



# Match & Fit: Institutional Selectivity and Admissions Considerations

Friday, September 11, 2020

# Agenda

- **Welcome & Housekeeping**
- **Take a Deep Breath**
- **Breakout Groups Check-in: Get to know a colleague!**
- **Match & Fit Considerations** – Trent Ball, St. Louis Graduates and Southeast Missouri State University
- **Virtual Tools to Support Match & Fit Advising**
- **Wrap Up & Adjourn**

# Housekeeping

- **Give yourself – and others – grace and space right now.** Children and pets may walk into the room while we are together. Someone may misspeak because they are tired. Let's be mindful that we are all doing the best we can.
- **Abide by the [PDI Meeting Agreements](#)**
- **Please remain on mute unless presenting.**
- **Do what's best for you.** Join us by video if you can. It's nice to "see" you! But we understand if your current situation means it's best for you to be here on audio only.
- **Use the Chat function to react to a presenter or to ask a question.**
  - "Private" chat is not private – it shows up in our chat log we send out. FYI!
- **This session is being recorded.** We will post notes, chat log and video recording to the St. Louis Graduates' website. The link will be sent out after the meeting.
- **Please complete the evaluation survey!** It's important to our planning and for reports to our funders. You'll receive it via e-mail today.

# Upcoming PDI Workshops!

All workshops are online and held on Fridays at 10 AM. Workshops are 1 hour except where noted.

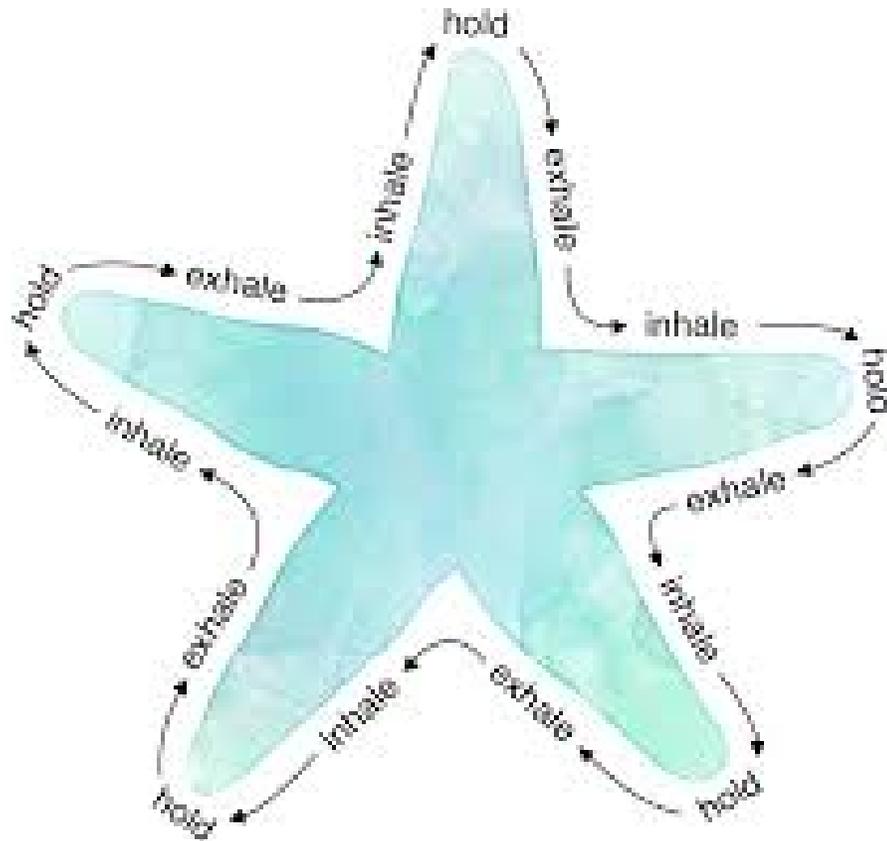
- **September 25:** [Financial aid considerations for students with special circumstances or impacted by COVID-19](#) - with MASFAP
- **October 9:** [FAFSA completion and verification strategies](#) - with MASFAP and Teresa Steinkamp of The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis (**Optional FAFSA walk-through 11 AM to 12 Noon**)
- **October 23** – [Career Pathways: Advising Strategies to Connect Students to Labor Market Needs](#) (90 min) with Ranken Technical College, AIA St. Louis, and more
- **November 6** – [Match & Fit: Navigating the HBCU Landscape](#)
- **December 4** – [Supporting Undocumented Youth](#) with Felipe Martinez of The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis

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*All workshops are free to counselors and access advisers thanks to support from  
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# Take a Deep Breath





# Check In – Let's Connect!

How it works:

- In a moment, you'll be invited to join a Breakout Room in Zoom. Click join.
- You'll spend 5 minutes in a breakout room with 1-2 other people
- You'll automatically be brought back to the main room after 5 minutes.
- At anytime you can click to return to the main room.
- Practice intentional listening. Acknowledge, nod, but do not interrupt. Allow each person to be heard.

**Each person takes 1-2 minutes \*uninterrupted\* to introduce themselves:**

- **Name**
- **Role and organization**
- **What is one tech tool you are enjoying using right now?**

# Match & Fit Considerations

- *Critical Questions and Concerns Related to Match & Fit*
- What is the difference between Match and Fit? (operational definitions)
- How does selectivity impact Match and Fit?
- The standard levels of selectivity are:
  - Open
  - Moderately Selective
  - Selective
  - Highly Selective

# Match & Fit Considerations

- *Critical Questions and Concerns Related to Match & Fit*
- The implications of COVID-19 on testing, extracurricular activities, affordability lead to certain challenges. Schools say they are “test-optional” but if used for scholarships or scores listed on the transcript, how “optional” is it really?
- How are community colleges being viewed differently during a pandemic? Are families considering them who would not have considered them pre-pandemic?

# Match & Fit Considerations

- *Critical Questions and Concerns Related to Match & Fit*
- What particular details should students who are applying test-optional look for to assess match?
- How do we support students with college selection and information in a virtual space?
- How is the current situation changing how students and families find their best fit?

# Match & Fit Considerations

- *Critical Questions and Concerns Related to Match & Fit*
- COVID-19 presents new challenges regarding in person and online options – how are universities and colleges addressing the need for additional technology?
- Are institutions planning to remain test optional after the pandemic?
- How do we help adult learners find the best match and fit as they are returning to school?

# Match & Fit Considerations

- *Critical Questions and Concerns Related to Match & Fit*
- How Do We Intentionally Work Around Racial Bias in the Selection Process?
- What (if any) are additional considerations for advising students with an eye toward match/fit during the current uncertainties of COVID-19?

# Match & Fit Considerations

- *Critical Questions and Concerns Related to Match & Fit: Take-Aways*
- The impact of COVID-19 currently and moving forward.
- Is “test optional” temporary or a permanent decision for institutions?
- How do we provide support for the considerations of match and fit in a virtual space?
- What are additional considerations for Match and Fit in the current space?

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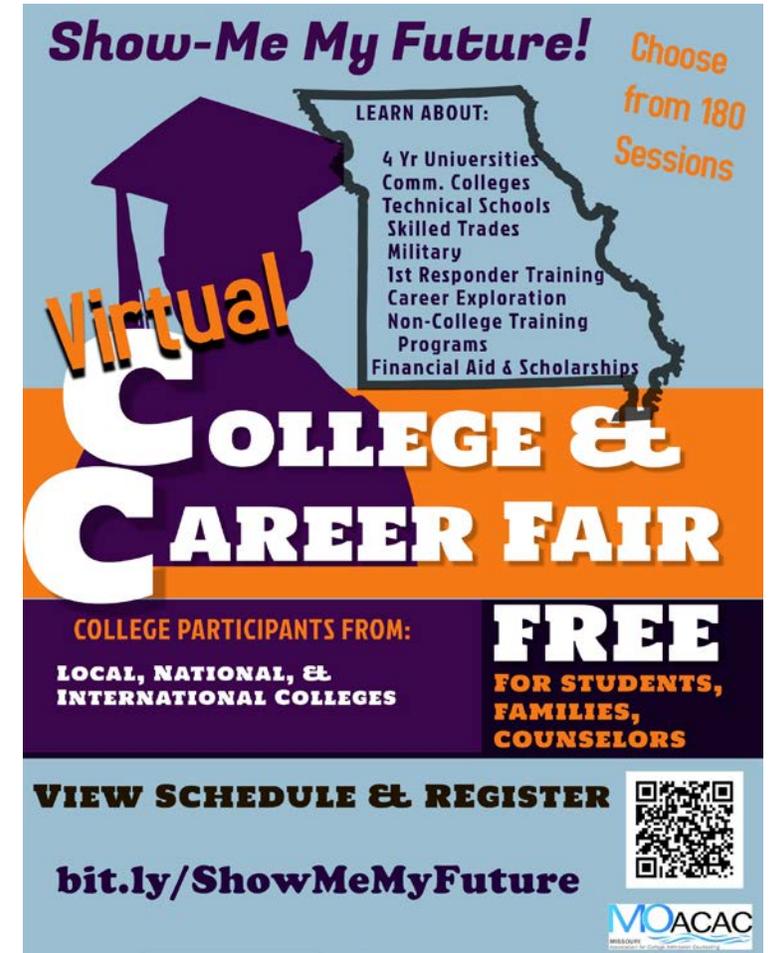


# Announcements & Resources

- [Jeff Selingo's email on yield and admissions](#)
- [Kipp Senior Decisions Tracker](#) - please make a copy and save this to your own Google folder
- [2021 FAFSA preview from Federal Student Aid](#)
- [Scholarship Foundation's updated FAFSA guide](#)
- [Upcoming webinar on equity in admissions post-pandemic](#) – Sept 16 at Noon

Register for the [premiere](#) of the next episode in the *Degrees with Less Debt* video series: **A is for Affordability** – September 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM!

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# Check Out

Type into the Chat 1 word to describe how you feel after today's workshop.

Please complete the short evaluation survey (sent to you via e-mail)!

**STAY SAFE. STAY WELL. DO YOUR BEST. YOU ARE AMAZING!**

**THANK YOU!**