

# TOP 10 TIPS FROM COLLEGE PANEL NIGHT

**1 READ YOUR EMAIL**  
Read each email message in its entirety. Consider creating a new email account just for college-purposes.

**2 DO NOT PROCRASTINATE**  
If you wait until the last minute, something could go wrong and you could miss an important deadline.

**3 DOUBLE-CHECK ESSAYS**  
Have someone review all your work, including grammar, spelling, and content before submitting.

**4 SENDING TEST SCORES**  
If school is test-optional, only send test scores if they help your admissions status. You can pick and choose which schools you send your scores to.

**5 RIGOR COUNTS**  
If you can handle taking an Honors or AP course, most colleges prefer you earn a B in these courses than an A in on-level courses.

**6 MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN**  
Let the colleges know why they should choose you and why you are specifically interested in them.

**7 SHOW DEMONSTRATED INTEREST**  
Visit and tour campuses in-person, attend college fairs, and talk to and correspond with the admissions officers to let them know you are interested in their schools.

**8 DISCOVER WHICH COLLEGE FITS YOU BEST**  
Ask yourself where you will enjoy spending the next four years of your life.

**9 LEAN ON ADMISSIONS OFFICERS**  
Admissions officers encourage you as the student (not your parents) to ask questions and contact them directly. They are happy to help.

**10 THE MORE YOU GIVE, THE MORE YOU GET**  
The more information you give about yourself to the colleges, the better they know you. This helps you stand out among the thousands of applicants.

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