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COLLEGE SELECTION WORKSHOP

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TODAY'S GOAL

Ocean Leaders will understand how to compare financial aid awards offers, and be able to select a college based on concepts of “college fit.”

TODAY'S AGENDA

- College Fit Review
- Financial Aid Award Overview
- Financial Aid Package Review and Comparisons
- College Fit Comparison
- Wrap Up

COLLEGE FIT REVIEW

PAIR-SHARE

Recall the THREE aspects of “college fit,” and share one college criteria mentee used in their college search that fit under one of the college fit categories.

FINANCIAL AID AWARD OVERVIEW

FORMS OF FINANCIAL AID

Grants

- Pell Grant
- CalGrant (A,B,C)
- State University Grant

Loans

- Subsidized loans
- Unsubsidized loans

Scholarships

- Stephen Effron
- PATHS & AnchorSTEM
- San Diego Foundation Common Scholarship Application

FINANCIAL AID AWARD

- Every school will offer an individualized financial aid award package to admitted students based on their FAFSA.
- Awards include:
 - Grants
 - Loans
 - Scholarships
 - Work study
- Not required to accept the award in its entirety; can pick and choose the aid you want to receive.
- What is your *true* cost of attendance (COA)?
 - Estimated Family Contribution
 - Out-of-pocket costs
 - Debt

FINANCIAL FIT

Financial Aid Package Review and Comparisons

COMPARING FINANCIAL AID AWARDS

WE DO—YOU DO

- Use “Financial Aid Comparisons” worksheet to analyze and compare financial aid award letters.



ACTIVITY

- Determine out-of-pocket costs for each financial aid award.
- Discuss how student will finance all of year 1.
- Project what would be needed for year 2-4, consider loans if needed.

COLLEGE FIT COMPARISON

Adding Academic & Social Fit to the Decision



PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

- “College Fit Summary”
- “College Comparison Summary”

WRAP UP

SESSION EVALUATION

NEXT STEPS

- Select a college!
 - Inform Ocean Discovery of the college you selected.
- Request a financial aid consultation with Christina
- CAMP Checklist
 - Apply for the Educational Opportunity Program (**EOP**), or your campus's equivalent, including **summer bridge** opportunities.
 - Learn what YEAR-ROUND student support programs for first-gen, historically under-represented students exist on campus.
 - Register for **orientation** and determine if there is a cost involved.
 - Determine **housing** options (be aware of paperwork due).
- Upcoming scholarship deadlines:
 - PATHS – **April 15**
 - Hoover – due dates range from **April 22 – May 13**



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