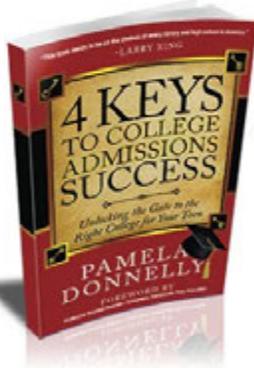


Seven Secret Strategies To Get Your Teen Into A Top University

What Every Parent Must Know!



By #1 Best Selling Author Pamela Donnelly



Pamela Donnelly unlocks the gate to successful college admissions with unique parenting strategies proven to get the results teens need in today's competitive world.



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About The Author

Pamela Donnelly is a #1 bestselling author (SWAT Team Tactics for Getting Your Teen Into College) whose highly anticipated 2014 release *4 Keys to College Admissions Success* offers parents insights into getting their teens into the colleges of their dreams gleaned from her 20 years as a professional educator. After a successful career as a model and on-camera talent for ABC-TV in the 1980s, Donnelly became disenchanted with performing and decoded the process necessary to gain admittance to Columbia University in New York, where she graduated summa cum laude with her degree in Literature/Writing and Secondary Education. Now based in Los Angeles, she has become the academic expert trusted by a wide variety of parents in Los Angeles, including notable authors, actors, physicians, and lawyers, as well as everyday moms and dads at her company, Valley Prep Tutoring. A mother of three, she is a frequent speaker at live parent and civic events. Her volunteer work includes working diligently for education reform in the US public secondary school system.

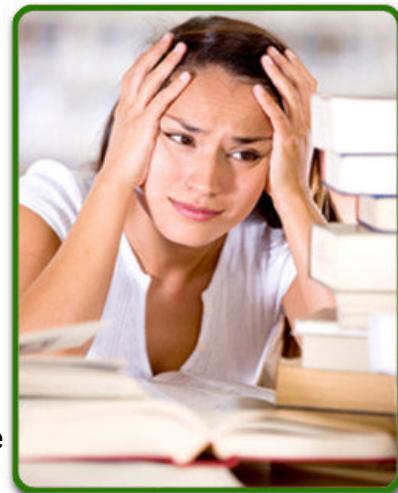


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#1 - Don't Try to Do It All

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by what your teen is facing?

- **Don't be afraid to ask for help from the pros.**
 - Educational experts have spent many years studying, and demystifying the college admissions process.
 - It is virtually impossible for a parent to do it effectively in a short span of time.
- **Secure a 3.3 GPA minimum.**
 - The average GPA requirements for most US colleges has spiked over 20% in the past five years.
 - Students with a 3.2 GPA might have gained acceptance to a good college several years ago, but now receive rejection letters when it matters most.
- **Pony Up for Tutoring When Indicated.**
 - Because the musical chairs "game" of college admissions holds serious, lifelong implications, falling below an A in more than 1 or 2 academic courses can be a dealbreaker.
 - Hiring a tutor is the quickest and smartest way for a parent to protect their relationship with their child while giving the student what they truly need: not a parent trying to multi-task, but a professional academic mentor.
- **When investing in support, particularly consider your student's target major/career interests.**
 - Many parents make the mistake of seeking tutoring only when a student has already dipped below a B or C in a weak subject area.
 - Tutoring should not only fill in gaps. It can ideally provide an educator who has achieved the results your son or daughter wants. They might even position themselves for possible internships or future jobs!



Make sense so far? Cool. Let's look at another way to secure support.

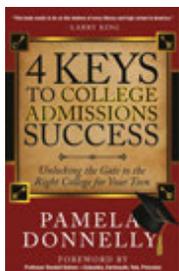
#2 - Utilize Community Resources

Most communities have tons of resources completely free. Our Special Report: Community Resources PDF will help you find lots of low cost support. Here are some other important possibilities to consider.

- **Consider a full range of possible resources.**
 - You don't know what you don't know.
 - What you don't know can hurt you, undermine your teen's future, and cost you a fortune both financially and logistically.
- **Secure comprehensive educational testing if indicated.**
 - Do this as early as possible to maximize benefits. Starting in middle school if possible.
 - National estimates state that 10- 15% of American students have learning differences, many of which are undiagnosed. GPAs and more importantly students suffer as a result.
 - Seek professional referrals from an educational expert to find the right qualified adolescent psychiatrist specializing in neuropsychological evaluations to administer this testing.
- **Gain time-and-a-half or even double time on your student's SAT or ACT**
 - Use assessments like the Wechsler Intelligence Tests, the Woodcock Johnson, and others give important data in terms of the way the student's mind organizes and processes information.
 - When reasoning, memory, cognition, or other functions shown impairment, both testing and classroom accommodations can be put into place.
 - Again, a qualified adolescent psychiatrist specializing in neuropsychological evaluations can help.



One size does not fit all. Your teen's individual profile will determine where they need to go. Save hours of wasted time in learning what they need to know!

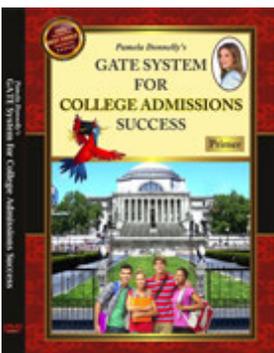


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#3 - Get Strategic With Activities on Your Teen's High School Calendar

Okay, here's one strategy that many moms and dads haven't even considered, and yet it's often the determining factor between college applications that elicit indifference and ones that make THE difference in high acceptance rates.

- **Structure your teenager's summer, weekend, and after school activities to maximize their likelihood of college acceptance letters.**
 - Avoid extreme #1: overloading the child with swim team followed by debate club followed by weekend responsibilities with the church or synagogue on top of a lot of a demanding internship. It becomes too much.
 - Also avoid extreme #2: letting them eat cold pizza on a sofa and play Xbox for 3 months.
- **Target these mission-critical tactics, especially by 10th grade.**
 - Help them secure an internship in a field of interest - even if it is unpaid and only for a few weeks in June, July or August.
 - Get them some travel opportunities and give them a little travel journal to jot impressions while they're on the road. These are often more vivid than reflections written months or years later.
 - We then suggest these experiences generate the raw material to incorporate into their essays for their college applications.



I've distilled my 20 years of experience just for parents like you with teens like yours. My staff and I offer trainings to position your son or daughter through actions all teens must take to succeed in today's competitive environment.

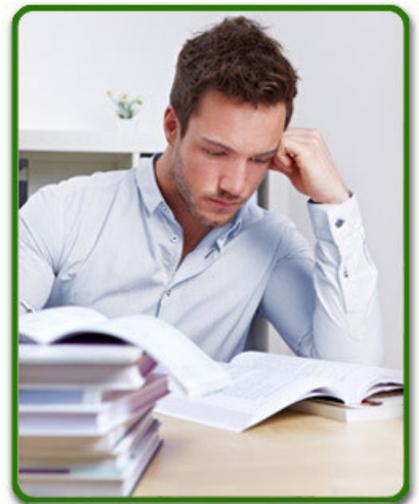
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#4 - Know When to Prepare Them for the SAT or ACT

Get ready. You knew this was coming. Yep, it's time to talk test prep !!

- **Parents frequently have no idea when their teenager should begin preparing for the SAT or ACT.**

- I recommend a twelve- week prep cycle, assuming that the child is in good academic standing and has at least a 3.3 GPA with reasonably strong course load.
- Ideally they would be taking a few honors and AP courses to increase their capacity to tackle upper level objectives like inference questions in critical reading, and elevated vocabulary on these important tests.
- If a student has a C or lower in any areas that are covered in the test, for example English or Math, consider doing some remediation in advance of the twelve- week cycle.



- **Students need to begin a test prep program for the SAT or ACT no later than the late fall/early winter of the junior year because most students take their first pass between March and May of the junior year.**

- Some parents like to get an early head start, and begin in the summer between sophomore and junior year with things like vocabulary enrichment.
- Two tries is very common nowadays, and three is not unheard of.

- **A word to the wise about SAT and ACT prep: avoid franchised classes unless you supplement them with one-on-one remediation.**

- Almost all students have one or two learning gaps (maybe that time they missed two weeks in 8th grade with the flu, they never quite mastered averages and word problems).
- Franchised classes are cheap, but you get what you pay for \$400-\$450 may only get them a hundred points.
- In that same amount of time working one-on-one, two hundred point gains or more are common when the right educator is in place.

- **Scores they need are higher than you think.**
 - National average for a first try on the SAT is 1500-1550 out of 2400 possible points. Your student needs 1800-1900 minimum to be competitive for many schools.
 - National average for a first try on the ACT is 21-22 out of 36 possible points. Your student needs 27-29 minimum to be competitive for many schools.

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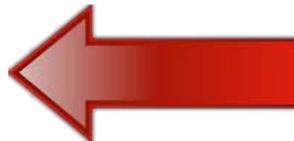
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Basically, test prep is a numbers game. Nobody likes the pressure this places on students, and as a mom neither do I. But at least by being informed you can help them navigate this necessary rite of passage successfully. The "T" module of my GATE System for College Admissions Success offers a full set of Ivy League training with practice questions and videos to make it interactive and ... believe it or not ... fun!

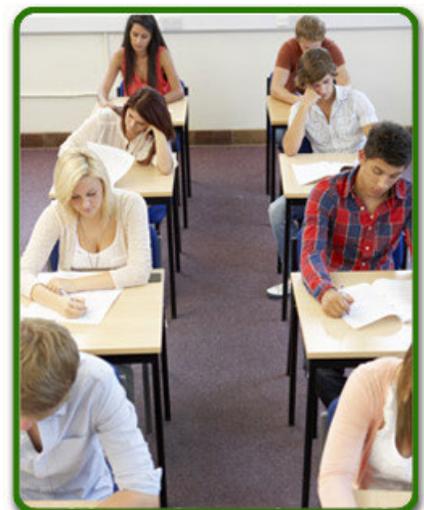


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#5 - Pick the Right Test for Your Student's Brain

- **The SAT and ACT are very different – and different types of students perform more impressively on one or the other.**
 - Depending on the academic strengths a student has, as well as their intended major and college, targeting one over the other makes a lot of sense.
 - Don't burn your student out by having them take both to see which score is stronger.
 - All schools accept either test. Choose wisely using the



guidance I give below.

- **Which students fare best on the SAT?**

- The SAT rewards students who are right brain dominant—very strong in the humanities, and in language. There's more elevated vocabulary on the SAT than the ACT. Creative thinkers who are strong at synthesizing information thrive here.
- This test is very strategy-driven in that it rewards students who are able to figure out critical thinking skills to navigate the types of questions they tend to ask.
- The 1/4 point deduction, valid until the new SAT rolls out in 2016, means your student needs to know when and how to skip.

- **Which students fare best on the ACT?**

- The ACT favors left-brain thinkers who can really show off their linear skills, just as the SAT allows the more interpretive skills of the right-brain thinker to shine.
- Students with high ability in the stem subject areas—STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Math—excel on the ACT.
- The ACT has four sections. A perfect score on an ACT is thirty-six, but very few students get this perfect score on the ACT. Many more students are able to get a perfect score on an SAT than they are on an ACT, but even Harvard University and some of the other Ivy League colleges are more than happy to have a student come in with a thirty-three or a thirty-four on the ACT.
- On the ACT students need to answer everything. No skipping!

Shh, don't tell but here's a secret some parents just cannot believe. Did you know that some schools are "test optional"? Oh yeah, it's true. See www.fairtest.org for a list of test-optional schools. Just keep in mind that life is, in many ways, a competition. The SAT or ACT can be seen as the starting gun for a race students will run for the rest of their academic and professional lives.



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#6 - Stand Out! College Application Strategies

Want to make sure your baby doesn't get overlooked? Keep reading--it's not just what you think.

- **How do colleges assess students?**
 - Although there is no pie chart of criteria that holds true for all colleges, most are seeking what they call "well rounded candidates". The thing is, this doesn't only refer to an individual student being well rounded; these universities are looking for a well-rounded class.
 - Don't encourage your teen to become sort of jacks-of-all-trades and, as they say, master-of-none.
 - Although having a variety of activities and interests can enrich a student's high school life, having that one special "wow factor" is more important.
- **Each university is looking for some true scholars in every single department.**
 - So if your student is someone who excels in engineering, physics or high levels of math – these types of scholars for each department are going to be in demand at most schools.
 - The student doesn't necessarily have to also play tennis, win debate competitions, and speak Chinese. They might just be really good at that one special thing.
- **In addition to scholars, each college is seeking other key student types to round out their community.**
 - Superb athletes are in high demand at many schools, and often receive generous scholarships and gift aid packages to incentivize their attendance. Students who swim competitively, who win golf tournaments – these are things that can really distinguish a student's application.
 - High-level achievers are also coveted in the arts wings of many schools – musicians, actors, and visual artists.



Perhaps your student can be positioned to compete for those slots, those categories.

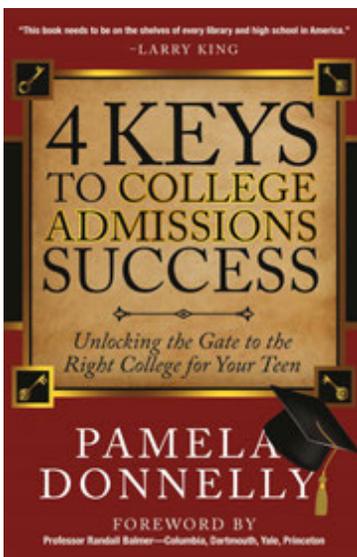
- Money talks. Schools love it when families apply that don't need financial aid. Say what you will, the university is a business. At the end of the day they have to have dollars coming in. Students who apply and can carry the full weight of tuition and fees without financial aid can mean a nice fat envelope full of Benjamins.

- **Legacy students often find easier standards.**

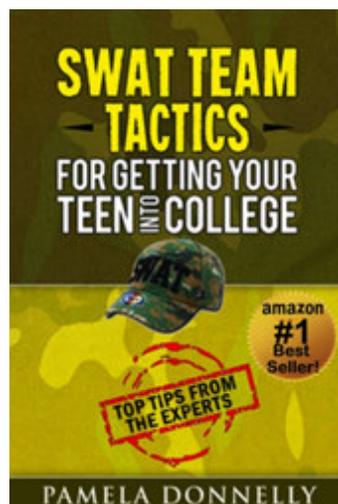
- A final category for students to be sure their applications are distinct is by applying to mom or dad's Alma Mater.
- Alumni often desire their children to be able to go to the same school – creating what some call “legacy kids”.
- These students have an advantage because mom dad, grandpa, or somebody in the family has already graduated there, and is perhaps also a benefactor of the school. Be sure to play that up on the application. Some students have their parent or aunt/uncle arrange meetings with former professors or colleagues on campus to help.

This reminds me of a story I heard, probably urban lore but worth repeating. It was about a girl who taught herself how to play French horn because she heard that UCLA needed one in their band department – and she got in. By targeting something specific that is unique, the college of a student's dreams can come within closer reach. With or without a spit valve.

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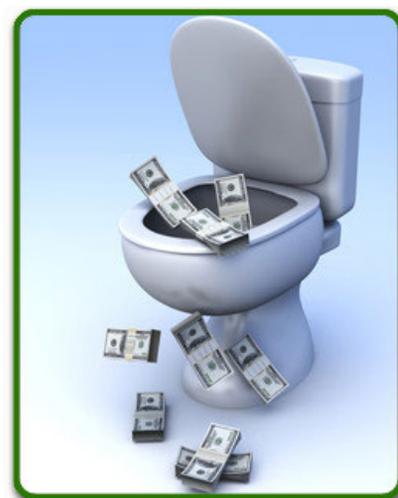
#7 - Don't Go Broke on College Tuition

if you have a money tree or are named Bill or Melinda Gates : **Do not keep reading** .

Everyone else, Please Read Carefully :

- **Invest in a reputable college financial planner.**

- You might have to pay \$3,000-\$5,000 financed over 2-4 years in monthly payments, but you stand to save tens of thousands in tuition when they position your **FAFSA and CSS Profiles** properly.
- **Student debt is on the rise**, and delinquent payments have become the bane of many families who fondly remember the days when their primary focus was getting their students into a great college.



- **Know the numbers.**

- The average student loan debt has risen 30% in the past five years. A staggering debt of \$23,829 per student is now typical by the time they graduate college, even after all the other family's savings and student work income has been applied.
- Danger: sinkhole ahead. No parent wants to shackle his or her kid with insurmountable debt. By working with a highly qualified college planning professional, your family's assets can be leveraged and protected while your student goes off to the college experience they deserve.

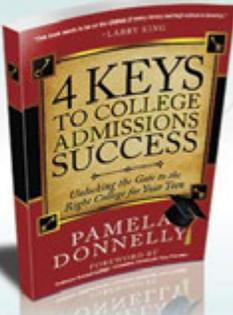
- **Plan Ahead ! : Start financial planning earlier than you think.**

- Here's the catch that many parents don't see coming: the time to begin working with a college planner is when the student is in the *ninth grade*. This is because years of family financial information are calculated into the equation on forms parents file when seeking financial aid.
- FAFSA actually stands for "Free Application for Federal Student Aid", but one college

planner colleague of ours jokingly calls it the “Federal Assault on Family Savings Accounts”!

- By asking a trustworthy educational expert to make a professional recommendation of an accredited college planner, parents can potentially save their families enough money to fund the parents’ retirement and quality of life.

****Beware** – all financial college planners are not created equally, and some have been reported to require massive money up front and then close their doors, bilking hard-earned dollars from unsuspecting moms and dads. Others have been sued in lawsuits by families who didn’t know whom to trust. Don’t let this happen to you. Ask someone who knows ~ that pays real dividends and can potentially save you a fortune not only in money but in time and heartache. I think once your last kid leaves home, every parent deserves two weeks in Tahiti. Who’s in?



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