

## **COLLEGE BOUND MENTOR** *Positioning high school students for the right college*

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University of St.  
Andrews, Scotland



University  
of  
St Andrews

### Interview Tips:

Make eye contact.

Give a firm  
handshake.

Research the  
school and be able  
to discuss why you  
are a good match.



### Happy Holidays from College Bound Mentor!

Congratulations to most of you on completing all of your applications and to those of you who were accepted Early to any of your schools.

If you were accepted Early Decision congratulations! You can relax for the rest of the year (just not too much!). Also remember to contact any other schools with pending applications to let them know that you have been accepted ED somewhere else. A simple e-mail will do.

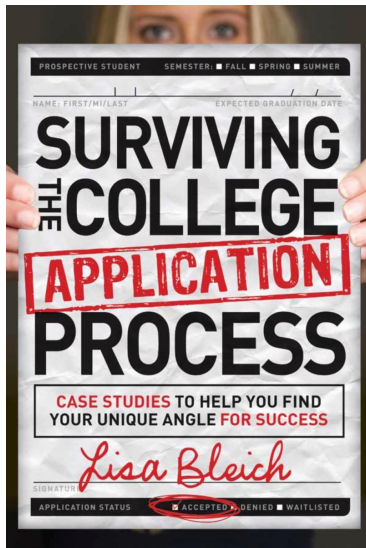
For those of you deferred or denied to an ED or EA school, we feel for you. It is hard to get rejection, but it's time to regroup and figure out your strategy going forward. You will find a school that is a great fit and where you will thrive.

Bring a copy of  
your brag  
sheet/resume.

Think of it more as  
a conversation  
than an interview.

Be prepared with  
specific questions.

## Surviving the College Process



In book stores  
April 1, 2014!

We've put together a  
list of great resources  
related to college  
planning on our  
website.

Check it out !

College Planning  
Resources

Quick links

Build Vocabulary and  
Feed the Hungry

Register for SAT

## Sending Additional Information for Deferrals and Regular Admissions.

If you have relevant, additional information that has happened after you have submitted your application for regular or early decision, it is important to send that information to the schools. If you were deferred by an ED or EA school, you are now part of the regular applicant pool, and it is important to help yourself stand out. You will need to send mid-year reports to any schools that you have not yet heard from, so keep up your grades so there is good news to report. Admissions offices have piles upon piles of material that they need to sort through and attach to the appropriate application. If the information is relevant, send it, if it is not, then err on the side of caution.

So what constitutes relevant information?

- Scholarships or awards
- Additional leadership responsibilities
- Change in activities or additional activities
- Articles in the paper highlighting your accomplishments
- National Merit Scholarship

## Financial Aid: FAFSA Forms and CSS Profile

Now is the time to think about gathering your financial information together to fill out the financial aid forms. Even if you do not think you will qualify for any needs based aid, you will need to submit the forms to be eligible for Government subsidized and unsubsidized loans. Additionally, the money is given out on a first come first served basis, so in this case the early bird gets the worm. FAFSA forms can be submitted on January 1.

### FAFSA Forms

CSS Profile forms (used for private and some public institutions) should be submitted now.

### CSS profile

**Seniors:** If you haven't already, please contact us to do a mock interview (if your schools offer

Register for ACT

AAA Trip Travel tool

Follow us on  
Facebook and Twitter.

Find us on Facebook 

Follow us on  twitter

 Join Our Mailing List

interviews) and finalize any outstanding essays.

**Juniors:** If you haven't already, please contact us to do a needs assessment so we can begin working on your preliminary college lists. If you have the days off, Martin Luther King Weekend and February break are a great time to visit some schools.

**Sophomores:** It is a good time to meet in February to plan classes and activities for the coming year. Please contact us to set up a time.

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