# Goals

- Confirm feasibility of graduation in 3 years.
- Improve the financial situation
- Sell the schools on XXXX and get an advocate for her

#### **Intelligence Studies Meeting**

- Feasibility of completing a major in three years
  - o How the AP and CCP classes will be treated
  - o what the Intelligence Studies course requirements are.
  - Possible Class schedule
- Focus on academics and opportunities not financial topics during the meeting.
  - o GPA, Top in Class, Honors Diploma, 3 year graduation
  - Love the school and the opportunity it provides her (Best fit), however we have to find a way to get closer to \$18,000
    - Willing to pay a little bit more to have her come here but need to get close to the in state school.
  - o Down to 2 schools
  - o Trying to find best fit /opportunity (education and cost) why send her here?
  - o Talk about in state school opportunities
    - #15 in the nation
    - #7 public school
    - Direct admit / In Honors program
  - O Why are your a good fit forXXXX? Have story ready
    - to introduce yourself and discuss my strong interest in attending Mercyhurst
  - O Show that you are willing to do more to get more help
    - TA/GA
    - Paid position on campus
    - Work study
    - Indicate that you want to leave there as a future Laker
- Focus on Finances
  - Financial Opportunities for Research Projects
  - Outside internships / employment
  - o FAFSA special circumstance application
  - Other financial aid opportunities that may be available.
    - Housing
    - TA/GA
    - Paid position on campus
    - Work study
  - Are there other merit scholarships we can apply for? In the department?
    - Make sure offer is renewal each year and know the criteria to make it happen
- You need to sell yourself to the school on the call. Why should they do anything for u?
  - o Make them want to go the extra mile for you.
  - o 3-5 reasons why XXXXX wants to come to the school
    - Unique opportunity to further her academics at a Top school
    - Good fit core classes and unique opportunities
  - o 3-5 reasons why the school would benefit from having Elena on campus
    - ability to and thrive in college environment
      - Grit
      - positive influence on fellow students
      - a positive advocate for the school while there and afterwards
    - Community engagement
      - Active on campus in a positive way
      - Volunteer work (COC, Fisher House)

#### **Admission Department**

- Focus on Admissions, what u are willing to do to make it happen & what u bring to the campus.
- Focus on academics not financial topics during the meeting
  - o GPA
  - o Top 10
  - o Graduate in 3 years.
  - o Language
    - We came this far because of what your school offers, however we have to find a way to get closer to \$18,000
    - Love the school and the opportunity it provides her.
    - Down to 2 schools
    - Trying to find best fit / opportunity (education and cost) why send her here?
    - Talk about in state school opportunities
      - #15 in the nation
      - #7 public school
  - Why are you a good fit for the school? Have story ready
  - O Show that you are willing to do more to get more help
    - TA/GA
    - Paid position on campus
    - Work study
  - o Indicate that you want to leave there as a future XXXXX
- Discuss why Intelligence Studies, 3 year graduation
- Don't bring up Housing, Student Life, Orientation, etc in the letter
  - o Save for end of meeting with Admissions they will send you to an admissions consoler for that
- You need to sell yourself to the school while you are there. Why should they do anything for u?
  - 3-5 reasons why you wants to come to the school
    - Unique opportunity to further her academics at a Top school
    - Good fit core classes and unique opportunities
  - o 3-5 reasons why the school would benefit from having you on campus
    - ability to and thrive in college environment
      - Grit
      - positive influence on fellow students
      - a positive advocate for the school while there and afterwards
    - Community engagement
      - Active on campus in a positive way
      - Volunteer work

### **Financial Aid Department**

- Focus on
  - o FAFSA special circumstance application and
  - Other financial aid opportunities that may be available.
    - Housing
    - TA/GA
    - Paid position on campus
    - Work study
- Are there merit scholarships we can apply for? In the department?

## Things to remember

- Make sure offer is renewal each year and know the criteria to make it happen
- Find out how they treat outside scholarships
  - o Under 2k yours
  - o Over 5k generally split it