Applying to College

ELeVATE | College application & Personal statement Workshop
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Why go to college

• A college graduate will earn an average of $368 more a week than a high school graduate – that’s $20,000 more a year
• A college degree increases your chances of employment by nearly 50%.
• A college degree will continue to grow in value
  – in 10 years there will be an estimated 19 million more jobs for educated workers than there are qualified people to fill them
• You’ll be more likely to live the way you’ve always dreamed
  – Education is linked to a higher standard of living

• Median incomes
  – Male, high school diploma only: $32,000
  – Male, bachelor’s degree: $55,000
Tips for Veterans

• Take the CLEP
  – College Level Examination Program
  – Series of exams to test knowledge learned through military experience
  – Cost of a CLEP exam is fractional compared to the cost of tuition and fees
  – Could assist in skipping general introductory courses, general education classes or could even demonstrate your ability in a foreign language

• University of Pittsburgh
  – Address: 5th Avenue & Bigelow Blvd. G35 CL
  – Phone: (412) 624-7012
The “Perfect” Essay Is the Wrong Essay

“The purpose of the essay is to help the admissions committee fully understand the potential difference you can make in the class and how your background and experience will move the campus community forward.”

Douglas Christiansen, vice provost for enrollment and dean of admissions, Vanderbilt University
Personal statement

• Don’t over think it

• Write what you know

• What is important and meaningful to you

• Keep it brief – try to limit to 500 words

• Use your own language

• Avoid trying to include a statement like, "and that's why I want to go to ________ College."

• Proof read and/or have a stranger critique it
Apply to Pitt

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ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

Application for Admission

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Personal Data

Social Security Number

Required fields are signified by *

Please enter your Social Security Number (SSN) here if you plan to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to be considered for financial aid. This field is optional, but if you do not complete it, the processing of your financial aid application may be delayed. Your SSN will be kept secure and you will be assigned a University of Pittsburgh student number for all other purposes.

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“Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.”

— Nelson Mandela