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What Colleges Really Want

Applying to colleges is stressful. Most schools are looking for stand-out teens, but figuring out exactly HOW to stand out can be tricky, and many teens waste time and money focusing on the wrong things. [Arlington Magazine](#) recently featured an article on “What Colleges Really Want” that is a must-read for any teen navigating the college application process. (Spoiler alert – it’s not just grades and test scores!)

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Many colleges...
now take a “holistic”
approach, meaning they
consider all dimensions
of an applicant. That
includes any jobs held,
major activities or skills,
and character traits.



Colleges are looking
for a candidate who
is curious, talented,
and passionate. They
want to know:

WHAT WILL



THIS STUDENT

BRING TO OUR
COMMUNITY?

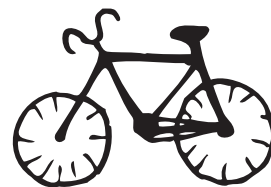
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It’s not just about grades and test scores. “For us, it’s more about the story that unfolds on the transcript, versus a GPA or a number of top classes.”

– UVA’s Jeannine Lalonde
Associate Dean of Undergrad Admissions



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Source: “What Colleges Really Want,” [Arlington Magazine](#), 2017