

AK Amba College Info + Q&A Day 2 (College App Process)



Welcome!!



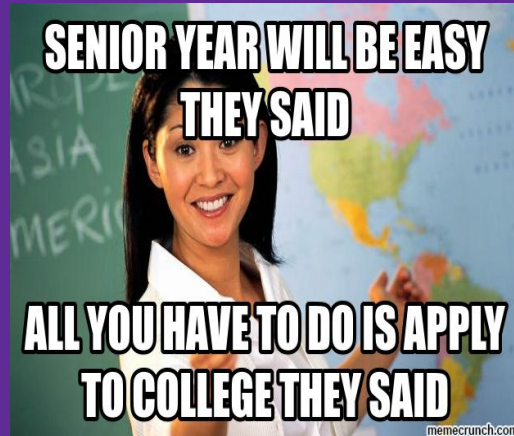
Overview

- Thank you for joining us!
 - First 20-25 min: Presentations (4 Speakers)
 - Last 25-30 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!****

How to Get and Stay Motivated

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Virginia Tech

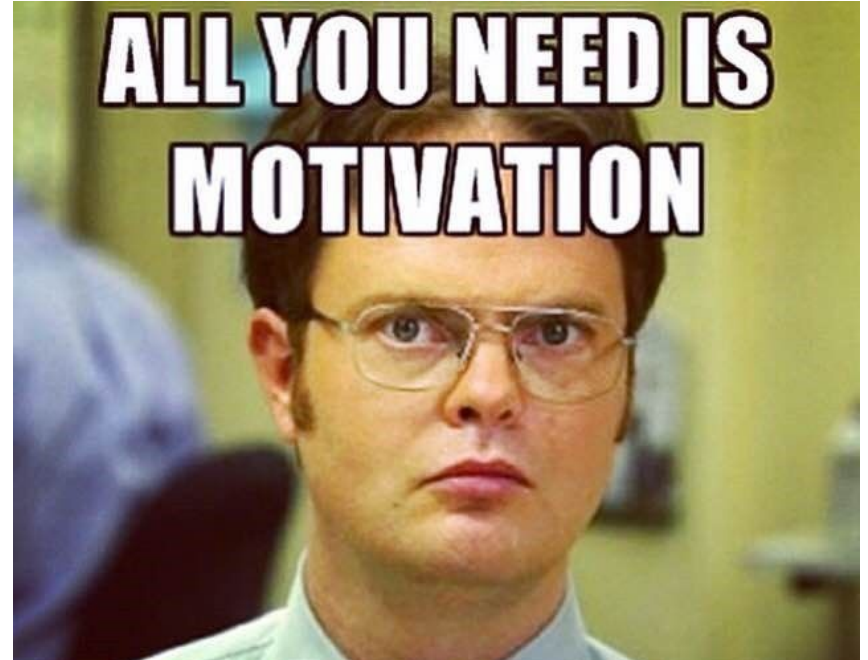


How to motivate yourself to **START** the applications:

- Stay organized
- Start early
- Use your resources (ex: counselor)
- Take your time

Some of the things you can do:

- Watch college youtube videos
- Maintain a buddy system
- Use a planner
- Create a checklist



Some questions to consider before you start or during your application:

- Have you talked with your high school counselor and parents about your options?
- Where will you apply?
- Have you visited the campus? (Obvi Virtual now)
- Have you taken your SAT or ACT?
- What are each college's required application documents?
- What are each college's application deadlines?



Understand that you ARE NOT ALONE

Always keep in mind that mostly everyone around you goes through this process, and that you are not alone.

There are so many resources for support:

- Me :):) (And other college students)
- Counselors and Teachers
- College representatives (admission counsel)
- Parents (believe it or not, most of them have gone through it too)



It is okay to feel stressed and when you do just take mental breaks so you don't get exhausted. During those breaks, do stuff you love (ex: cooking or painting etc..) to get ur mind feeling great again!

You got this!

Amid everything crazy going on at the moment, I wish everyone the best of luck. I know all you smarties will go to the college of your dreams ✨

Don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns about your college apps! I am always happy to help :) Thank you!



How to Stand Out

Jack Grace

NC State University

How to Stand Out

- Getting Admissions Officers to take a second look at your application:
 - What do Admissions Officers want to see?
 - How do I optimize my application?

- Contact: jmgrace2@ncsu.edu

Making a Cohesive App + Taking Risks

Natalie Tyson

Rhode Island School of Design and Brown University



HOW TO SPICE UP YOUR COLLEGE APPS!

***bc why not be bold and spicy?**





***COLLEGES WANT SOMEONE SPECIAL.
SOMEONE WHO HAS A STRONG
INTEREST IN A PARTICULAR FIELD.***





***FOCUS ON YOUR STRENGTHS
AND BE STRATEGIC WHEN
COMPLETING YOUR
APPLICATION!***



***TAKE SOME RISKS! IF A
COLLEGE DOESN'T WANT YOU,
THAT'S OKAY! :)***



Paying for College

Erin Tennis

NC State University

Types of Financial Aid

Grants

- (Generally) do not have to be repaid
- Offered by the US Department of Education and other sources
- Mainly need-based, but also merit-based
- Must maintain eligibility while enrolled in college
- Submit a FAFSA!

Scholarships

- Do not have to be repaid
- Offered by a variety of sources
- Merit-based or need-based
- . . . Submit a FAFSA!

Work-Study Jobs

- Part-time jobs for students with financial need - help to pay educational expensive
- Awarded in your financial aid package
- FAFSA!!!

More Types of Financial Aid

Loans (the big one)

- Must be repaid (with interest)
- Can come from federal government, private sources such as banks, etc.

● Federal Student Loans

- The US Department of Education is your lender
- Certain benefits
- Types:
 - Direct Subsidized Loans
 - Direct Unsubsidized Loans
 - Direct PLUS Loans
 - Direct Consolidation Loans
- FAFSA!!!

● Private Loans

- Taken out to cover costs that Federal Student Loans do not cover
- Offered by many banks and organizations
- Varying interest rates and benefits

Steps to Getting Financial Aid

FAFSA!!! (finally)

- Necessary to get any financial aid from the Federal Government (and is used by colleges to give financial aid)
- Asks for information about you and your family's finances
- Determines financial need based on your expected family contribution (how much your family can pay without aid)
 - $[\text{total cost of attendance}] - [\text{expected family contribution}] = [\text{need-based aid}]$
 - Grants and loans are provided based on your financial need
- Free!
- Submit every year

More Steps

CSS: online application to determine eligibility for non-federal aid

- Administered by College Board
- Only used by some schools
- Fee to apply

Apply for scholarships!

good luck!!!

Q+A Portion

Thanks for Joining Us!!

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

www.bit.ly/ambafeedback

- There's still time to sign up for Thursday!

www.bit.ly/ambafair

- We will be linking the recordings on our website:

www.akambassadors.weebly.com