



### Getting In: A College Coach Conversation Thursday at 1 PM Pacific March 10th 2016: Why I Chose the University of Southern California: One Student's Story

We're excited to welcome another student to the show to tell her college selection story. In this case, she had to make a difficult decision between USC and Carnegie Mellon, and she's going to tell us how she did this. A recent article outlined some suggestions for how to raise a creative child, and they didn't involve overscheduling or—gasp—over-parenting. We're going to discuss our thoughts on the article, encouraging creativity in students, and how that creativity can play a role in the college admissions process. We're also going to answer listener questions about college finance.

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##### Kara Courtois

Kara Courtois has spent her entire career dedicated to working in education and admissions. She began and developed her admissions career at Barnard College, part of Columbia University, where she was responsible for recruiting students from New York State and then became the director of international recruitment, overseeing the recruitment, application and enrollment of domestic, European, and Canadian students. Prior to working in admissions, Kara volunteered as a classroom teacher with Americorps and also taught high school in the Washington, DC and San Francisco areas. She has a Bachelor's degree in history with a minor in medieval studies from the University of Notre Dame and a Master

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##### Stacey MacPhetres

Stacey MacPhetres has devoted her professional career to education finance. With extensive experience in financial aid administration at Emerson College and Elms College, Stacey has counseled thousands students and families through the financial aid process. In addition, she spent more than a decade working in education finance at JPMorgan Chase, where she was responsible for managing loans for both federal and private loan portfolios. Prior to joining College Coach, Stacey served as a consultant in financial aid for Mount Holyoke College. She holds a bachelor's in political science from Marist College and a master's in political communication/marketing from Emerson College. She is a membe

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