



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

January 05th 2017: Can an Average Student Get Into a Top-Tier School? Options if You Can't Pay the Spring College Bill- Office Hours: Avoiding the Rumor Mill: Our 100th Show!

We answer a lot of listener questions on the show, and one that we get asked fairly frequently is "Can an average student get into a top-tier school?" Tune in to find out. We're also looking at options for families who find themselves without the money to pay for their spring college bills. And in Office Hours, we'll discuss the rumor mill, including how to recognize a rumor and separate fact from fiction.

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Featured Guests



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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Ian Brook Fisher

Ian Brook Fisher comes to College Coach with a unique history as an educational advisor. A graduate of Reed College with a Master's from Stanford University, Ian discovered his passion for admissions work while still a student. Reading applications and interviewing students during his senior year at Reed, he was immediately recruited to join the admissions department as a full-fledged officer, working with students from the southwestern United States and Asia. His diverse educational experience has helped him successfully guide students of all interests, from those looking at large state schools, to others interested in small liberal arts colleges and the Ivy League. Ian holds a Bachelor's

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Tara Piantanida-Kelly

Tara Piantanida-Kelly comes to College Coach with more than 20 years of experience working in college financial aid offices. She worked her way up from an entry-level financial aid counselor position before accepting her first director of financial aid position at Menlo College. From there, she launched a successful financial aid consulting business, Financial Aid Solutions. From 1995 until 2005, Tara consulted at more than 20 colleges and universities in the San Francisco Bay Area. Since then, she has continued her career as the director of financial aid at Northwest College, the associate director of financial aid at Rochester Institute of Technology, and as a financial aid training sp

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