

College Counseling for Grades 9-12: Recommended Book List

BOLD books can be found in the NCPA Counseling Office!

APPLICATION ESSAY

“Conquering the College Admissions Essay in 10 Steps” by Alan Gelb

“Personal Statement” by Jason Odell Williams

“On Writing the College Application Essay, 25th Anniversary Edition: The Key to Acceptance at the College of Your Choice” by Harry Bauld

“50 Successful Harvard Application Essays” by The Harvard Crimson Staff

PLANNING

“Countdown to College: 21 ‘To-Do’ Lists for High School” by Valerie Pierce with Cheryl Rilly

“The College Bound Organizer” by Anna Costaras and Gail Liss

“The Best Summer Programs for Teens” by Sandra L. Berger

KEEP CALM

“Chicken Soup for the Soul: Teens Talk Getting In...to College: 101 True Stories from Kids Who Have Lived Through It” by Jack Canfield

“The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens” by Sean Covey

“The Relaxation & Stress Reduction Workbook” by Martha David, PhD

ADMISSIONS

“8 First Choices” by Joyce Slayton Mitchell

“Admission Matters: What Students and Parents Need to Know About Getting Into College” by Sally P. Springer, Jon Reider and Marion R. Franck

“Where You Go Is Not Who You’ll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania” by Frank Bruni

“The College Admissions Mystique” by Bill Mayher

“Conquering the College Admissions Essay in 10 Steps” by Alan Gelb

THE COLLEGE SEARCH

“Colleges That Change Lives” by Loren Pope

“College Unbound: The Future of Higher Education and What It Means for Students” by Jeffrey J. Selingo

“Insider’s Guide to the Colleges” by The Yale Daily News

“Looking Beyond The Ivy League” by Loren Pope

The Princeton Review:

“The Complete Book of Colleges” (2014)

“The Best Value Colleges” (2014)

“The Best 378 Colleges” (2014)

College Board:

“Book of Majors” (2013)

“Book of Majors” (2014)

“International Student Handbook” (2014)

“College Handbook” (2014)

IAU: International Handbook of Universities (2013) Volumes 1-3

Peterson’s: “Four-Year Colleges” (2014)

Fiske: “Fiske Guide to Colleges” (2014)

COLLEGE BOUND!

“How to Survive Your Freshman Year” by Scott C. Silverman

“Campus Confidential: 100 Startling Things You Don’t Know About Canadian Universities” by Ken S. Coates and Bill Morrison

“The Naked Roommate: And 107 Other Issues You Might Run Into in College” by Harlan Cohen