EqOpTech
College Talk &
Q&A Students
Panel
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Schedule
2:00 - 2:45 PM → Kalven’s Talk
2:45 - 3:30 PM → Student Panel and Q&A
What are we Getting Ourselves Into?
1. Crafting Your Story

What does *that* mean?
Crafting Your Personalized Experience

★ Students have a limited opportunity to show why you should be offered admission versus others

★ It is a very difficult competition that takes years to succeed in

★ Share your experiences and distinguish yourself so that others can see the potential you have within their school environment
Boundaries of Your Story

★ University of California: (4) 350-Word Essays
★ Common Application: (1) 650 Words
★ Majority of Competitive Schools: (1-3) Essays 100-700 words per Essay
★ 5-25+ Prompts
What Do Colleges Love to Hear

Ideal Situations for Everyone
Many students join too many clubs and are not specialized.

**Successful applicants** commit to a handful of organizations, volunteer heavily for a few select causes. How many successful leaders actively operate multiple? Success comes from specialization.
Show Off Your Skills and Accomplishments

How you get things done when they were not on schedule or as planned?

What skills have developed over years of practice and learning

A passion you have that has been growing as you learn more about it

Illustrate the most exciting things you have done!
Not many students are Presidents of a Club, National Champion, State Champion, or even local Champion.

Taking a calculated risk means that you commit to an activity. In three years, you will be very good at that activity if you are dedicated.
Making the Most of Your Time and Sharing Wisdom

- Participate in a handful or so clubs
- Get your feet wet with different subjects
- Pursue what you enjoy working on
- Share with younger students what you enjoyed, didn’t enjoy, and things you would do differently
Developing Lifelong Skills

★ Learn about something, anything!
★ Working with others
★ Working diligently
★ Cooperating to achieve synergy
Value of Talking About Myself

Identify what you do best, and focus on that activity.

A great team has many specialized team members that excel

Communicating complex ideas quickly

A great team communicates quickly and effectively to get points across
Writing the Essays
A Beginning Strategy
What is Written in Application Essays

★ My Experiences in A, B, and C
★ What I would like to pursue in college
★ What I do to help others
★ What is a problem I have solved
Unique College Prompts

★ Write an Essay on an Interview with an Alumni
★ What is a recent Book you have read?
★ Write a Letter to your Future Roommate
★ “I have no special talent,” Albert Einstein once observed. “I am only passionately curious.” Celebrate your curiosity.
Narrative Flair that Sparks the Mind

V: Vivid - Makes a reader sense a student’s is illustration
I: Interesting - Keeps the reader interested in your story
V: “Very”
I: Informative - 650 words means 650 words, inform as much as possible
D: Descriptions - Describe all plans, emotions, results, and experiences
Writing Timeline

UC Essays are an excellent way of beginning the process

Common/Coalition Application

Supplementary Essays
Don’t Forget!

The Details that Matter
Social & Media Skills

- No news is good news when it comes to social media
- Some students delete or deactivate social media accounts to avoid scrutiny
- Have a LinkedIn Page, where professionals connect
- Be friends with teachers; give them positive experiences to write about
When to Apply

- Early Decision is Binding
- Early Action is Not Binding
- Regular Decision
Thanks for being a great audience!
A special thank you to EqOpTech for providing a platform to share our passions. I am so appreciative of their hospitality and help!

Also, a thank you to the students that dedicate their time for personal and social progress; sharing your stories is the best part of college applications!
How to Get Your Questions Answered

For any questions, please, e-mail:

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Thank You!