

Coaches' Letter to Streamliner Aquatic Parents:

Please be involved in the Process!

Dear Streamliner Aquatics Parent,

You and your child have embarked on a journey through four years of high school. It is an expedition full of twists and turns and if your final destination is college admissions, it is best to begin this journey knowing what to expect en route.

The college admission process doesn't start in the fall of your child's senior year. For many kids, it begins when they walk into class on the first day of school their freshman year. The classes they choose, the activities they participate in, the grades they receive, and their participation in sports will all be a part of their college application. Along the way, many factors may need to be considered. The ultimate decision should be a family decision made in conjunction with the coaches (if your child is swimming in college). Hopefully, this guide will help you and your child be more prepared for the admission's process when their senior year arrives.

This letter is addressed to you, the swimmer's parents, because you need to be a part of this process. Choosing a college will be one of the most important decisions of your child's young life and he/she will need your guidance. Not only will your child be choosing a college to attend, but they will also be selecting the city or area they will be living in for four to five years! In addition, this choice may have an affect on the job and career path that your child pursues after college. And when those applications start coming in with their Part I's and Part II's and letters from coaches, and essays and teacher recommendations, and various deadlines, (all this on top of intense school work, SAT's, ACT's, and the normal swim schedule), they will also need a secretary, a counselor, and a friend – YOU!

College application time is both exciting and stressful. You as parents can share in the excitement, and perhaps, help ease some of the stress. You must understand the big picture, your role (see "The Parents' Role"), your coaches' role, and the steps that need to be completed along the way.

Best of Luck!

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