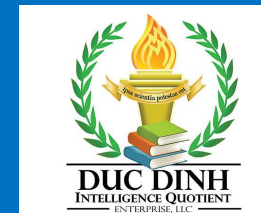
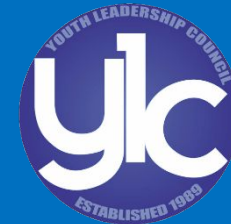


College Prep Seminar: *Are You Ready for College?*

October 2019



About YLC

History



Originally founded in 1989 by Asian parents in Houston, YLC is now led by young professionals and college students who dedicate themselves to fostering leadership skills among Asian American youth.

Mission Statement



To empower youth and young professionals by promoting leadership development, civic engagement, and multicultural understanding while building awareness of issues facing the Asian American community.

Annual Conference



Over the past 30 years, our conference at Rice University has helped 5,000 high school students realize their individual potentials as leaders. This summer's conference will be our 31st annual conference.

Introduction



Josh Hu



- **Management Consultant at EY and Certified Public Accountant (CPA)**
- **Graduated from University of Texas with a Bachelor's in Business Administration from the Business Honors Program (BHP) and a Master's in Professional Accounting (MPA)**
- **UT McCombs Canfield BHP Alumni Board / Admissions Interviewer**
- **YLC Mentor and Executive Board Member**
- **Back in College:**
 - **Student Recruiter**
 - **Teaching Assistant for Career Planning course (e.g. majors, resume)**

Today's Agenda

Overview (1 hour)

Choosing a major

Choosing your college

Timeline for admissions

Criteria for admissions

Creating an effective resume

Making an application essay stand out

Nailing an admissions interview

Student Panel (1 hour)

Introduction and Q&A



Choosing a major

Factors to Consider

- 1 **Interests and Passions:** What do you like to do and what gets you excited?
- 2 **Strengths and Weaknesses:** What are you good or bad at?
- 3 **Preparation for Future Career:** What coursework will help you in your future career?
- 4 **Earning Potential:** What kind of life do you want to live in the future?

Actions to Take



Take a variety of courses (accounting, biology, computer science)



Talk to professionals in the line of work you are interested in and **students in potential interested majors**



Participate in a variety of hands-on experiences and activities including:

- Volunteering
- Internships
- Competitions

Consider that your major could change multiple times!

Choosing your college

Factors to Consider:

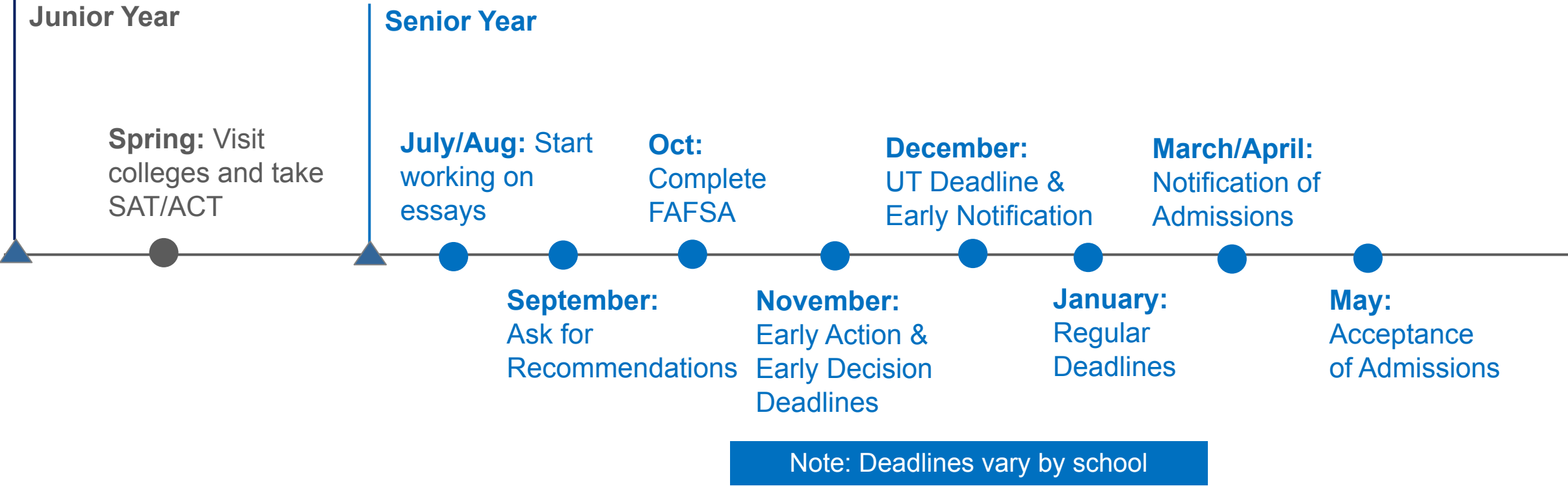
- Alignment with academic and professional goals
- Rankings of specific major and program
- Cost of attendance and scholarship opportunities
- Chances of getting into school
- Personal happiness and growth

Proposed Approach

1. Start doing research on potential schools early
2. Visit the schools and talk to current students
3. Identify a list of 4-8 schools that you want to apply to, with a good combination of reaches, target schools, and safety schools



Timeline for admissions



Criteria for admissions

Key Criteria	Key Advice
Challenging high school curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take AP, Honors, and IB classes
Grades and class rank	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work hard and excel in school
Standardized test scores (ACT/SAT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start preparing early – practice makes perfect!
Extracurricular activities that demonstrate leadership, initiative, and impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quantity over quality and demonstrate leadership progression (e.g. sports, clubs, volunteering)
Special talent or experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be proactive and make the most out of your free summers and weekends
Application essays that provide insight into your personality, values, and goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflect on your life and don't write based on what you think school wants to hear
Letters of recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should come from academic source• Ask yourself: 1) Do they like you? 2) Can they speak on your personality, work ethic, and academic achievements?
Enthusiasm for college	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit schools, talk to current students, and show your interest!• Knowledge of college will be reflected in your application essays

Creating an effective resume



Weak Bullets

- Led the organization members each week
- Created budget for multiple events
- Ran a successful basketball fundraising event



Strong Bullets

- Oversaw 8-person board of a 250-member community service organization that hosts 20 volunteering events annually
- Managed \$45K budget for three professional development workshops that provided resume support for 300+ high school students
- Organized a charity basketball tournament that raised \$2K to support March for Dimes

Key Guidelines

- Showcase significant activities
- Keep resume to 1-2 pages
- Provide details including:
 - Your role
 - Length of time/hours per week
 - Specific contributions
 - Use strong action verbs and quantify where possible

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EDUCATION 8/23/06-5/30/09	Longhorn Central High School	Austin, Texas
WORK EXPERIENCE 2/01/07-5/15/08	McBevo's (Austin, Texas) <i>Cashier</i>	3 hrs/week
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Took customer orders and prepared feed bags for drive-thru• Managed day-shift herd and prepared weekly schedules		

Making an application essay stand out

Sample Prompts



1. Essay A: Tell us your story. What unique opportunities or challenges have you experienced throughout your high school career that have shaped who you are today?
2. Essay B: Most students have an identity, an interest, or a talent that defines them in an essential way. Tell us about yourself.
3. Essay C: You've got a ticket in your hand – Where will you go? What will you do? What will happen when you get there?


Essay Advice



1. Demonstrate to the committee that you are passionate about something
2. Tell stories and be genuine – don't write what you think admissions committee wants to hear
3. Think about what makes you stand out and stories should emphasize that
4. Write an outline and start early
5. Ask your family and teachers for feedback

Nailing an admissions interview

Key Guidelines

- Keep it conversational
- Be structured in your thoughts 
- Ask questions to show your interest
- Practice interviewing with friends and family
- Be yourself – authenticity matters!
- Send a thank you email

Situation
Task
Action
Result

Common Questions

- Tell me about yourself
- What is your greatest weakness?
- Describe a time when worked with a challenging team and how you handled it
- How do you plan to contribute to this school?

College Panel

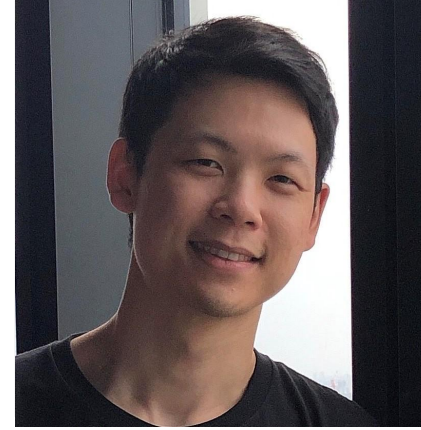
Panel Introduction



Name: Christopher Hung
College: A&M
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Currently: Imaging Technician at the Cardiovascular Pathology Lab



Name: Ge Yan
College: UT Austin
Major: Human Biology
Currently: Medical Student at McGovern Medical School at UTHealth



Name: Michael Hu
College: Rice/UT Austin
Major: BA Economics, MS Finance
Currently: Business Development at Siemens Energy



Name: Kyle Yu
College: UPenn
Major: Chemical Engineering
Currently: Engineer at Honeywell