

# The College Selection Process: Finding the “Best Fit” Academically and Athletically

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## Play Collegiate Golf

- Collegiate golf at Washington State University (PAC – 10; D1)
- Tournament victories in US/Canada
- Founded Play Collegiate Golf in 2008
- Worked with over 30 families in USA, Canada, UK, Australia
- Player-clients have signed with DI, DII, DIII, NJCAA schools
- Featured author in Junior Golf Central Magazine for 2011
- 17 years experience in higher education administration in US-based institutions

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## Webinar Format

- Outline important aspects to researching and selecting schools
- Discuss how these aspects can impact the decision making process
- Answer your questions

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- Colleges come in a variety of sizes, types, and locations
- College size, type, and location may determine the student body make-up
- Research the academic offerings of each institution carefully

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- Visit student resource offices on campus
  - Residence Life & Housing
  - First Year Experience
  - Center for Student Learning
  - Student-Athlete Academic Services
  - Career Services
  - Admissions

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- **Trust your instincts!!!**
  - Can you imagine being a student here?
  - What aspects of the college do you like and/or not like?
  - Do you like the coaching philosophy?
  - Do you want to play for this coach?
  - Do your future teammates seem cool?

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- **Tips for Finding the “Best Fit”**
  - Make an effort to see as many schools as possible
  - Travel to a variety of schools regardless of size or type
  - Review positive and negative aspects of each visit and make them the baseline for determining your “best fit” institution

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- **Tips for Finding the “Best Fit”**
  - Select schools close to junior events so coaches can watch you in person and you can also visit the campus
  - Ask questions that can help you determine if this institution is the “best fit” for you

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