Director of Admissions – Questions

1. Could you begin by stating the name of your institution and provide a general overview of its geographic location, general size, and institution type (e.g. public, private, comprehensive, liberal arts, college, university, etc.)?

2. Could you provide a general overview of your professional role at this institution and describe some of your key responsibilities in this role?

3. When considering issues of admission and college access what are some key issues you feel all aspiring applicants should understand about the admissions process?

4. How important are dates and deadlines within the application process? How early in the student’s high school career should he or she begin contacting institutions of higher learning?

5. What factors do you consider in an applicant and approximately what weight is given to each? Some examples might be: G.P.A., transcript, SAT/ACT. Extracurricular activities, community involvement, application essay, interview, recommendation, alumni connection, and student employment.

6. What factors do you think students should consider most when choosing schools to which to apply? Some examples might include: size of institution, academic program/emphasis of institution, location, tuition cost, scholarship or financial aid programs available, and retention rate.

7. Does your institution offer early decision or early admission? What advantages and disadvantages do you see in those processes?

8. When a student receives an offer of admission and a scholarship package from your institution, how long does he/she generally have before making a final decision?
9. If a student receives a financial aid package, but is still unsure about how to best interpret the package, what advice would you give them to gaining a better understanding?

10. As a student does become enrolled at your institution what are some key things to remember as an enrolled student?

11. What factors or attributes do you find the most successful upperclassmen and recent graduates of your institutions share?

12. Finally, any parting words of advice for students specifically considering your institution, specifically in regards to issues of college access and/or financial aid?