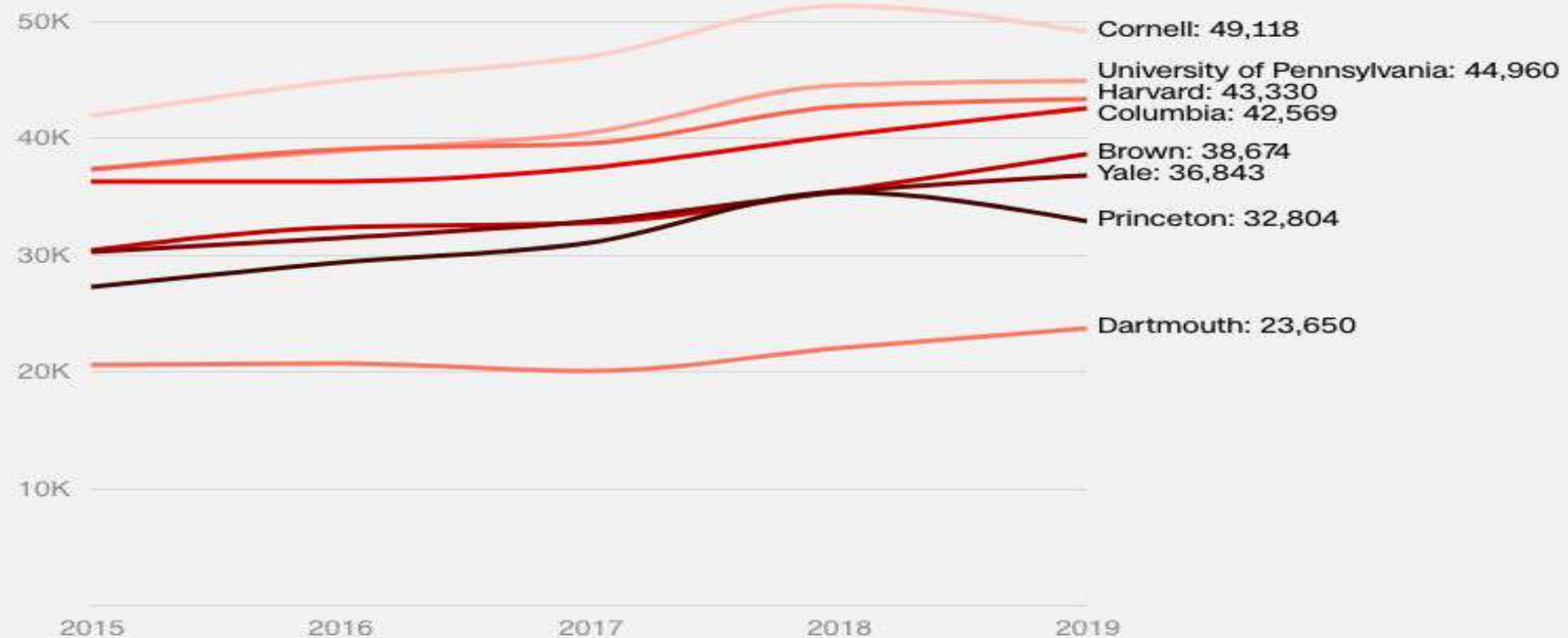
National Trends

Admit Rates at Ivy League Colleges



Applications to Ivy League Schools

Meanwhile, applications to Ivy League schools are going up



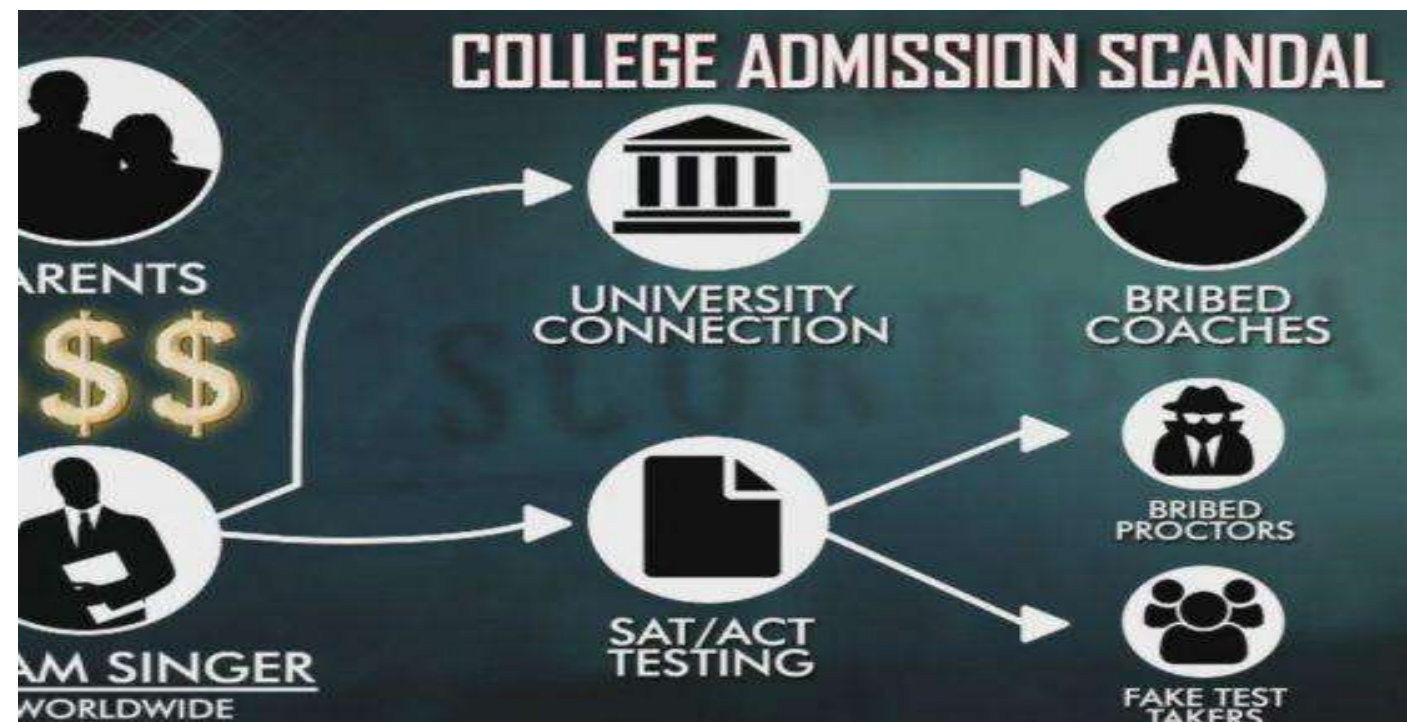
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Graphic: JoElla Carman, CNN



2019 Admit Rate at Selective Colleges

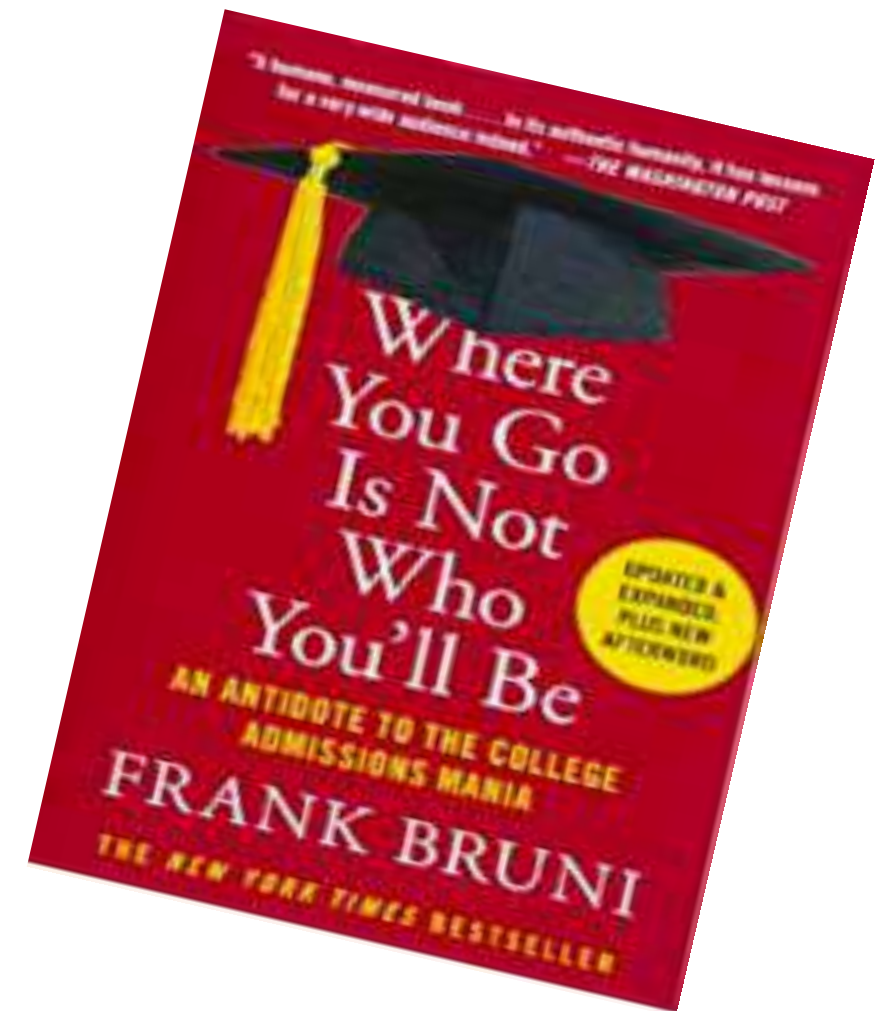
College	% Admit Rate 2019
Stanford University	5
Northwestern University	9
Duke University	10
Vanderbilt University	11
Amherst College	13
Bowdoin College	14
Tufts University	15
Colby College	16
Washington University at St. Louis	16
University of Notre Dame	19
Carnegie Mellon University	22
Lehigh University	25
Northeastern University	27
Wake Forest University	28

2019 College Admission Scandal



What doesn't matter

Brand name of a school . . .



What does matter

- Making the most of the college experience, contributing in the classroom and to the campus community
- Taking advantage of volunteering, research and internship opportunities
- Employers value work experience over all else
 - *Recruiters tell colleges they are much more focused on the experience of a candidate than where they went to school.*

Did you know . . .

The vast majority of colleges have over 50% acceptance rate?

Acceptance rate: 83%
Average job placement rate:
98%
Average starting salary: \$63,000



Massachusetts
Maritime
Academy



Acceptance rate: 68%
Generous scholarships, up to full tuition for students with 3.5 GPA
Retention rate freshmen to sophomore year: 92%



Acceptance rate: 60%
Cost of attendance: \$42,670
Numerous accolades and high rankings

versus

Acceptance rate: 25%
Cost of attendance: \$72,050



Tamping down the pressure in the college application process

- Increased number of junior seminars to provide students with more time to research colleges, complete college application tasks
 - Assist students in expanding their searches, beyond the schools they know
 - Writing college essays in junior English classes
- Helping students to be good consumers in the college search process
 - Educate early on about cost, student debt
 - Emphasis on value, return on investment

Prior to the college application process

Course Selection Process

- Select courses to provide challenge and success
- Importance of electives
 - Art, drama, video, chorus
- Balance academics and activities/athletics/down time

Programming to support students' social emotional well-being

- Stress management seminar
- SOS Program in ninth and twelfth grade
- SBIRT Screenings in tenth grade
- Mental health awareness week

And a thank you . . .

