**Session C-21 - Parents: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**

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**Suggested Articles ~**

**4 Tips to Help Divorcing Parents Navigate College Tuition Costs for Their Children**

*iGrad*

http://www.igrad.com/articles/divorcing-parents-and-college-tuition-costs

Tips for divorced or divorcing parents on the best ways to plan who will pay for their child’s college education costs and how much.

**Bribery Attempts, the Unbearable Pushiness of Parents, and Other Admissions Tales**

*The Chronicle of Higher Education* https://chronicle.com/article/Bribery-Attempts-the/21230

This article offers anecdotes about the college search and admission process in the U.S. Includes stories about helicopter parents, the term used for mothers and fathers who hover above the admissions process and parents who think bribery is the key to ensuring success.

**Dealing with Angry Parents**

*Education World* http://www.educationworld.com/a\_admin/admin/admin474.shtml

The following topics are covered in this article:

* Listening is Key
* Put Yourself in the Parents Shoes
* More Calming Techniques
* Finding Solutions That Work
* Quick Responses Are Best

**Former admissions staffer: Parents, calm down. Let Harvard go.**

*The Washington Post*

http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/grade-point/wp/2015/02/17/former-admissions-director-parents-calm-down-let-harvard-go/

Article shares advice for parents regarding accepting their children as they are and curbing any outlandish expectations.

**How Do You Deal With Overbearing Parents During the College Process?**

*Unigo*

https://www.unigo.com/admissionsadvice/how-do-you-deal-with-overbearing-parents-during-the-college-process/113/1

An interview with a Director of College Counseling regarding how to best work with overbearing parents during the college admission process is covered in this article.

**How Teachers Can Work With 5 Difficult Types of Parents**

*Monster Teaching Community* http://teaching.monster.com/benefits/articles/9762-how-teachers-can-work-with-5-difficult-types-of-parents

This article covers 5 common conflicts with parents that teachers face and the strategies for handling each situation. Scenarios are based on true stories from Natalie Schwartz’s book*, The Teacher Chronicles*.

* The Over-involved Parent
* The Absent Parent
* The Demanding Parent
* The Defensive Parent
* The Uncooperative Parent

**Parents Now Get Themselves Involved in Graduate Admissions, Too**

*The Chronicle of Higher Education* http://chronicle.com/article/Parents-Now-Get-Themselves/144193/

This article discusses the involvement of U.S. parents in graduate school admissions issues involving their children, noting the term ‘snowplow’ parents’ as a label for such parents. Other topics include the attendance of parents at admitted-student visit days, financial aspect of parental involvement in graduate school admissions, and the involvement of parents in professional-school applications.

**What Type of Parent College Coach Are You? Part 1 and 2**

*My College Guide*

http://mycollegeguide.org/blog/09/2011/parents-type-parent-college-coach-part-1/

http://mycollegeguide.org/blog/09/2011/parents-type-parent-coach-part-2/

This article describes several parent personality types and how they influence the ways teens are coached about college.

**When You Should Be a Helicopter Mom: During the College Admission Process**

*MORE Magazine*

http://www.more.com/college-admission-tips

Suggests parents should be involved in the college admission process – but not over-involved!

**ADVICE FROM AN OLD(ER) ADMISSION REPRESENTATIVE**

**By Peter Pitts**

1. **Listen and learn from parents…you might just be one yourself someday!**
2. **Don’t “assume” anything in working with parents**
3. **Resist the urge to “lecture” parents who are racist, sexist, tight-with-finances, or who do not share your values**
4. **Don’t get too “close/buddy-buddy” with the parents**
5. **When you find the “perfect parents” to work with, USE them for good! (referrals, receptions, orientation)**
6. **Meetings with parents at coffee-shops is a great way to get questions answered and to bond with them**
7. **Getting first generation students to campus is important, but getting their parents to campus is even more important**
8. **Keep parents “in the loop” on everything. Do not ignore them…and do not ignore the younger siblings**