

## Top 5 Facts about College

- 1) **Getting a full ride is usually reserved for athletes and super scholars.** Many scholarships from colleges and universities are devoted to athletes and those making top scores on the SAT/ACT with high GPAs. An alternative is to piece together scholarships that you apply for so that all your college costs are covered.
- 2) **Choosing a school based on what they offer in their catalog is a good idea.** It is best to pick a college based on your interests. For example, if you want to major in pharmacy, then you should look at colleges that offer pharmacy. Look at the academic catalog from your college of interest (it is usually online) and see if pharmacy is listed as a major.
- 3) **Changing your interests when you get to college is not unusual.** The average student changes their major three times. Choose your major based on what works for you, not what works for others. If you can see yourself in that profession

associated with that major ten years from now, that is a good start.

- 4) **Establishing mentoring relationships with your professors will make your life easier.** You will take several interesting classes in college from a variety of professors. You want to find a mentor from among those professors who you believe wants the best for you. That person will guide you throughout your time in college and may even be able to help with graduate school options, including medical school or law school.
  
- 5) **Graduating from college in four years is no longer the norm.** The average college student today takes six years to graduate. Factors such as financial concerns and family issues may play a role. This is not to say that will be the case for you, but if it does, just take it in stride. The important thing is that you are graduating with your degree.