

College Access, Affordability, and Options Resource List For Counselors

High Impact Practices Research:

- List of High Impact Practices:
 - ✓ First Year Seminars
 - ✓ Common Intellectual Experiences
 - ✓ Learning Communities
 - ✓ Writing-intensive Courses
 - ✓ Collaborative Assignments and Projects
 - ✓ Undergraduate Research
 - ✓ Diversity/global Learning
 - ✓ Service learning/community-based Learning
 - ✓ Internships
 - ✓ Capstone Courses and Projects
- Chart of High Impact Practices and Effects: <https://www.acu.org/leap/hips>

Gladwell's Big Fish, Small Pond idea

- Relative Deprivation: "Relative deprivation is why Gladwell takes issue with the belief that elite schools are automatically better. He cites the example of one student, under the pseudonym "Caroline Sacks," who was determined to go into science until attending Brown University. There, she earned mediocre grades and felt generally stupid compared to her straight-A classmates, though according to Gladwell she was likely still in the 99th percentile worldwide. She eventually quit science."

Figuring Out What Size of College is Right:

- FISKE Sizing Yourself Up Survey - <http://www.collegecountdown.com/images/docs/Fiskes-Sizing-Yourself-Up-Survey.pdf>

Alternatives to Rankings to Find Colleges by Major:

- Rugg's Recs: <http://www.ruggsrecommendations.com>
- *The College Finder* by Dr. Stephen Antonoff: <http://www.schoolbuff.com/college-finder.asp>
- CollegeXpress Lists: <https://www.collegexpress.com/lists/explore/>

Major Exploration and Assessment (good ones!)

- Wayfinder: <https://wayfinder.utexas.edu>
- O*Net's My Next Move: <https://www.mynextmove.org>
- YouScience (costs \$29 for an individual license): <http://www.youscience.com>

Financial Fit Tools

- EFC Calculator: <http://www.finaid.org/calculators/finaidestimate.phtml>
- A smart college list with scholarship potential in mind
 - Use test scores to figure out if stretch, target, or likely. Must use range of middle 50% of accepted students.
 - Example: TCU – 28 average; 25 – 30 range of middle 50%
 - Can find this data on www.collegedata.com
 - 1-2 Stretch Schools
 - 2 Target Schools
 - 3 Likely/Probable Schools (Scholarship potential is here!)
 - Check average financial aid awards on [collegedata.com](http://www.collegedata.com)
- Colleges that meet 100% of demonstrated financial need - <http://www.thecollegesolution.com/list-of-colleges-that-meet-100-of-financial-need/>
- No Loan Colleges - <https://www.edvisors.com/plan-for-college/money-saving-tips/no-loans-colleges/>
- Scholarship resources
 - Unigo Scholarship Directory:
<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships>