



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

**June 01st 2017: Questions You Should Never Ask an Admissions Officer: How Much Should I Save for College, General Services for Students with Learning Differences**

Every college in the US is happy to answer your questions, and we frequently encourage students to approach colleges to get more information and address their concerns. But have you ever wondered if there are questions that you shouldn't ask? We'll give you our thoughts. Last week we tackled the question of whether or not you should save for college. This week we'll discuss how much you should save. Finally, we'll explore general services on college campuses for students with learning differences.

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### Featured Guests



#### Julia Jones

Julia Jones has been working with adolescents and college admissions for most of her career. She was involved in virtually all aspects of the admissions process at Brandeis University, including overseeing the creation and production of admissions publications and recruitment materials and serving as director of the Brandeis Alumni Admissions Council, a 1000-member network of alumni recruiters and interviewers. During her tenure at Brandeis, Julia also was a member of the New England Association of College Admission Counseling (NEACAC) and served on the planning committees for three NEACAC annual conferences. More recently, she continued to work with high school students and their families.

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#### 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 McDonou

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#### Shannon Vasconcelos

Shannon Vasconcelos has worked in student financial assistance at Boston University and Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, where she served as the assistant director of financial aid. At Tufts, she was responsible for reviewing financial aid applications, determining financial aid awards, and helping families through the college financing process. In addition, Shannon has served as an active member of the Massachusetts Association of Student Financial Aid Administrator's Early Awareness and Outreach Committee, as a trainer for the Department of Education's National Training for Counselors and Mentors, and as a volunteer for FAFSA Day Massachusetts. She has a BA in economics from

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