

Admissions to Prestigious Colleges

No question is off-limits for this lofty group of keen admissions' minds and decision makers.



This unique workshop is designed to empower 10th and 11th families with useful, truthful and current information about how the most competitive schools evaluate their applicants.

Your “Admissions to Prestigious Colleges” Panel:

Kirk Brennan, Director of Undergraduate Admission, USC

Kirk never left USC. After earning his Bachelor's degree in Cinematic Arts, he worked in Student Affairs, and in 1996, switched to the Office of Admission. He became director in January 2011, after fourteen years in various capacities overseeing the annual processing and review of 47,000 admission applications.

Arun Ponnusamy, former Assistant Director of Admission, U. of Chicago and Cal Tech. Currently a principal in Collegewise.

One of California's most popular presenters, Arun has oodles of experience, especially when it comes to understanding the highly selective college admissions process. He and Kirk form a Dynamic Duo when it comes to handling about any type of inquiry, and Arun almost always pulls off his answers with gusto and panache.

Paul Kanarek, Founder of The Princeton Review in California

Paul's the most experienced speaker on the panel, which is mainly our way of saying that he's the oldest. He brings a refreshing and empowering perspective to all conversations around admissions, but his best characteristic is that he always pays for dinner when he, Arun and Kirk are together.

Topics will include:

- Understanding your academic credentials through the lens of highly competitive colleges
- The four most important parts of your academic portfolio
- A strategic approach to choosing standardized tests (PSAT®, SAT®, ACT®, SAT Subject Tests)
- Choosing a topic and writing a standout essay



Date: Monday, February 13th

Time: 6:45 – 8:15 PM

Location: Rolling Hills Covenant Church
2222 Palos Verdes Drive North
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

the workshop will be held in the Large Sanctuary on the South side of PV Drive N.

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