Finding “The Right Fit” College
Finding The Right Fit

- Academic
- Geographic
- School Personality
- Major
- Talent
- Financial
- Hidden Gems
Academic

- Grade Point Average
- **Mid-50% SAT/ACT scores**
- Acceptance rate
- In-state/Out-of-state
- **Honor’s Program/College**
Geographic

- Distance from home
- Weather
- Region of country
- Urban/Suburban/Rural
- Size of city/town
- Culture
School Personality

• Christian/Non-Christian
• Size of school
• Class size
• Highly academic
• Commuter/Residential
• “ESPN Schools”
• Specific or broad
• Art school vs. Four-year college or university
• What school is the best for the major I am interested in?
• Leave options open
• What if I don’t know what I want to major in?
Major/Career Resources

- [www.naviance.com](http://www.naviance.com)
  - Do What You Are (Myers-Briggs)
  - Holland’s Code
  - Roadtrip Nation
  - StrengthsExplorer
- [mymajors](http://mymajors)
- [Compass](http://compass)
- [careerdirectonline](http://careerdirectonline)
• Athletic
  – Recruiting
  – NCAA Clearinghouse
  – Div. I, II, III and NAIA
  – www.dynamitesports.com
• Fine Arts
• Visual Arts
• Dance
Financial

- In-State vs. Out-of-State
- Sticker Price
- FAFSA/CSS Profile
- EFC (Expected Family Contribution)
- Net Price Calculator
- Scholarships (Merit, Local/Private, National)
- Grants and Loans
Financial Resources

- College Scorecard
- naviance.com
- collegecountdown.com
- Collegeabacus.com
- Tuitiontracker.org
- Collegefactual.com
- Costoflearning.com
What are Hidden Gem Colleges?

• Depends on what you are looking for
• Tend to be more popular colleges within certain regions of the country
• Lower Cost/High value
Bring in Back To Scripture

- Jeremiah 29:11
- Matthew 6:33
- Ephesians 6:10
- Psalm 138:8
- James 4:8
- Proverbs 3:6
- Ephesians 3:20