

Please return to Mrs. Vuong ASAP. This information will be used for academic conferences this Spring.

## Parent Insights

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

*I. One of the most important responsibilities of the college counselor is submitting well-written, insightful letters of recommendation for seniors. These reports will show each student in as full and as favorable light as possible. To aid in completing these reports, please take time to candidly respond to questions below. Your insight from the "home front" can really lend substance and life to any description of your child's personality and character.*

*On a separate piece of paper, please write a recommendation for your senior. Please note any examples of leadership, commitment, talent, etc., that set your child apart from other applicants. Also, where appropriate, please note any special circumstance that may have affected your child's performance in high school. Specific anecdotes are particularly helpful. Perhaps the following questions will help prompt some thoughts as you construct your letter. Thank you for the time and effort that you invested in this.*

- ❖ Describe one incident that illustrates a quality in your child which you are most proud.
- ❖ Choose two or three adjectives to describe your child and give one specific anecdote to support each adjective.
- ❖ Describe personal interests that may not otherwise be reported, i.e., avid interest in reading outside of school, athletic abilities, community service, etc., that gives us a clearer picture of your child's character.
- ❖ Assess your child's strength and weaknesses.
- ❖ Write a letter to your child's kindergarten teacher in which you describe all the changes he or she has undergone over the years.
- ❖ Are there any special considerations, which will affect the decision where your child applies to college (cost, distance from home, challenging academic environment, per-professional programs, athletics, etc.)?

### Adjective List

able	courageous	industrious	precise
accepting	creative	innovative	principled
adaptable	cynical	intense	progressive
ambitious	dependable	involved	questioning
assertive	determined	kind	quiet
brave	disciplined	liberal	rational
calm	earnest	logical	realistic
capable	efficient	loving	reasonable
carefree	energetic	mature	reflective
caring	fair	modest	reliable
cheerful	friendly	naïve	religious
clever	generous	observant	reserved
compassionate	giving	organized	responsible
competitive	happy	patient	self-accepting
complex	helpful	perceptive	self-conscious
conscientious	honorable	perfectionist	sensible
conservative	idealistic	persuasive	sensitive
confident	imaginative	playful	serious
conforming	independent	pragmatic	shy

II. *We are interested in knowing about any preferences you may have regarding college choice.*

What three characteristics do you hope your child's college or university will offer?

What three things do you hope your child gains from his/her college experience?

Please list the colleges which you have a preliminary interest:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

YES NO We would like to represent our Alma mater if you need a representative to speak about a college that we attended. Please indicate college(s)/university(ies): \_\_\_\_\_

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YES NO We would like to attend field trips to college fairs or help with any university tours throughout the school year.