

DEVELOP & REFINE YOUR COLLEGE APPS



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20 YEARS OF EMPOWERING LEARNERS



WHERE DO I START?

REFLECT ON THESE QUESTIONS

What am I interested in?

What am I passionate about?

What is important to me?

Where do I see myself in 5 years?



EXPLORE NAVIANCE



 College Home

Find Your fit

SuperMatch College Search

College Match

College Events

Scattergrams

Advanced College Search

College Lookup

Research Colleges

 Colleges I'm Thinking About

College Visits

College Compare

College Resources

Acceptance History

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College Maps

Apply to College

Colleges I'm Applying To

Manage Transcripts

Letters of Recommendation

Test Scores

Scholarships & Money

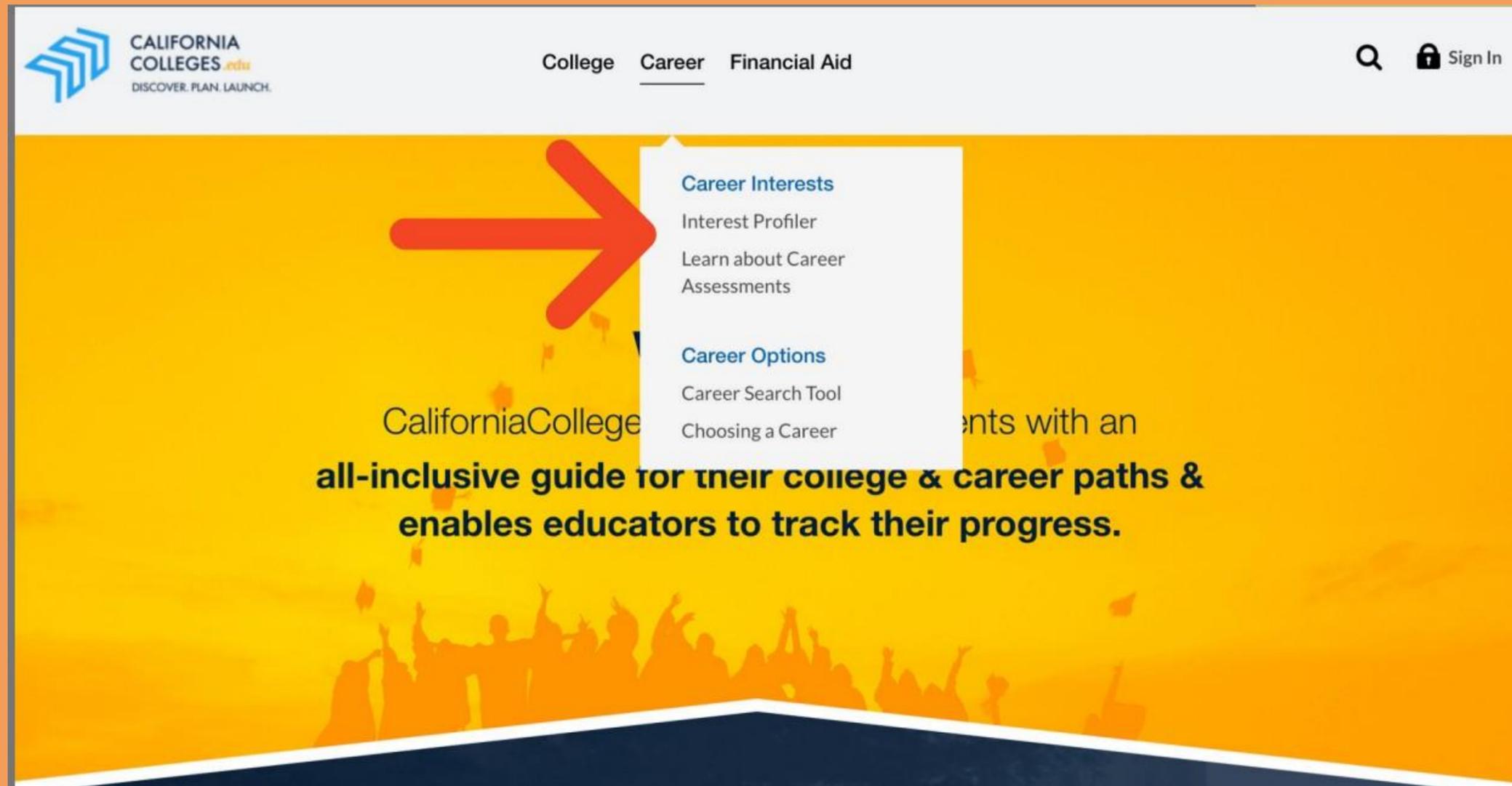
College-Specific Scholarships

National Scholarship Search

Scholarship Search

 Favorite Scholarships

VISIT CALIFORNIA COLLEGES.EDU

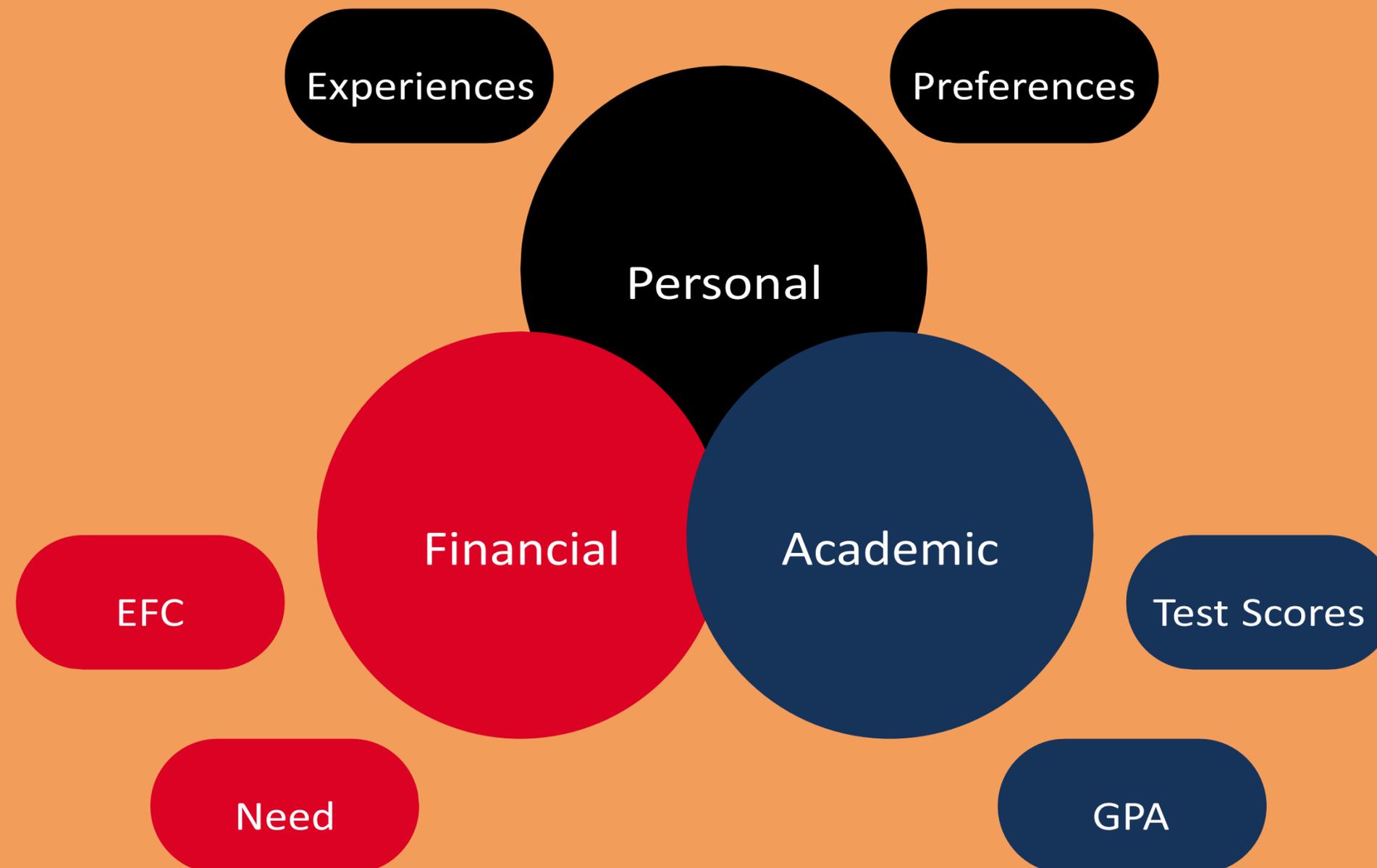


The screenshot shows the California Colleges website interface. At the top left is the logo for California Colleges.edu with the tagline "DISCOVER. PLAN. LAUNCH.". The navigation menu includes "College", "Career", and "Financial Aid", with "Career" being the active page. On the right side, there are search and sign-in icons. A large red arrow points to the "Career" dropdown menu, which is open and displays the following options:

- Career Interests
 - Interest Profiler
 - Learn about Career Assessments
- Career Options
 - Career Search Tool
 - Choosing a Career

Below the navigation, the main content area features a yellow background with silhouettes of graduates. The text reads: "CaliforniaCollege...ents with an **all-inclusive guide for their college & career paths & enables educators to track their progress.**"

CONSIDER YOUR “FIT” THROUGH 3 LENSES



GOOD QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

Financial

- How much am I and/or my family willing to spend?
- Do I or my parents have a college savings account?
- If so, how much are we able to use for each year of college?
- Am I planning to apply for scholarships? Do I currently have scholarships?
- Am I qualified for financial aid?

Personal

- What am I planning on doing for my career?
- What type of major fits my goals? Which schools offer this major? Do I want to join clubs, sports, organizations? Am I interested in Greek life? Do I want to attend a large school or a small school? Am I interested in going to another city, state, or country? What kind of weather do I prefer? What kind of culture am I looking for?
- What is my GPA?

Academic

- Have I taken the SAT/ACT? If so, what are my scores? Have I taken AP classes? If so, have I passed the AP exam(s)?

PLANNING TO GO TO COLLEGE... NOW

WHAT?

RESEARCH!
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What To Research:

- Identify priorities
 - Location, population/class size, areas of study
 - Social environment, housing, dining, extracurriculars, athletics
- Admission requirements and chances
 - GPA
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 - Test scores
 - School data
- On campus college visits

- Meet with college reps at College Fairs
- Cost/benefit-budget
- 2 Year vs. 4 Year
- Public vs. Private

HELPFUL RESOURCES

College Board Big Future

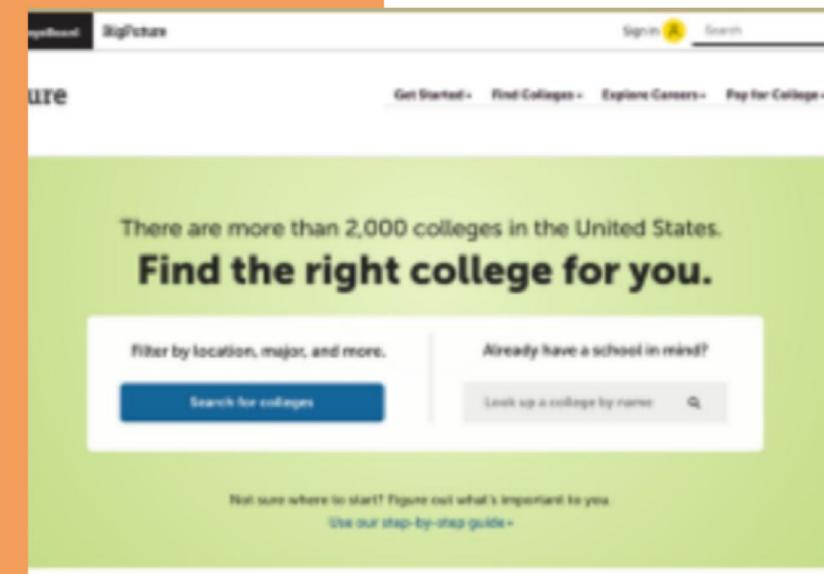
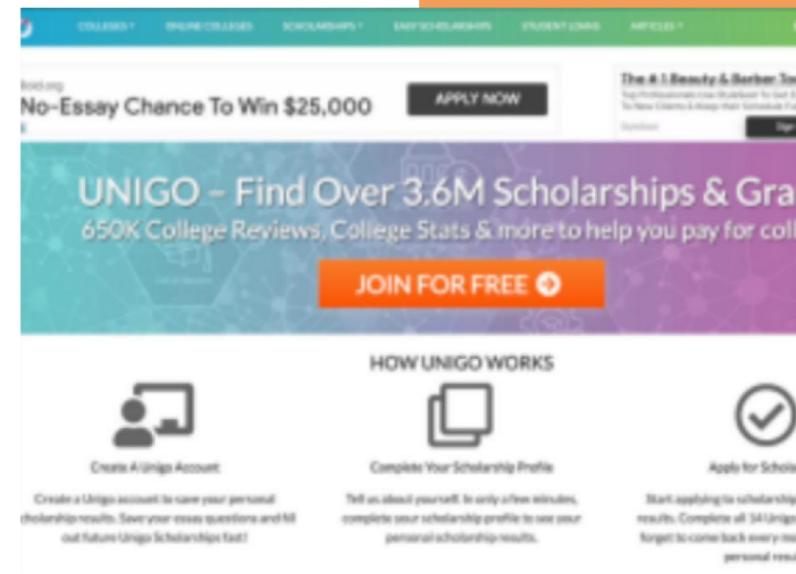
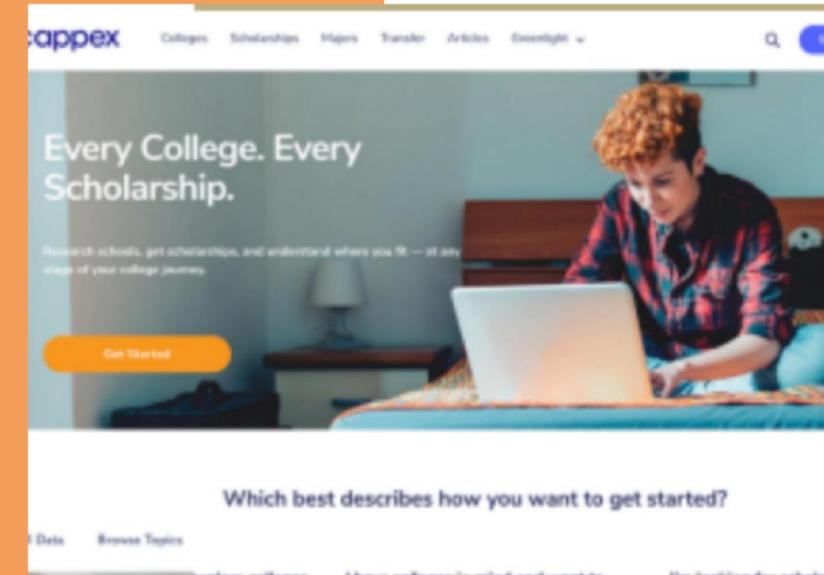
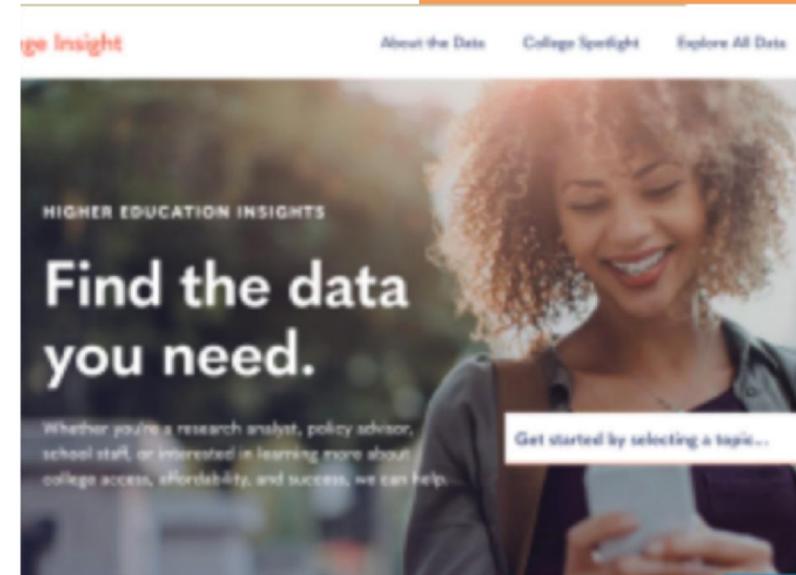
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College Insight

You can pick out the most relevant data & compare schools in the way that makes sense for you.



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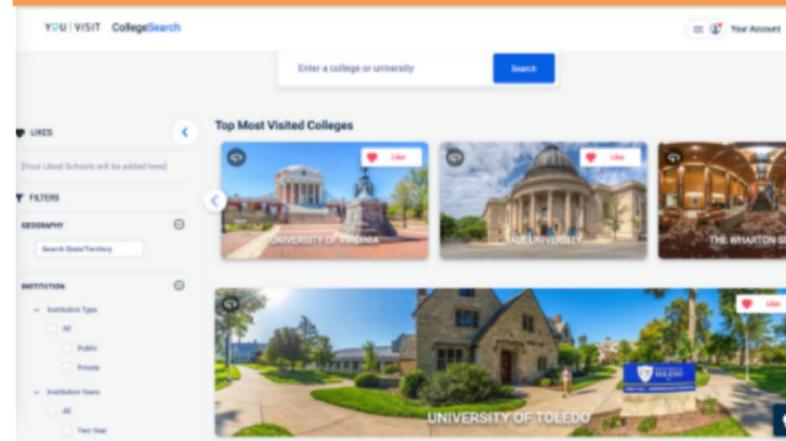
Instead of selecting filters, you'll answer questions through a BuzzFeed-style quiz. Then, Unigo will match you with colleges based on your responses.

VIRTUAL TOURS

10 Questions with UC Santa Cruz
First Year Students



You-Visit.com



Utah Admissions Virtual Tour



QUESTIONS TO ASK A



COLLEGE REP

- What • makes your college unique?
- What • academic programs is your college most known for?
- Are • fraternities and sororities a big part of campus life?
- What are • the housing options for freshmen?
- What are • the most popular clubs and activities?
- What's • the surrounding area like? Is it easy to get around?
- What are • the most popular majors?
- How • would you describe the academic pressure and workload?
- What • support services are available (academic advisers, tutors, etc.)? What's the
- faculty • like? How accessible are they outside of class? How would you describe the
- students • that go there? Where do most of them come from?
- What happens on weekends—are there things to do on campus or in town, or do most students go home?

ORGANIZE YOUR LIST

Safety Schools

- May also be called "likely" schools
- List schools that will be less challenging to get into
- May also be called

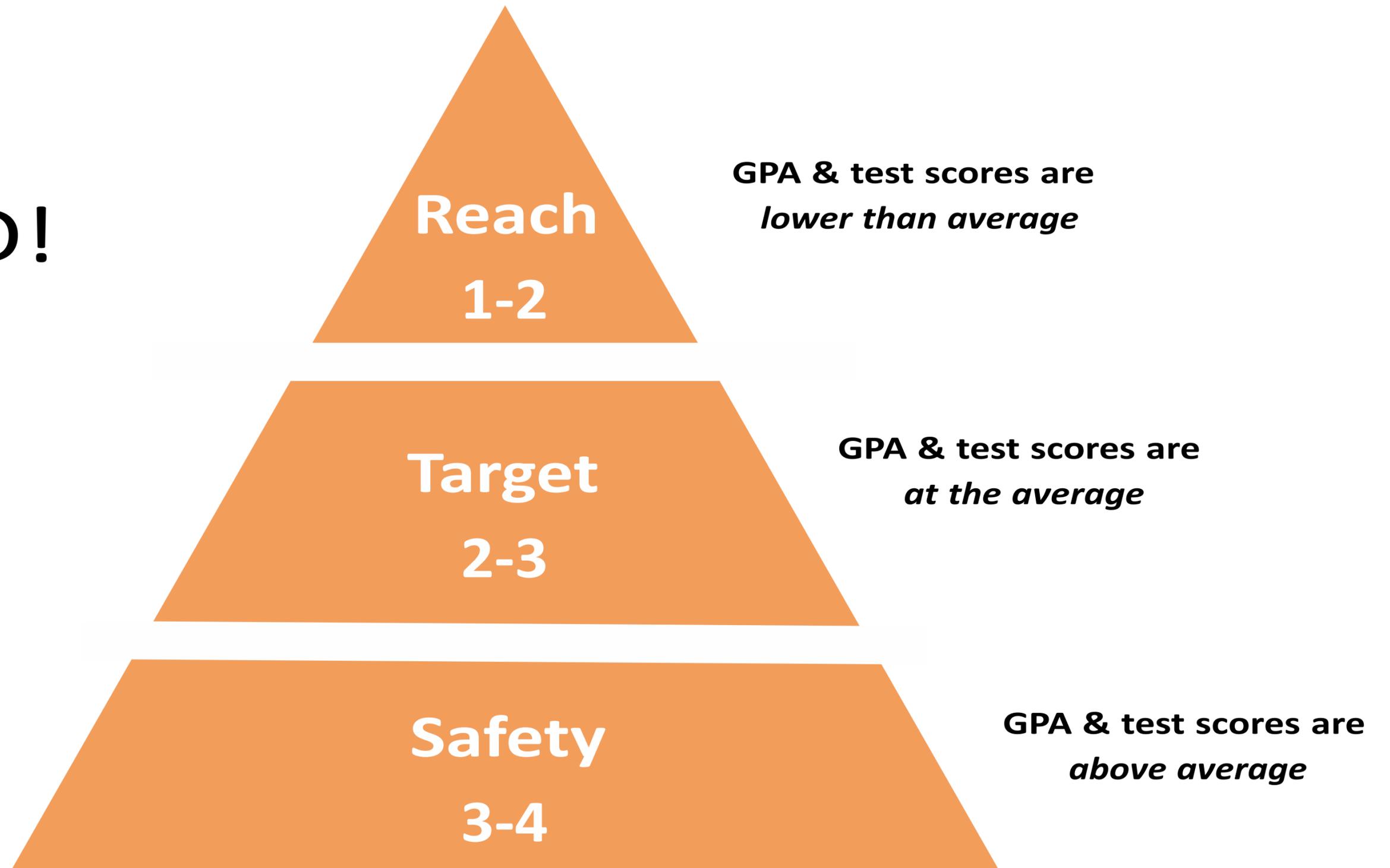
Target Schools

- "match" schools List schools that are about the right fit; not too easy, not too hard to get into
- May also be called

Reach Schools

- "dream" schools List schools that will be the most challenging to get into

STRIVE FOR THE PYRAMID!



Reach

Target

Safety

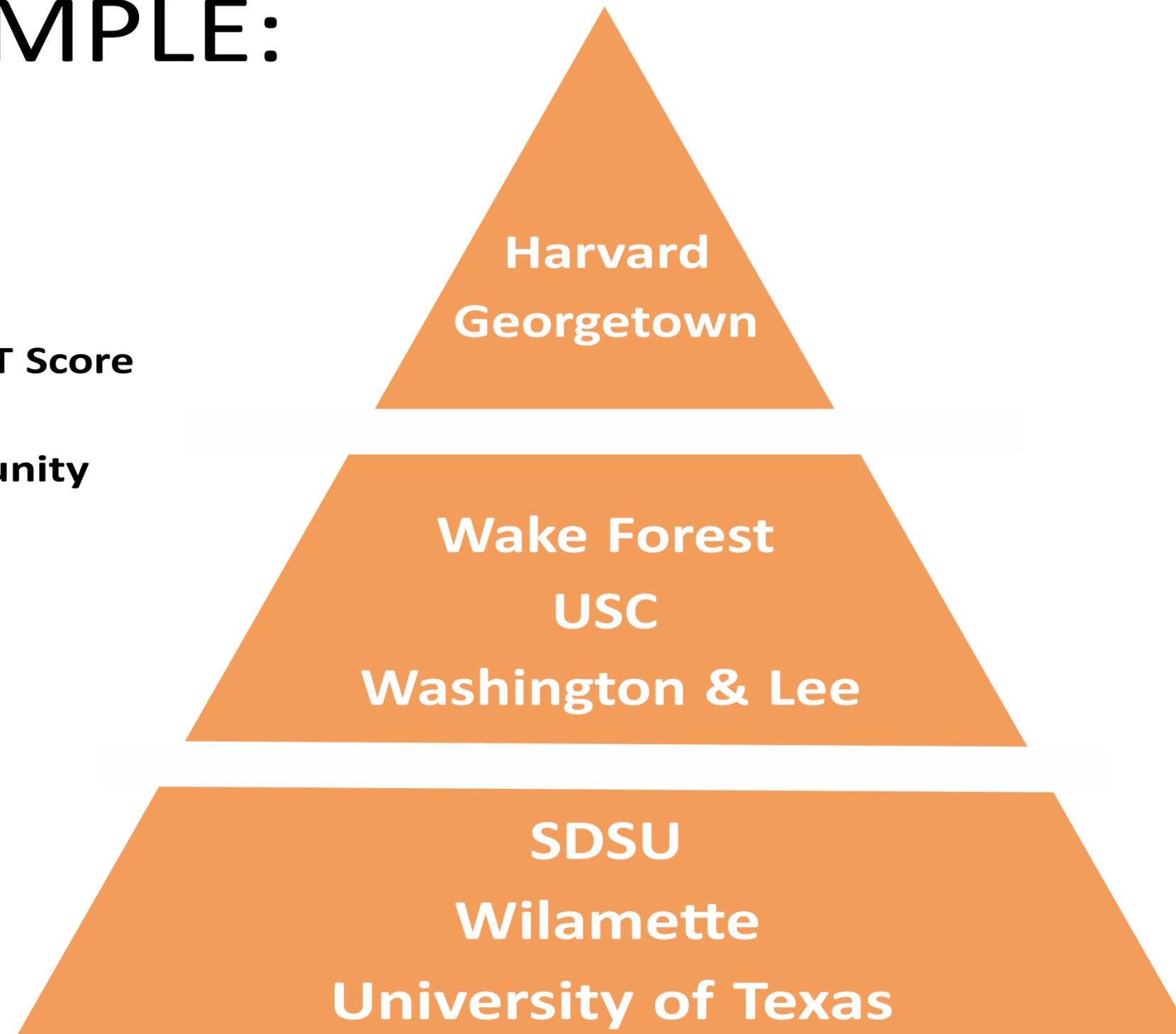
**Recipe for disappointment:
Too many "reach" schools & not
enough "safety" schools**

**TRY NOT TO
DO THIS...**

 **Love your safety schools!**

FOR EXAMPLE:

- **4.2 GPA**
- **Above Average ACT Score**
- **8 AP classes**
- **Significant Community Service and Club Involvement**
- **Stellar Letters of Recommendation**





THINGS TO CONSIDER & THINK ABOUT...

When planning to apply, consider more than a school's reputation:

- Is it really going to be a good fit for you? ● Does it have what you want/need for your success?
- Even if it's known as a great school, it might not be your best option
- Make sure to do your research!

EARLY ACTION VS. EARLY DECISION VS. RESTRICTED EARLY ACTION

Type		Binding?	Aspects
1	Early Decision	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obligated to enroll if accepted • Usually receive decision by mid-December • Can increase chances of acceptance-#1 choice • May be able to apply to other schools if non-binding • Must withdraw other applications if accepted
2	Early Action	✗	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not obligated to attend if accepted • Receive college decisions earlier • Apply to multiple schools • Let schools know in May
3	Restricted Early Action	✓ & ✗	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not obligated to attend if accepted • Receive college decision earlier • Can only apply to <u>one</u> school • Can increase chances of acceptance-#1 choice • Let school know in May

CSU ACCEPTANCE RATES

School	Acceptance Rate	Middle 50% SAT	Middle 50% ACT
CSU Bakersfield	85%	900-1080	16-22
CSU Channel Islands	93%	N/A	N/A
CSU Chico	85%	933-1198	20-28
CSU Dominguez Hills	90%	N/A	N/A
CSU East Bay	82%	N/A	N/A
CSU Fresno	97%	950-1130	16-22
CSU Fullerton	59%	930-1190	18-26.5
Cal Poly Humboldt	91%	1040-1160	21-24
CSU Long Beach	47%	N/A	N/A
CSU Los Angeles	91%	840-1040	15-21
Cal Maritime Academy	82%	N/A	N/A
CSU Monterey Bay	93%	1015-1263	20-28
CSU Northridge	88%	900-1110	16-22
Cal Poly Pomona	61%	N/A	N/A
CSU Sacramento	94%	880-1100	16-23.5
CSU San Bernardino	91%	910-1070	15-20
San Diego State University	38%	1130-1340	23-29
San Francisco State University	93%	N/A	N/A
San José State University	84%	1030-1310	20-31
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	33%	1260-1450	28-33
CSU San Marcos	93%	870-1100	17.5-25
Sonoma State University	94%	N/A	N/A
CSU Stanislaus	95%	N/A	N/A

UC ACCEPTANCE RATES

Campus	Applications	Admitted	Overall Rate
Berkeley	125,910	14,566	11.60%
Davis	94,635	39,601	41.80%
Irvine	121,095	31,181	25.7%
Los Angeles	145,904	12,779	8.80%
Merced	27,184	24,016	88.30%
Riverside	56,938	40,054	70.30%
San Diego	130,841	32,314	24.70%
Santa Barbara	110,876	30,914	27.90%
Santa Cruz	68,821	43,159	62.70%

COLLEGES IN THE U.S.





APPLICATION COSTS:

CSU: \$70 per campus

UC: \$80 per campus

Common App: \$30 - \$75

Send SAT Scores: \$12 per campus

Send ACT Scores: \$16 per campus

1. [JCS's Scholarship Spreadsheet](#)

2. Other Trustworthy Websites:

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