

## Event Packet: What Makes a Strong App?

**Welcome back!** In this space, you will work together to strengthen your pair relationship and complete many of the important tasks of 12th grade.

AGENDA	
ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
<b>Welcome and Intro (10 min)</b>	The facilitator welcomes pairs and reviews the event agenda.
<b>Chat &amp; Chew (30 min)</b>	Pairs will review 3 application profiles and choose who will be accepted, waitlisted and denied from the three applicants.
<b>What Makes a Strong App? (10 Min)</b>	The PM will debrief the application profiles with the pairs.
<b>My Fall Post-Secondary Application Tasks (30 Min)</b>	Pairs will work on their post-secondary application steps.
<b>Closing (10 Min)</b>	Important announcements and event dates will be shared out.
<b>Mentor Huddle (20 min)</b>	After mentees leave, mentors will connect as a community and discuss senior year.

## Chat and Chew

We are putting YOU in the shoes of a college admission's counselor! Read through the *University Profile* page to get a sense of what the school is like/might be looking for.

Then, read through the 3 student profiles (Jasmine, Hector, and Adrian). One of these students was accepted into the college, one was put on the waitlist and one was rejected.

It is up to you to figure out who was accepted, waitlisted and rejected! Use the template below to record your thoughts!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jasmine</b></p> <p>Pros:</p>    <p>Cons:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hector</b></p> <p>Pros:</p>    <p>Cons:</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adrian</b></p> <p>Pros:</p>    <p>Cons:</p>	

**Accepted:**

**Waitlisted:**

**Denied:**

## College Admissions Debrief:

1. After hearing the results, what surprised you about the college decisions?
2. How are you feeling about the college application process after going through this activity?
3. How can your mentor support you as you work on creating a strong profile for your apps?

## My Fall Post-Secondary Application Tasks:

- Plan how you will approach each task - where and when will you get this work done?
- Choose a task to work on together today and begin your work! If you have yet to finish your post-secondary list, start there!

Task	My Status (not started, in progress, completed)	My Plan for Completing the Task
<b>Finalize post-secondary list</b> (have at least 6 college on the list)		
<b>Finalize personal statement</b> (aka post-secondary essay)		
<b>Complete post-secondary applications</b> (e.g. Common App, state apps)		
<b>Complete financial aid applications</b> (e.g. FAFSA, state aid, CSS profile)		