



# **TOP TIPS FROM COLLEGE ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS**



WHEN AN APPLICATION INDICATES A WORD  
LIMIT, STICK TO IT.



# TRY NOT TO SET YOUR HEART ON A SINGLE SCHOOL

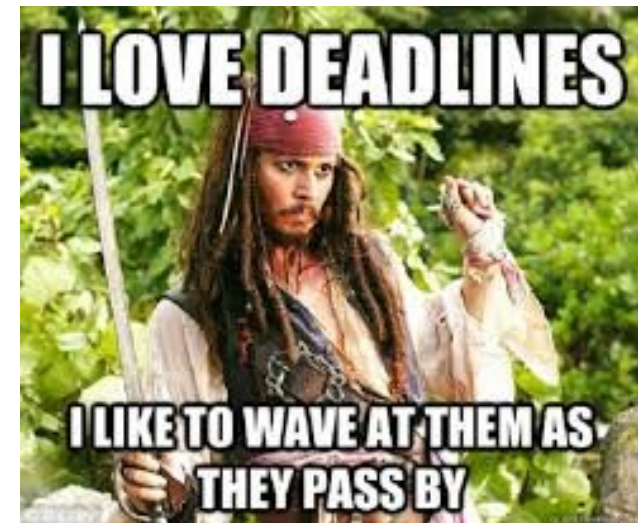
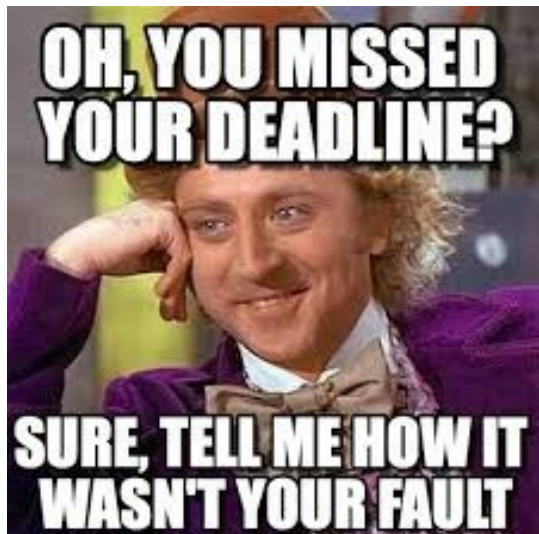
- ❖ Find a range of schools where you could be happy
- ❖ Picking schools is stressful
- ❖ Getting rejected from a school you have come to love can be painful
- ❖ But always keep in mind...

**NOT EVERY PLACE  
YOU FIT IN  
IS WHERE YOU  
BELONG.**



# DEADLINES ARE DEADLINES, NOT SUGGESTIONS

- ❖ Plan your time well
- ❖ High school counselors don't make these dates up, the colleges do
- ❖ Don't come to your counselor hoping to negotiate...they are just the messenger 😊



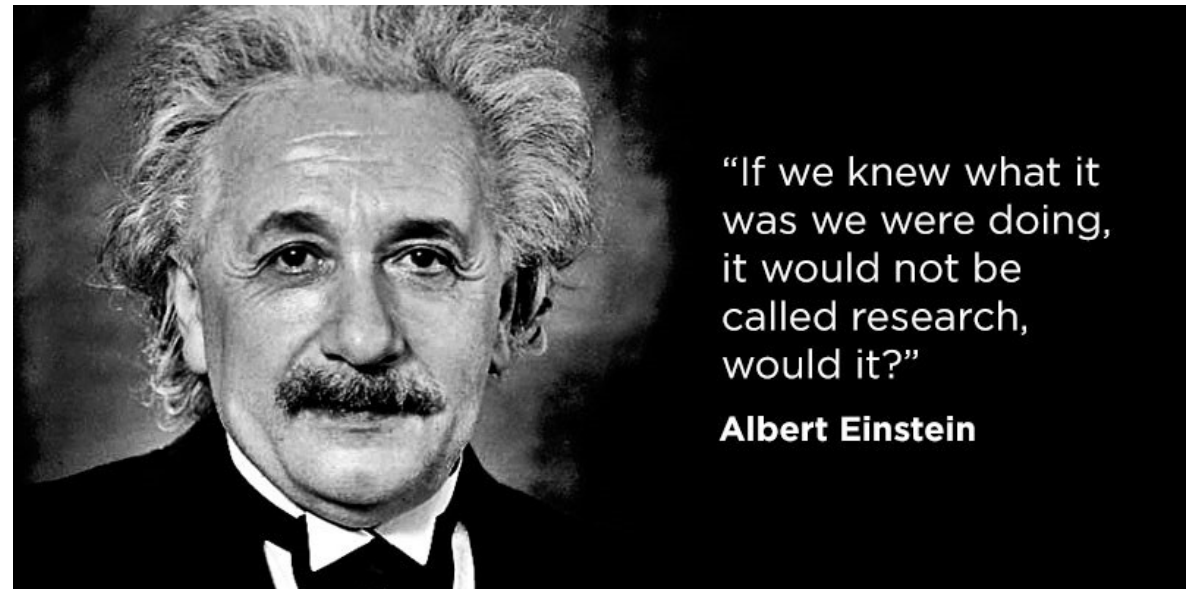
# REMEMBER YOUR MANNERS

❖ Remember that you are making a first impression with every:



# RESEARCH AND VISIT

- ❖ This does not mean simply going to a single information session or reading an online ranking—dig deep and find all of the available information on a school
- ❖ Try not to dash from campus to campus on a whirlwind college tour—take time to really explore the campus
- ❖ Don't pick a college for a single major...  
80% of graduates changed their major from what they envisioned in high school!!



# BE AUTHENTIC

- ❖ Colleges want to know who you REALLY are
- ❖ Not what you THINK they want you to be
- ❖ Convey what really matters to you in your life
- ❖ Colleges can see right through lies

Authenticity  
is the  
daily practice  
of letting go of who we  
think we're supposed to be  
and embracing  
who we are.

~Brene Brown