



COACHING FOR COLLEGE e-Tip Sheet for parents who have a student preparing for college

The Envelope...please - February

I'm reminded of Bert Parks...remember the Miss America Pageants of yesteryear. There were winners, losers, and the runners-up. Yes, those famous words of his..."the envelope please" contained the words that brought a wave of emotion and we all held our breath. As he opened the envelope, a rollercoaster of gasps and emotion moved across the stage, through the audience, and the television viewers. He opened each envelope one by one and produced the name of each runner-up. Then, the final envelope ended the suspense. A wave of expressions included smiles, tears, shock, elation, and gratitude. In the end, some earned a scholarship, recognition, roses, but there was only one crown. Though one Miss America was crowned, all the participants had experienced the journey of the competition. The journey has a lot to teach us about life, competition, tenacity, doing our best, acceptance, and moving on. In a sense, college acceptance is something like a beauty pageant. The students are critiqued, rated, and judged. They put forth their best test scores, a well-written essay, favorable letters of recommendation, their earned GPA, their record of leadership, extracurriculars, and volunteerism. And now, "the envelope please."

The Envelope in Your Mailbox

How are you doing at your house as you check the mail for "the envelope?"
How are you dealing with the result of a big envelope or the small envelope?
What do you need as you support your son or daughter who receives the envelope?

Our mailbox had a few of both envelopes, recently. After returning home from spring break, there were envelopes in the mailbox. Yes, our senior students are a bit on pins and needles lately. After the period of waiting...getting the results can also be a time of anxiety.

YES...NO...WAIT LISTED

It is easy for your son or daughter to lament, cry, be angry, and confused over what happened when reading the letter of rejection from the admissions office. On the other hand, getting a letter of acceptance can send the student to the moon and back as he or she jumps for joy. The excitement and adrenalin of the word "yes, we want to welcome you" can send the student on a new high, a place of dreams, adventure, new friends, new experiences, new learning, it's just...WOW! The word "yes" can also bring about the feeling of I knew it, big deal, it's all right...kind of a flat response. Some will get a letter that says, "wait listed." That can throw everything back into limbo and more

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waiting. Let's face it, students want to get this process completed so they can move on and start making plans for the future.

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