

# AK Amba College Info + Q&A Day 1 (College “Fit”)



**Welcome!!**



# Overview

- Thank you for joining us!
  - First 20 min: Presentations (4 Speakers)
  - Last 15-20 min: Q+A (I have questions written from the Sign-Up Genius, but drop any you think of in the chat!)

**\*\*An optional feedback form will be at the end! Everyone can respond, but especially if you are an Amba Club member please fill this out!\*\***

# Finding Your College

Maggie Wesslen  
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# There is no wrong way!

- College is a very personal thing
  - The approach to college differs from person to person
- Always take advice with a grain of salt
- Don't feel pressured by what others are doing
- I know things are really stressful right now
  - What helped me the most was knowing we were all experiencing the same thing

# Factors to Consider

- **What you could see yourself doing in the future?**

- You do not have to have everything figured out!
- I liked to ask friends what they could see me doing.
- This doesn't need to be too specific either, I only knew the general field of my interest.
- Reading major descriptions helped me a lot.

- **Location!!**

- I was overwhelmed with all of the options to the point that all schools blurred together so this factor really helped me find what I want.
- Location can be very telling of the population of the school/campus atmosphere, etc.
- How close to/far from home do you want to be?

- **What type of campus do you want?**

- Current students are your best source of information on campus life
- I promise y'all aren't missing anything with campus tours
- Big/Small, Urban/Rural, Diversity Statistics
- Are there a lot of commuters at this school?

# The New Years Eve Incident

- Collegiate prestige is not that deep.
- This is both a positive and negative thing.
- The hardest applications to finish are the “prestigious” ones
  - “This is a waste of time/money, I’m not going to get in”
  - College admissions are wild, you honestly never know
- Make sure that you’re applying out of genuine interest!
- Yes, the experience helped me figure out where I actually wanted to go.
- No, I do not recommend this to anyone.

# Everything will fall into place.

- Even if you don't realize it at first
- Looking back, I was so stressed and doubtful (I wasn't even looking forward to going to State) but I don't regret anything.
- The stress will be over soon and senior season will come!
- Best of luck to all of you <3

# Chancing: The Numbers Game

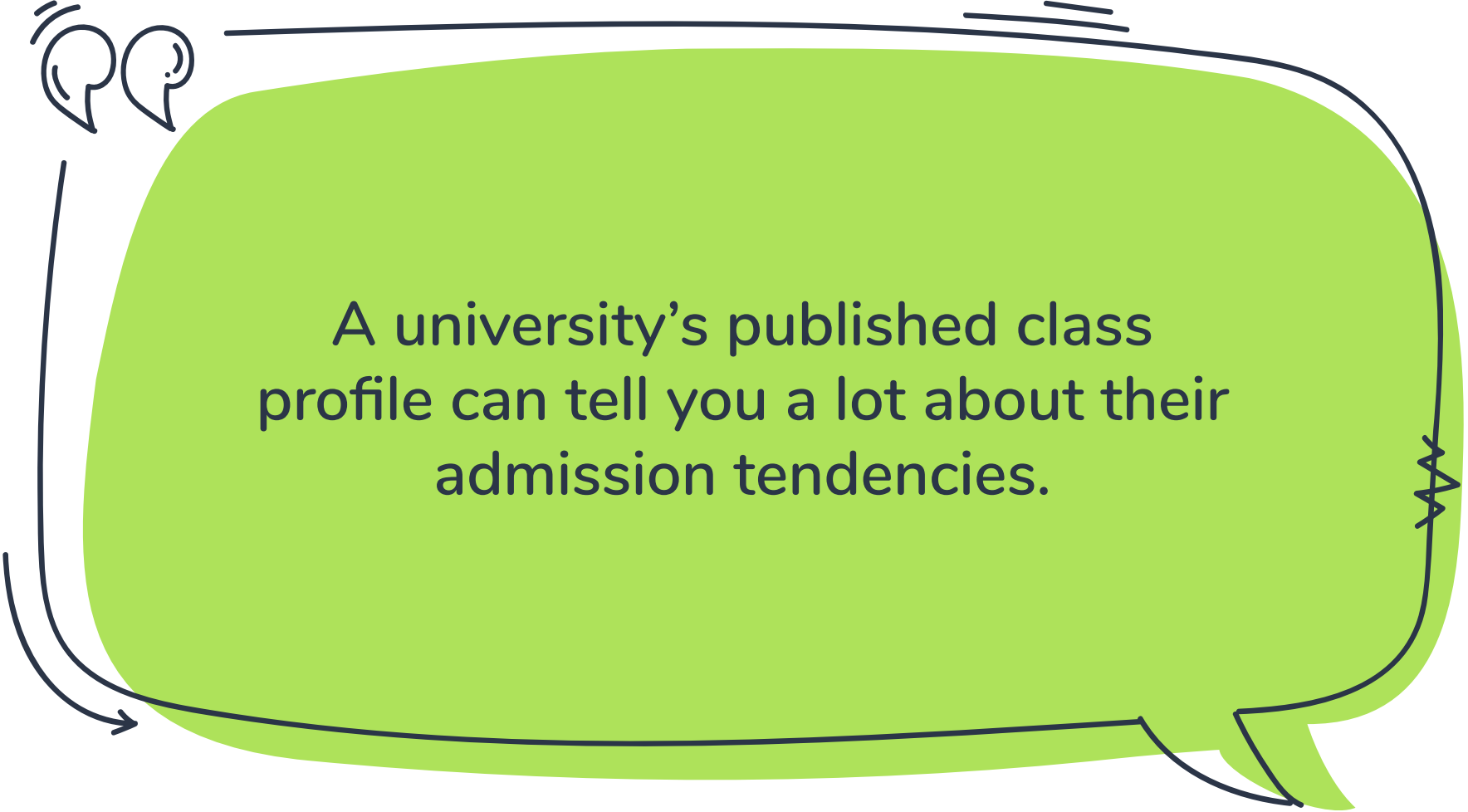
Ritu Dutta  
UNC Chapel Hill





Disclaimer:

Scores and numbers are NOT  
CONFIRMING factors. They are  
INDICATORS.



A university's published class profile can tell you a lot about their admission tendencies.

## PARAMETERS FOR CHANCING

Chancing is the process of approximating your chances of acceptance (safety, target, reach) based on a school's past published numbers.

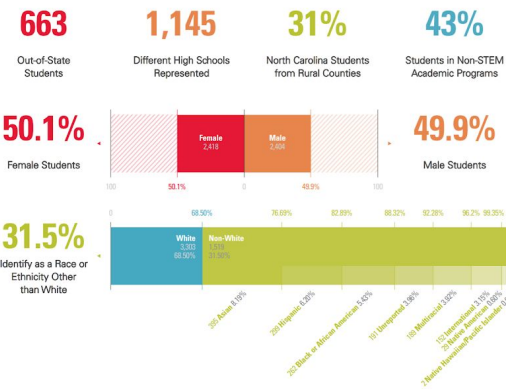
- ✗ SAT/ACT
- ✗ AP, SAT II, IB, competitive exams.
- ✗ GPA, transcripts



# EXAMPLE ANALYSIS: NC STATE CLASS OF 2023

## Class of 2023 Profile

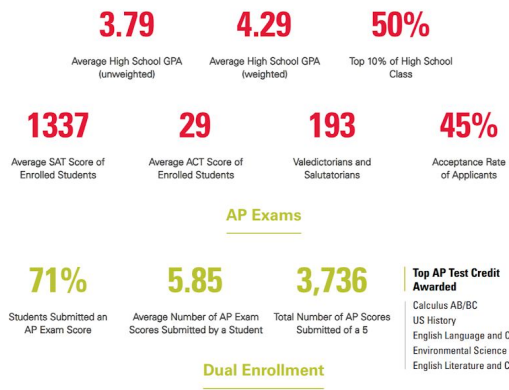
NC State continues to be a top choice for the brightest students from across North Carolina and throughout the world. This fall, 4,822 students joined the Wolfpack family. The first year class represents 97 of North Carolina's 100 counties, 40 of the 50 states and 20 countries.



## Top 10 Academic Programs of Enrolled Students



## Academic Achievement Of Enrolled Students



## Dual Enrollment



## Middle 50%



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## What do the numbers show?

- X GPA: 3.79 means that students who were admitted scored almost all As and some Bs in their classes
- X Weighted GPA tells you that most students took more than 1 AP class to boost their GPA, which is also reinforced by the “Average Number of AP Exam Scores Submitted by a Student.”
- X SAT: Middle 50% of students who were admitted to NC State in 2019 had scores between 1270 and 1410. These scores are in the 86th percentile or above.



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## How do you assess yourself?

To be a COMPETITIVE applicant:

- X GPA: You should be a majorly A/B student with at least 2 AP course weights factored in.
- X AP: number of APs doesn't matter but it does manipulate your GPA.
- X SAT: If you are between 1270 and 1410, you have a good chance. The higher up that scale, the higher your chances. The lower down, the more you will need to make up for it in other parts of your application. Same thing applies to ACT.



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## Middle 50%



## What are this student's chances?

- X 3.50 uGPA, 4.11 wGPA.
- X SAT 1280
- X AP Psych 3
- X Key club 3 years (no major achievement), lacrosse team 4 years.

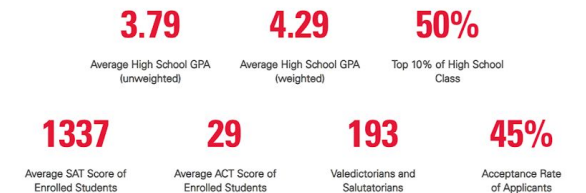
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High  
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## AP Exams



## Top AP Test Credit Awarded

Calculus AB/BC  
US History  
English Language and Comp  
Environmental Science  
English Literature and Comp

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## What are this student's chances?

- X 3.84 uGPA, 4.26 wGPA.
- X SAT 1380
- X AP Psych 4, AP Chem 4, AP Bio 3, AP Calc AB/BC 3.
- X Student council (vice president), soup kitchen volunteer.

Low  
Chance

High  
Chance







## Major Takeaways:

1. Lower stats  $\neq$  denial (you will have to work more on other parts to balance your application)
2. Higher stats  $\neq$  acceptance (you still have to put in effort on other parts of your application)

# THANKS!

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# Essays + Paying for YOUR College

Tanya Balaji

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\*\*Mentioned in video: Instagram @TanyaBalaji\*\*

# Selecting Your College After Decisions

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**Q+A Portion**

# Thanks for Joining Us!!

- Optional Feedback Form (we'd love to hear from you!):

[www.bit.ly/ambafeedback](http://www.bit.ly/ambafeedback)

- There's still time to sign up for Wednesday and Thursday! [www.bit.ly/ambafair](http://www.bit.ly/ambafair)
- We will hopefully be linking the recordings on our website [www.akambassadors.weebly.com](http://www.akambassadors.weebly.com)