

Manette Ansay

STANDOUTSTORYCOLLEGEADVISING.COM

Standout
Story
COLLEGE ADVISING

The Novel: Comprehensive College Planning & Application Support

9th or 10th Grade Start

\$5000, 4 payments

Sample Syllabus

Each college planning and application journey is unique. Advising cadences, time allocation, and emphasis will be adjusted according to the student's individual goals and needs, which may evolve over time. My role will be to guide the student while keeping things on track: documenting milestones, supporting interests, presenting opportunities, and advising throughout the process. This syllabus is a guide to topics we may focus on as well as a general roadmap of the time we will spend together.

9th/10th Curriculum

Meeting One: Comprehensive Intake Advising

- Transcript, test score, and activities assessment
- Exploration of interests & curiosities
- Initial college conversation

Meeting Two: Family Questionnaire Assessment

- Personal history assessment
- College planning and application roadmapping
- Referral to financial planner (as needed)
- Standardized test planning (as needed)

Meeting Three: Leadership Assessment

- Identification of potential leadership areas (unique to each student)
- Self-study, special interests
- Club, school & community involvement
- Potential for outreach and impact

Meeting Four: Summer Enrichment Planning

- Employment/pre-college applications
- Volunteer work and/or self-study
- Coursework and/or certificates
- Resume creation and review

Meeting Five: Intro to College Structure, Culture & Interdisciplinary Majors

- Assigned website exploration
- Virtual college visits (support & follow up)
- Exploration of programs and majors

Meeting Six: Support/Preparation for College Visits (local)

- Admissions correspondence and follow-up
- Resume/summer applications review
- Demonstrated interest support and follow-up

Meeting Seven: Family Meeting

- Preliminary college list & strategy conversation
- College visit roadmap for OOS colleges

Additional meetings as needed may focus on curriculum enrichment, academic support, college readiness, standardized testing, and target college alignment strategies.

Junior Year Curriculum

Our meeting cadence this academic year will emphasize increased academic rigor along with leadership (uniquely defined by each student) and impact. Students will be onboarded into College Planner Pro, which will be used for tracking tasks, additional college list research, analysis of admissions probability, and general deadline/project management.

Our focus as we enter spring semester junior year will be aligning the student's application story with target colleges and opportunities—while simultaneously adjusting those colleges and opportunities to best fit the student's strengths and interests, keeping academic, social and financial considerations in place.

Continued Leadership Development

- Deepening of student's most meaningful roles, self-study, special interests
- Stepping into club, school, community, spiritual leadership
- Documentation of quantifiable outreach and impact to date
- Legacy roadmapping and planning

Continued Academic Support

- Curriculum advising and enrichment
- Referrals to tutoring as needed
- Project and goal check-ins and check-ups
- College readiness support as needed

Senior Summer Enrichment Planning

- Passion project roadmapping
- Internship/employment/pre-college applications
- Volunteer work and/or self-study
- Additional coursework/research experience
- Resume update

College Application Preparation

- Social media clean-up
- LinkedIn Set-up (at 16)
- Preliminary Activities List
- Requesting meaningful letters of recommendation
- School guidance counselor engagement

Refinement of College List

- Exploration of Mission Statements and IPs
- Consideration of FAFSA vs CSS schools
- Merit aid, additional aid models
- Honors colleges, co-op, and capstones

Introduction to the Common Application

- Development of Activities List
- Personalized writing prompts and "sprints"
- Close readings of successful essays

Senior Summer Curriculum

The focus of our summer curriculum will be to complete all applications ahead of the date to be determined during our Family Meeting. Families are encouraged to support the student's application process by respecting time set aside for applications (i.e. no spontaneous vacations or overnight guests, reduction of chores, etc.)

Family Meeting

- Finalization of college list
- Application strategy conversation
- College and financial aid application schedule
- Demonstrated interest/admissions correspondence support

Common Application Support Meetings

- Revision & finalization of activities (holding final stats until submission)
- Personal essay brainstorming and drafting
 - Review of revision(s) with written feedback
- Community Disruption Section (when relevant)
- Additional Information section
- Key supplemental essays
 - Brainstorming, review of drafts and revisions
 - Review of Institutional Priorities/Mission Statements
 - Targeted research support
- Understanding SCOIR
- Nudge/follow-up on FAFSA and CSS forms

Introduction to the University of California Application

- Activities list review
- Brainstorming and drafting of Personal Insight Prompts
 - Review of revision(s) with written feedback
- Assistance with "stealth" essays

Honors college/scholarship application and essay support

Fall Senior Curriculum

Early Action deadlines start in October. By September 1st, the student's applications will be drafted and, in most cases, submitted. Some students may choose to hold applications while waiting for free application days or specific outcomes that could be advantageous, such as standardized test scores, competition results, club elections, etc. We will discuss these options to determine what will result in the strongest application.

Remaining package hours may focus on:

- Additional scholarship applications
- Invited Honors College application support
- Additional program and major advising
- Additional college visit support
- Additional Demonstrated Interest and Admissions correspondence support
- Mock interviews/interview preparation
- Waitlist strategies/ review of LOCI
- Offer Negotiation Support
- Assistance with final decisions

The Novel package is capped at 35 hours of the advisor's time. This cap is to encourage student accountability while minimizing the cost of this package. It also discourages last-minute additions of colleges and/or types of applications that result in time-crunches and stress. At the beginning of senior summer, at our family meeting, college lists are finalized, and the number and type of applications are set.

All Novel students receive, during fall of their senior year, free passes to Manette's weekly Virtual Office Hours, currently available on Mondays from August 1- Sept 30, 4:00-6:00 PM, and capped at 12 participants.

Additional hours, if needed, are available for purchase in 5 hour blocks for \$750.