

PTA MEETING 5/11/2021 6:30pm

Tonight, we will hold elections of the executive Board for next year: 2021-2022

Here is the slate for the 2021-2022 PTA & SLT:

Co-Presidents: Eileen Braun & Maura Liconte

Co-VPs: Beth Kufeld, Amy Goldstein, Sandra Fontenla

Co-Communications Secretaries: Mariella Salazar & Annie Howell

Recording Secretary: Layla Shaar- son 10th grade

Treasurer: Autumn Zobrist

SLT: Colleen Franchesini- current 10th grader - other daughter graduated Baruch in 2018 was on PTA as co vice president

It was an uncontested election, and all the above were elected.

Topic for tonight: What you wish you would have known about the College Process

We will hear from parents with current seniors or who have been through the process

Suzanne

Son Noah is Sr. He will be going to Elon University this fall. Older son at USC graduating this year. Different kids going to different schools. Process was different for them, along with COVID playing role. Older son knew exactly what he wanted- applied to 10 schools all big.

All about how you present the student and figure how to do that. They want to know who you are- through the essays. This year, applied to 15 or more schools because there was so much uncertainty this year and they were more nervous with more competition.

Kelley

Ended up in August narrowing down to Brown and UPenn for gymnastics- sports commitment

First thing- do not panic just plan and understand the timing! Have conversation with your child early.

Start working on Common App this summer and some of supplemental questions. It is a lot of work and takes the time.

Visit schools if you can. Early decision – you are committed but if you know, it the best thing.

Early action- not binding so recommended to do that so you have some decisions early with options.

Virtual tours – showing interest early and soon.

Do not focus on other people- stories from others and their results- it can drive you crazy you never know the whole story or what goes into the decision-making process.

Some students have financial consideration, so they are not able to apply Early Decision. SUNY best options for financial reason. Complete FAFSA- financial aid and give you what your expected family contribution should be.

Schools that meet full financial need- you can google. If you have student on high end of stats you will get merit. Some schools give it regardless of you are above the statistics. Common data- can look at the SAT scores and see where you fall within that range. Important to work on this during summer- common app - Supplemental essays take a lot of time.

How many schools did you apply to?

Linda-15 schools to have variety. Wanted to be at a school we can afford. Essays are lot and turn off for the kids but better to be safe than sorry. Its manageable if you take time and spread out. I regret not doing Early Action if the schools have it- you get notification earlier and puts you at ease.

Early action by Nov 15- application due

Michigan and Tulane deferred a lot of kids from Early Action into regular decision this year so many more applications

Because you did not have to send test scores so many schools had many more applications.

Test optional- best to submit good score but if you do not have score at or better than school mean then you shouldn't submit.

Students must follow Baruch's college office strict timeline for when Baruch has to fill out or send information. Make sure your student knows the proper timeline

Should have had one on one with college counselors in Junior year. They will help you think about majors and what type of schools – to help you generate your college list.

We have schools come and speak to our students Jr year to get to know the schools better. – this year we did by zoom

Started college elective class-

Hard for 2 counselors to manage all the seniors and we started college elective class – Jrs started this spring.

Look at different colleges- what are you interests; do you want to go away or stay home? Baruch has partnered with a company called Prompt- they do college essays and students had 3 sessions on how to write your college essay. They are writing it now and will send to the Prompt people and they will send feedback to enable them to work on it this summer. Ms. Ross will continue to help students that still need help with essay. How to ask for teacher recommendations- that will be next lesson for college elective

Colleges like to see a job that you get paid for during in summer. Show you can be responsible.

Hard to find jobs. Or volunteer – do not spend whole summer during Sat work and essays

You don't need to do so many extracurricular activities but if you are president or actively involved that helps.

Get involved in something you are passionate about. Essays want to see honestly- and do not have to be written about amazing accomplishments.