

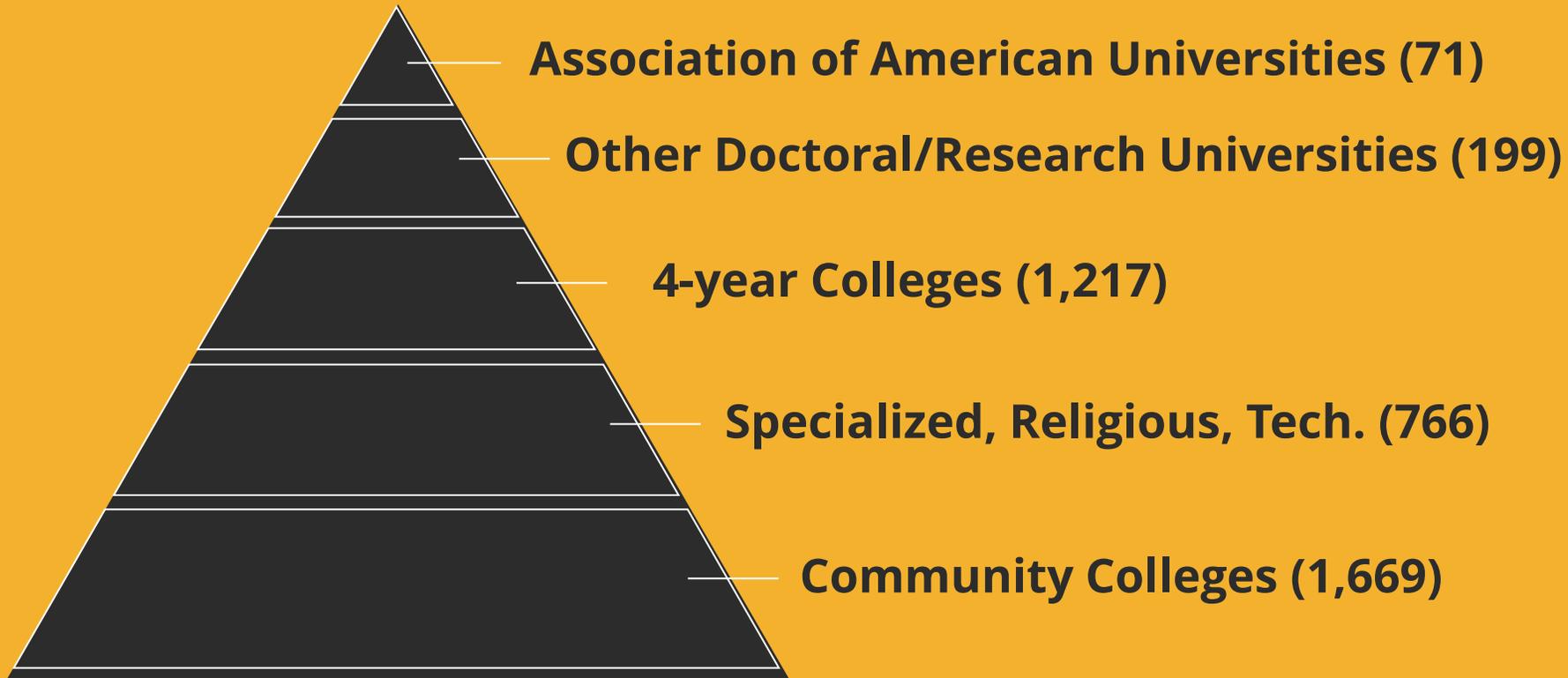
COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOP

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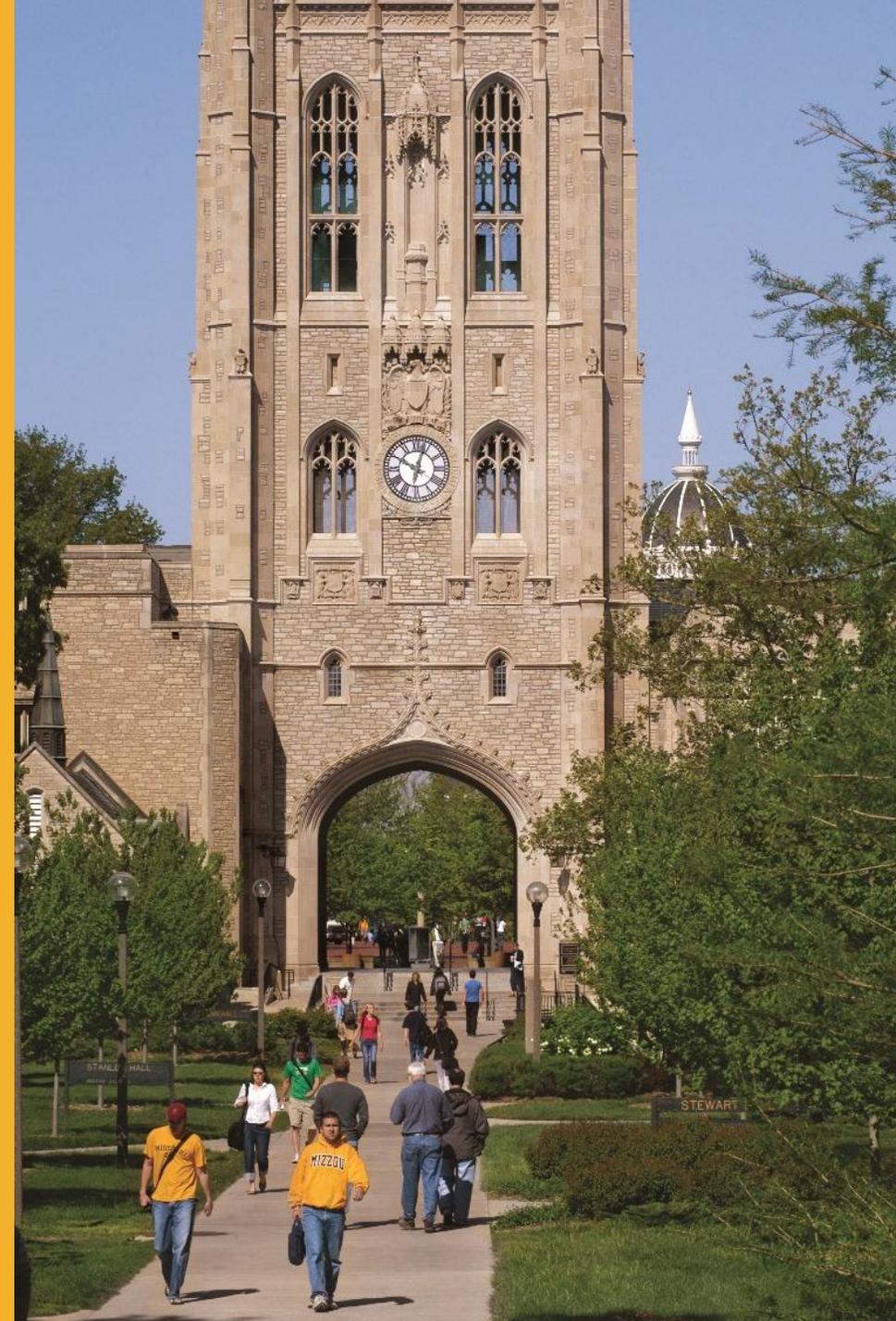
Mizzou Admissions

U.S. HIGHER EDUCATION PYRAMID



INSTITUTIONAL DIFFERENCES

- **Private or Public**
- **Two-year or four-year**
- **Historically Black Colleges and Universities**
- **Religious or Secular**
- **Co-Ed or Single Gender**



SELECTION PRIORITIES

Some first thoughts...

- Place (location, atmosphere, etc.)
- Prestige
- Price
- Program
- Personal (selectivity, legacy, friends, etc.)



WHAT DO COLLEGES REVIEW?

- **High School Record**
 - Grades and coursework
 - Activities and involvement
- **Performance on the ACT or SAT**
- **Involvement**
- **Subjective criteria**
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Interview
 - Personal statement
 - Essay questions



WHAT IS TEST-OPTIONAL?

- Application
- Transcript
- No test score required
- At least one writing sample
 - Essay(s) or writing sample(s)
- Supplemental info
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Interview



SO NOW WHAT?

- Use calendar or calendar/reminder app
- Practice taking and studying from notes
- Take college prep or honors courses
- Improve your reading, writing and public speaking abilities
- Get involved



VIRTUAL TOOLS

- Request information
- Take a virtual tour
- Visit academic divisions
- View course equivalences

Check out these websites...

collegeispossible.com

actstudent.org

collegeboard.org



MEET & GREET

Attend College Fairs

- Gather information
- Visit with out-of-area schools

Meet with Admissions Reps

- Fall/Spring visits to high schools
- Ask in-depth questions



VISIT THE CAMPUS

- Come prepared with questions
- Talk to students on campus
- Try to visit more than once
- Weekday, weekend, or overnight visits



WHERE TO BEGIN

Junior Year

Winter/Spring

- Research the college planning process

April/June/July

- Take the ACT or SAT

Spring/Summer

- Visit college campuses

Senior Year

August – October

- Apply for admission
- Visit top schools again

September/October/December

- Retake the ACT or SAT

December

- FAFSA

After application

- Look for campus housing info
- Apply for scholarships

Feb 1 (varies for each school)

- FAFSA Priority Deadline

April

- Evaluate financial aid package

May 1

- Submit enrollment fee

June/July

- Attend student orientation



QUESTIONS? CONTACT ME!

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