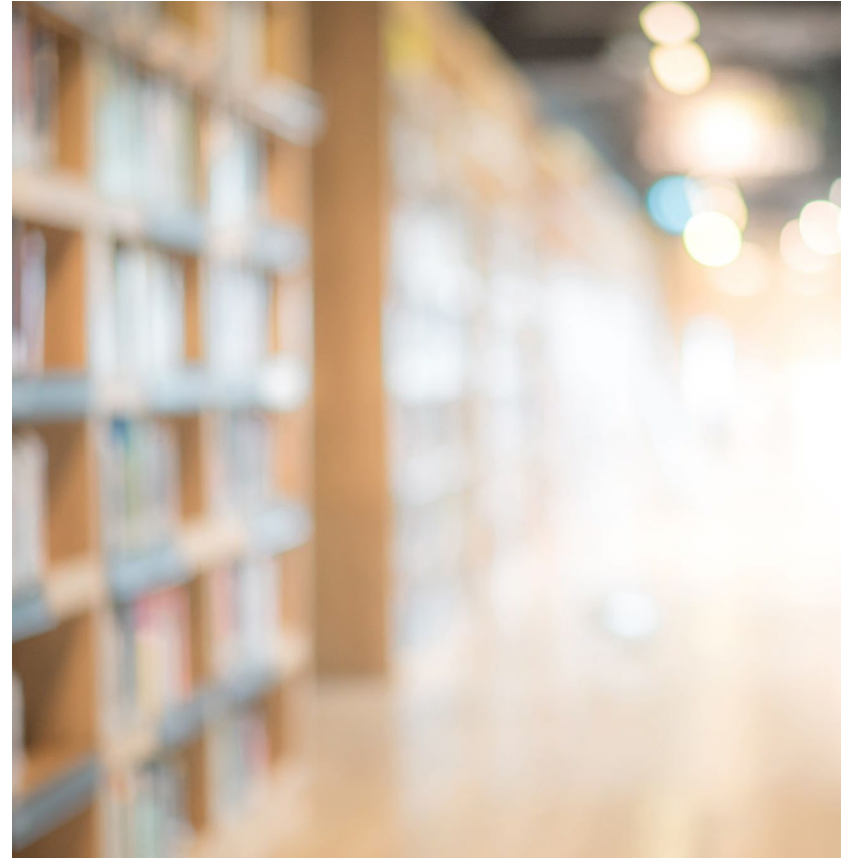


Pine View College Planning Overview 2023-24

- *Resources*
 - Pine View College website
 - October College Newsletter
 - *Naviance* – Resources
- *Introduction to College Planning*
 - *Guiding Principles*
 - *Factors in College Admission*
 - *The Search - Know Thyself and The Five "P"s*
 - *Building a Balanced List*
 - *Florida Public Universities*



College Research - Guiding Principles

- Know thyself
- The goal should be "best fit," not "best name"
- Be careful to not overvalue or undervalue a college
- *Program, Place, People, Price, Priorities!*
- Best "fit" analysis *must* take Net Price into account
- Have "frank family discussions" about funding *before* selecting schools - "Hope is not a plan"
- Build a diversified, well balanced college list (Reach, Target, Likely)
- Use trusted resources to make well-informed, timely decisions (PVSCollegeCounseling.com and Naviance)
- Your list is *your* list. Do not listen to the "noise"
- Act with integrity

Factors in College Admission (Review!)

- Rigor of High School Coursework (Scheduling)
- Academic Performance - High School GPA (unweighted/weighted)
- Standardized Tests: SAT and/or ACT Scores (Test Optional policies - Florida publics will continue to require)

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- Extracurricular Activities (depth) – “Standout factor”
 - Community Service/Volunteer Work
 - Personal Statement - Main Essay and Supplements
 - Letters of Recommendation typically required by private colleges and some public (Teacher and Counselor) – Not Florida!

Program

Content

Programs and Majors
Distinctive Features
Honors Program
Dual Degree Programs
Co-ops and Internships
Study Abroad
Undergraduate Research

Learning Environment

Class Sizes and Student-Teacher Ratios
Faculty Access and Credentials
Living-Learning Communities
Service Learning
Leadership Development
Support Levels

Outcomes

Retention Rate
Graduation Rate
Jobs and Graduate School Placement
Loan Default Rate
Alumni Networking
ROI – Return on Investment

Place

- Public vs. private
- Size (campus size and student-body size)
- Location and distance from home or proximity to support (family)
- Climate, geography, physical surroundings
- Rural, suburban, or urban environment
- Bounded, distinct campus v. unbounded

People

- “Personality” of the school
- Student body background and diversity
- Academic profile of students
- Interaction between school and community
- Campus life - Activities and Organizations
 - Athletic/Political/Cultural/Service/Greek Life

Price!

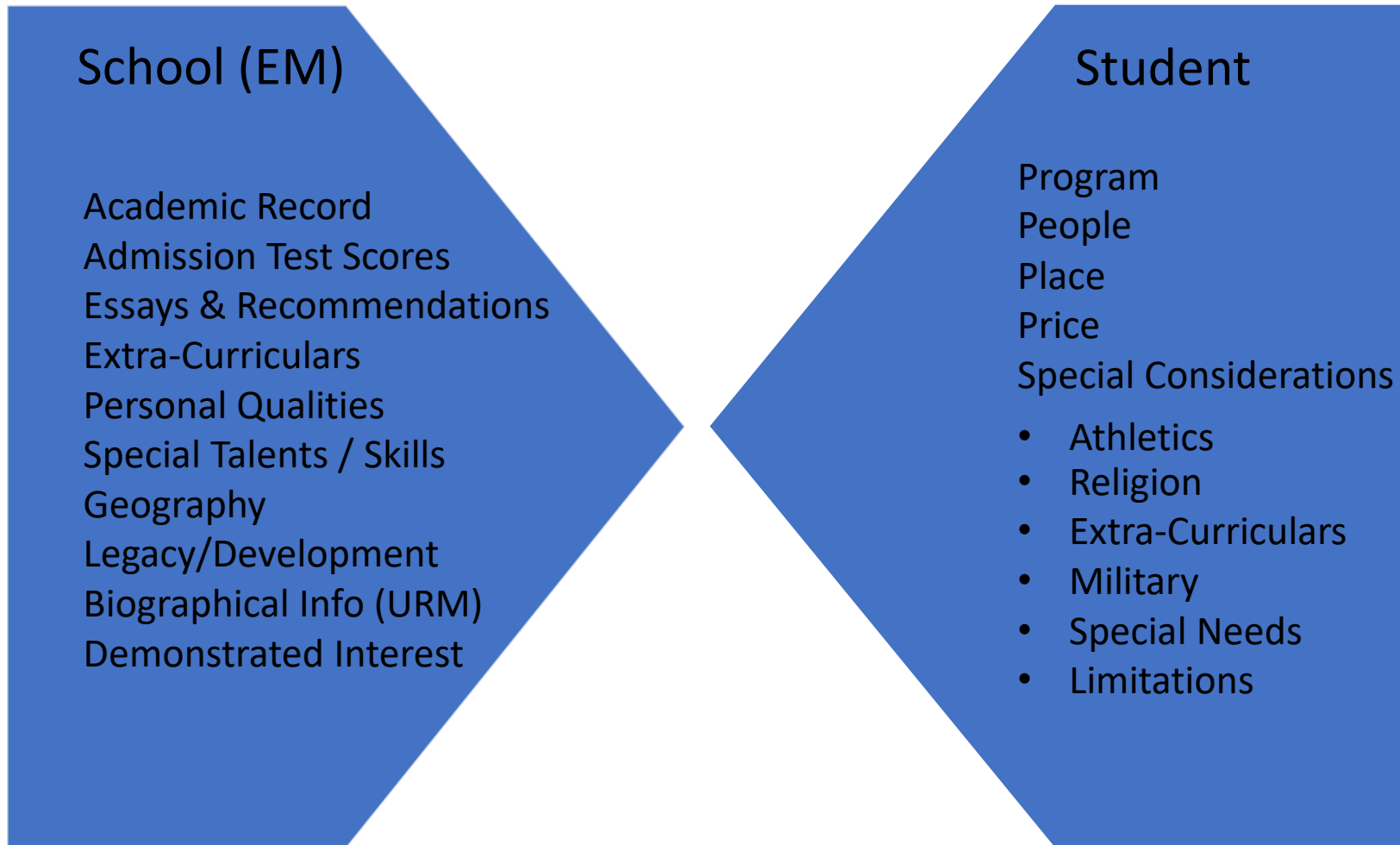
Know your financial situation - What are your Resources?

- Come up with a number your family can contribute
- Are you eligible for need and/or merit-based aid?
- Are you and/or your parents willing to take loans?
- Are you willing to be employed during school?
- Frank family discussions! "Hope is NOT a Plan"

Sticker Price vs. Price to You

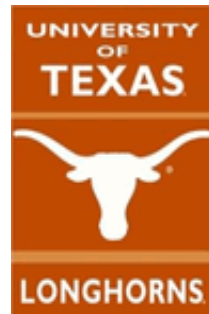
- College costs vary widely
- Total Cost of Attendance ("TCA") is Sticker Price
- Use of Net Price Calculators
- You are expected to contribute to extent able, rather than willing

The Optimal Fit - A Two-Sided Equation

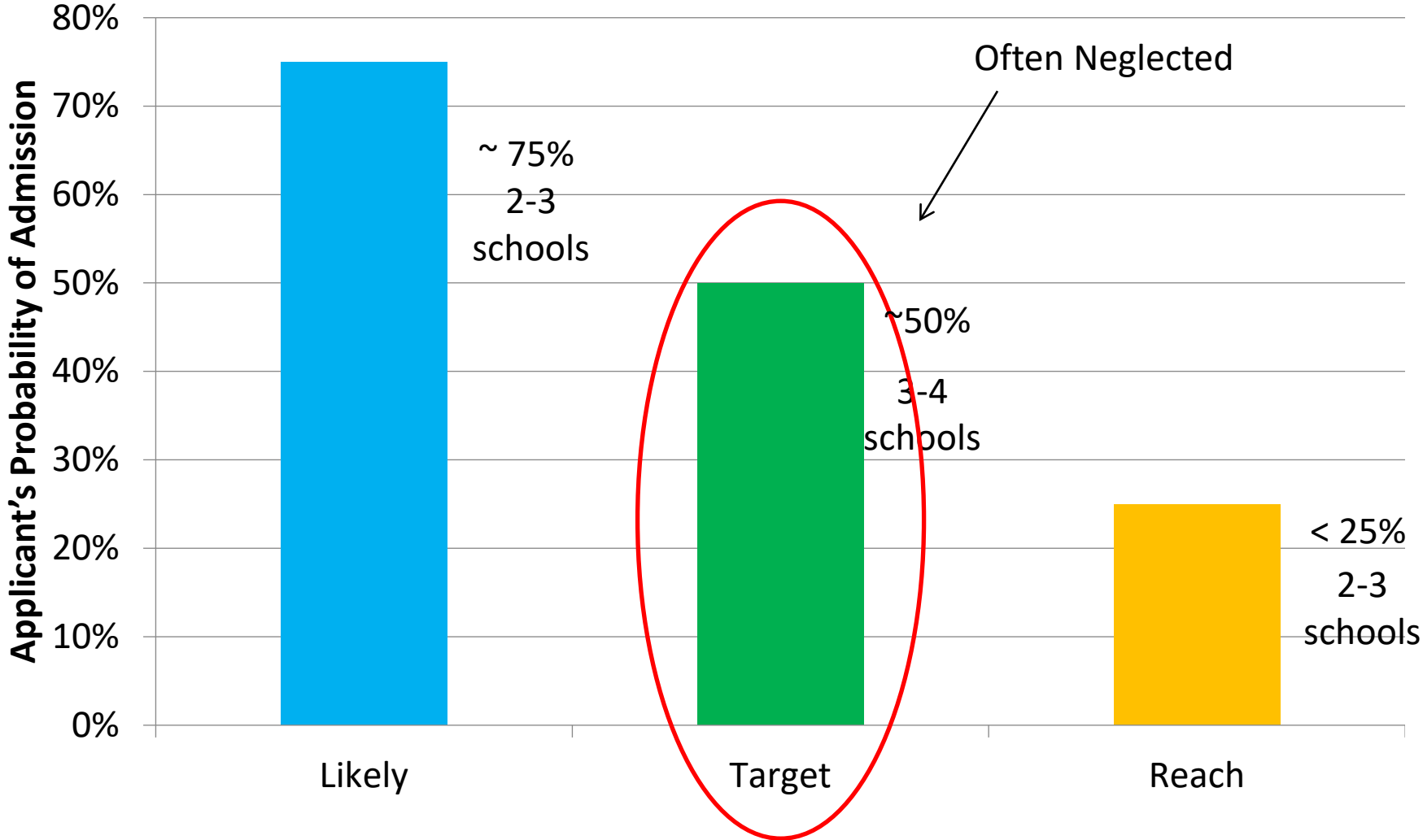


A *Balanced* List

- Reach Schools 2
- Target Schools 3-4
- Likely Schools 3



Goal: A Well-Balanced “Portfolio” of Schools



Florida Public Universities



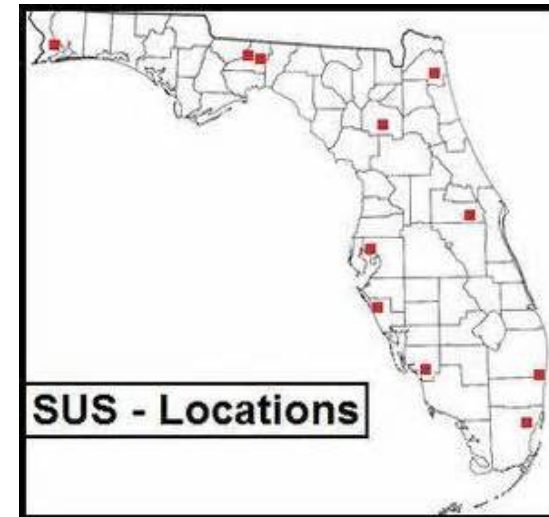
You are strongly encouraged to apply to one or more Florida public universities (and not just UF!)



Refer to the [SUS Matrix](#) and specific admissions information



Pay close attention to SUS timelines and requirements as changes may occur between now and Fall 2024



Costs & Financial Aid at State Public Universities

- Considerably lower costs v. out of state public/private universities
- Bright Futures - Top Scholars Award covers 100% of tuition. Lower-level Medallion Award covers 75% of tuition at in-state universities
- Most State Universities offer merit-based scholarships in addition to Bright Futures
- In-state publics accept *all* Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement credit up to 45 credit hours (1.5 years)

