

# ACM Counselor Institute & Luncheon

Friday, January 30, 2015

## **HOLISTIC ADMISSIONS CHEAT SHEET**

### **ACADEMIC RECORD & CURRICULUM QUALITY**

- GPA
- Credit hours/distribution of coursework
- Rigor
- Grade trends

### **TEST SCORES**

- Within range of high school
- Within range of prospective college
- Improvement or fluctuations in multiple tests

### **ESSAY/WRITING**

- Style: vocabulary, rhetoric, grammar, punctuation, spelling
- Story: interesting, insightful

### **EXTRACURRICULARS**

- Clubs, hobbies, community service, household responsibilities, etc.
- Applicable skill sets learned
- Continuity

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Additional academic, extracurricular, and personal insight

### **“FIT”**

- Demonstrated interest
- Interview notes
- Interests and passions align with college/university
- Other “special” qualities