

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

May 25th 2017: Inside the University of Southern California Admissions Office: Why Should I Save for College? First Generation Students and **Applying to College**

You may have heard people talking about college savings interfering with financial aid eligibility. Maybe you're wondering if it even makes sense to save for college, or if it would be better to simply rely on financial aid and loans. We're going to try to clear up any confusion around the question of saving for college in this week's show. In another in our series taking listeners inside the admissions process at colleges across the country, this week offers a peek at University of Southern California. And finally, we'll look at the challenges (and advantages) of applying to college as a firs

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Emily Toffelmire brings to College Coach years of experience in both secondary and post-secondary education. She was a high school counselor in public schools in Nevada and California, as well as at an independent school in Thailand, where she helped students apply to colleges on four continents. She moved on to admissions at the University of Southern California, where she spent her first two years as an assistant director, recruiting and evaluating freshmen and transfer applicants from Washington and California. She then served as a senior assistant director of admission for the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, overseeing the merit scholarship selection process and prese

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Jan Combs

Prior to joining College Coach, Jan Combs served as a high school guidance counselor and assisted students with their college admission, financial aid, and scholarship applications. Before that, she determined student financial aid eligibility, oversaw a number of scholarship and fellowship programs, and worked closely with students to guide them through the financial aid application process as an assistant director in the undergraduate financial aid office at Boston University and as a director at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education financial aid office. Jan also spent nine years working in education finance for two national lenders, where she counseled students on student I

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Lisa Albro brings a wealth of knowledge to College Coach in both secondary and postsecondary education. She served as the Associate Director of Admissions for her alma mater, Goucher College, where she was responsible for recruitment of students from New York, New Jersey nd twenty other states. At Goucher, she over and parent volunteer admissions programs. Lisa also served as Director of College Counseling at Solomon Schechter Day School of Essex and Union in West Orange, NJ, and as Director of College Counseling at Xavier High School in Manhattan. Lisa has a Bachelor of Arts in English from Goucher College, and a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction from Gouc

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