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Getting In: A College Coach Conversation Thursday at 1 PM Pacific

September 5th 2019: Alumni Interviewer Tips; What is FERPA; Common App Activity List

Many of the most selective colleges in the country rely on alumni interviewers to get some additional perspective on applicants. We are excited to welcome one of our regular listeners, who also happens to be an alumni interviewer for her alma mater, to the show to offer some perspective on how the process works and tips for interviewees. We will also discuss FERPA, including what it is and how it impacts students and families. And finally, in Office Hours we have got insight on how to maximize the Common App activities section.



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### **Featured Guests**



## **Karen Spencer**

Karen Spencer has worked in education for her entire career. After graduating from Valparaiso University in Indiana, she went on to receive her master in education degree from the University of Virginia. Her love of education began when she was a tour guide at Valpo and in the admissions office of the Curry School of Education at UVA. She began her professional work in residence life at Hope College MI and then at Franklin Marshall College PA in admissions. Most recently Karen worked as the assistant director of undergraduate admissions at Georgetown University DC where she was responsible for recruitment and transfer admissions, and sat on the admissions committee for the McDonough School

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### **Alex Bickford**

Alex Bickford joined College Coach as part of the college financing team from the education finance department of Citizens Bank. Before his stint with Citizens, he worked as an Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Southern New Hampshire University. Alex has spent most of his professional career working in financial aid and has assisted traditional undergraduate, adult learners and masters degree students in financing their educations. He has a masters degree in business education, a bachelors degree in hotel and restaurant management, and an associates degree in culinary arts.

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