

How to **NOT** Stress About College

(at least your Freshman Year)



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As a St. Charles 9th grader ...



...you should know

- what types of colleges exist
- how to prepare academically
- yourself!
- about small liberal arts & large public schools

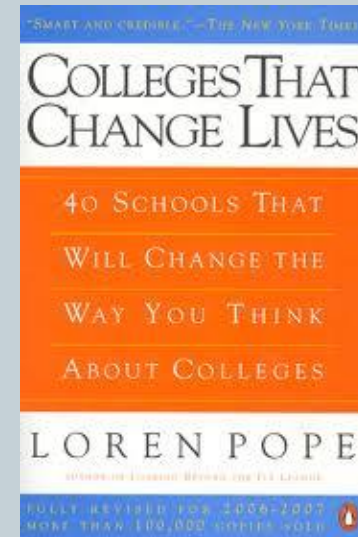
proactivity + reflection = success

As a 9th grader you should know...



...what types of colleges exist

- public, private, liberal arts, military
- go beyond rankings!
- *Colleges that Change Lives*
- don't forget Ohio!
 - Ohio ranks **5th** nationally for most number of colleges behind CA, TX, NY & PA



As a 9th grader you should know...



...how to prepare academically

- **WHAT** courses you take matter (as well as how you do in them)
 - AP, Honors, Accelerated
- academic planning
 - Calculus, AP Spanish V
- keep the challenge in perspective, we will!
 - school profile, grading scale, available courses, your strengths

As a 9th grader you should know...



...yourself!

- what is your learning style?
- what general areas interest you?
 - Natural Sciences, History, English, Fine Arts
- what do you like being involved in?
 - sports, radio, theatre, environmental club

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...about small liberal arts schools

- 24 Liberal Arts schools in Ohio
- emphasis on community living/learning
- undecided/multi-interested
- strong desire for involvement, personalized attention
- beware of the sticker price!



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Liberal arts student profile

- Wants academic challenge, **small** classes
- Major is **undecided**/multi-interested
- Small **community**, accountability to peers
- Member of nationally ranked sports team
- Learns best through **discussion**, writing
- Desire to live **on-campus**
- Cost & scholarships are important

State-school student profile

- Wants academic challenge, **large** classes
- Knows their **intended field** of study
- “campus” feel, more **anonymity**
- Cheers for a nationally ranked sports team
- Learns best through **lecture**, note-taking
- Desire to live **off-campus**
- Cost & scholarships are important

As a 9th grader you should ...



...start preparing and reflecting now!