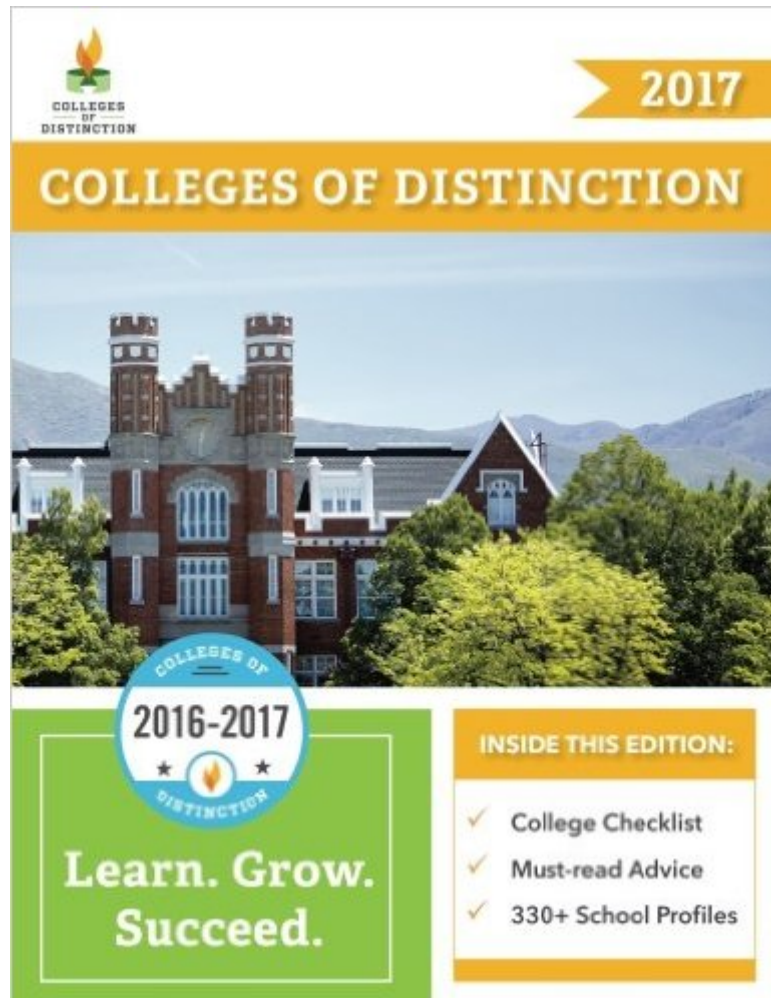


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# Colleges Of Distinction 2017



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Colleges of Distinction takes the stress out of the college selection process by offering high school juniors and seniors a road map for finding a college where they will flourish. The guide looks beyond rankings and reputations, encouraging the student to look at factors that will make a difference in his or her personal experience. Does the school emphasize great teaching for undergraduates? Are there ways for each student to get involved in organizations and activities outside of the classroom? Do students successfully complete their degrees there, and are they satisfied with their experiences? The guide offers checklists of questions such as these and many more, to help students decide which colleges offer educational experiences that fit their individual preferences and needs. The book includes information on more than 300 colleges and universities that offer remarkable undergraduate experiences and produce successful graduates. A great resource for getting beyond the hype and finding the college that's the best fit for you!

At last we have a college resource book that evaluates colleges on what matters – how the college actually engages its students. This Guidebook focuses on colleges that effectively engage students through learning experiences in and out of the classroom, through vibrant campus experiences, through passionate faculty who are passionate value interacting with undergraduate students and that also have a track record of successful graduates. These colleges range the full spectrum from the better known to those that are, unfortunately, still under the radar. Student engagement is the clarion call for higher education in this new century. Each of these colleges distinguishes themselves through their own unique ways to accomplish just that. This is an essential resource for anyone wanting to explore the landscape of effective colleges.

Through its innovative, up-to-date approach Colleges of Distinction offers an insightful look into some of the most important things to consider when making college decisions! The 5 Simple

Strategies for Finding the Right College • nail things that students and parents need to think about. The four lenses that the authors look through in compiling their list of "Colleges of Distinction" (engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes) put a sharp focus on four very distinctive things that are vitally important in the selection of a college today. The checklists are user-friendly and on-target. Each individual synopsis of a college offers a snapshot from an angle that is intriguing and helpful. Colleges of Distinction makes me want to go back to school again!

As an independent college consultant, I read many books about the college admissions process and college guide books to evaluate their substance and whether or not I will recommend them to my students and families as well as to other college admissions professionals. Colleges of Distinction 2017 offers the reader a chance to learn about colleges that may not as well known but could be great fits. I appreciate the focus on successful outcomes, engaged students, and quality teaching. I also like the self-assessments to help the student reader get a sense of what his or her priorities might be in the college search. I definitely plan to recommend this book and use it as one of my resources in my consulting practice!

The book is a great resource for Guidance Counselors, as well as for students and parents to invest in. Mr. Schritter and company do a wonderful job of helping to bring the practical aspects of college planning to the forefront. While I would like to see more colleges align themselves with their research, those that have provide more than enough information for parents and students to evaluate the school on various angles. It also allows a Guidance Counselor like myself to utilize practical tools to assist kids who don't really know where to start, or to remind those who do on what not to forget or overlook in the process.

This guidebook serves as a helpful reference for high school students. The information in the front of the book is mostly about making sure that students understand the process of selecting an academically excellent school. However, the really valuable info is in the second half of the book, where schools are listed with tuition rates and many vital statistics. I think this book would be more helpful for high school guidance counselors than for students, because students are not going to page through hundreds of different schools. But all in all, a helpful reference.

This book is a breath of fresh air for college-bound students and parents. It veers away from

traditional ranking criteria and focuses instead on factors that matter to a student's success: teaching, the personality of the campus community, and alumni outcomes. The extent to which an institution and student "fit" academically, socially, and financially determines that student's success. If you're a sophomore, junior, or senior in high school (or a parent), do yourself a favor and use this book as a reference!

I love the interactive checklists available as well as the basic facts. This book can start by explaining to students what a Living and Learning Community is, what is good vs. bad debt, and then end with students finding a college to research, maybe visit, and potentially attend. Having all of the information in one place is extremely helpful. The more resources I can hand out to students when making decisions the better. I'm excited for students to use this resource and see where it takes them!

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