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A COLLEGE COACH CONVERSATION

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Ask any high school junior how they're feeling, and the almost inevitable reply will be, "Stressed." The root of much of that stress these days is college. Whether students are overloading themselves with coursework, overbooking themselves with extracurricular committments or simply worrying about it, the looming spectre of college is what can push them over the edge on a regular basis. Former teacher and Barnard admissions rep Kara Courtois will be with us to talk about some things students and parents can do to try to ease that pressure. Sally Ganga will be back to discuss gap years, includ

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Kara Courtois
Kara Courtois has spent her entire career dedicated to working in education and admissions. She began and developed her admissions career at Barnard College, part of Columbia University, where she was responsible for recruiting students from New York State and then became the director of international recruitment, overseeing the recruitment, application and enrollment of domestic, European, and Canadian students. Prior to working in admissions, Kara volunteered as a classroom teacher with Americorps and also taught high school in the Washington, DC and San Francisco areas. She has a Bachelors degree in history with a minor in medieval studies from the University of Notre Dame and a Masters o

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Sally Ganga
Sally Ganga's most recent college admissions role was at the University of Chicago, where she was associate director of admissions and ran the application reading and scholarship process. Previously she had worked at Whittier College in the Los Angeles area as an associate director of admissions. She graduated from Reed College in Portland, Oregon with a B.A. in history, beginning her admissions career there first as a tour guide and then as an intern in the admission office before being hired after graduation as an assistant dean of admission. After leaving college admissions, Sally became the director of college counseling at both the Archer School for Girls and Chadwick School in the Lo

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Laurie Peltier
Laurie Peltier spent more than twenty years in financial aid at the college and university level prior to joining College Coach. She graduated from Bentley University with a Bachelors degree in Marketing, and completed her MBA at Anna Maria College, where she also served as financial aid director. In addition, she was an assistant director of financial aid at Becker College and has worked as a consultant with several other colleges in Massachusetts. She works with the Massachusetts Education Finance Authority MEFA as workshop presenter at area high schools and volunteers at several FAFSA Day events. Laurie is an expert in many aspects of the field, but the combination of her professional com

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