Phase II - Shopping & Planning

In the shopping and planning phase of the process, our goal is to help each Class II student to reconcile his or her strengths, weaknesses, interests, aspirations, and considerations with what is available in higher education. We will teach students about the differences between colleges and universities, and between liberal arts and pre-professional undergraduate programs. We will talk about why the size, location, and financial aid policies and resources of a college or university could be crucial considerations. Along the way, we will share with students what we have learned about different campus cultures during our many years of visiting and studying colleges and universities.

January and February will be a time when we will work with each Class II student to develop a comprehensive plan for his or her standardized testing, senior curriculum and summer activities.

By spring break, our goal is to help each Class II student to understand enough of his or her key criteria to create a preliminary list of schools for exploration over spring break, during the spring term, and/or over the summer recess.

After spring break, we will continue this process by helping each student to develop a resume, to prepare for interviews and to set application and essay goals for the summer months.