

CMIH:
100% Free Colleges

Car Shopping and College Shopping

- Choose your dream car = **Dream School**
- Choose your good car that is likely in the budget = **Match**
- Choose your simplest option car = **Safe School**



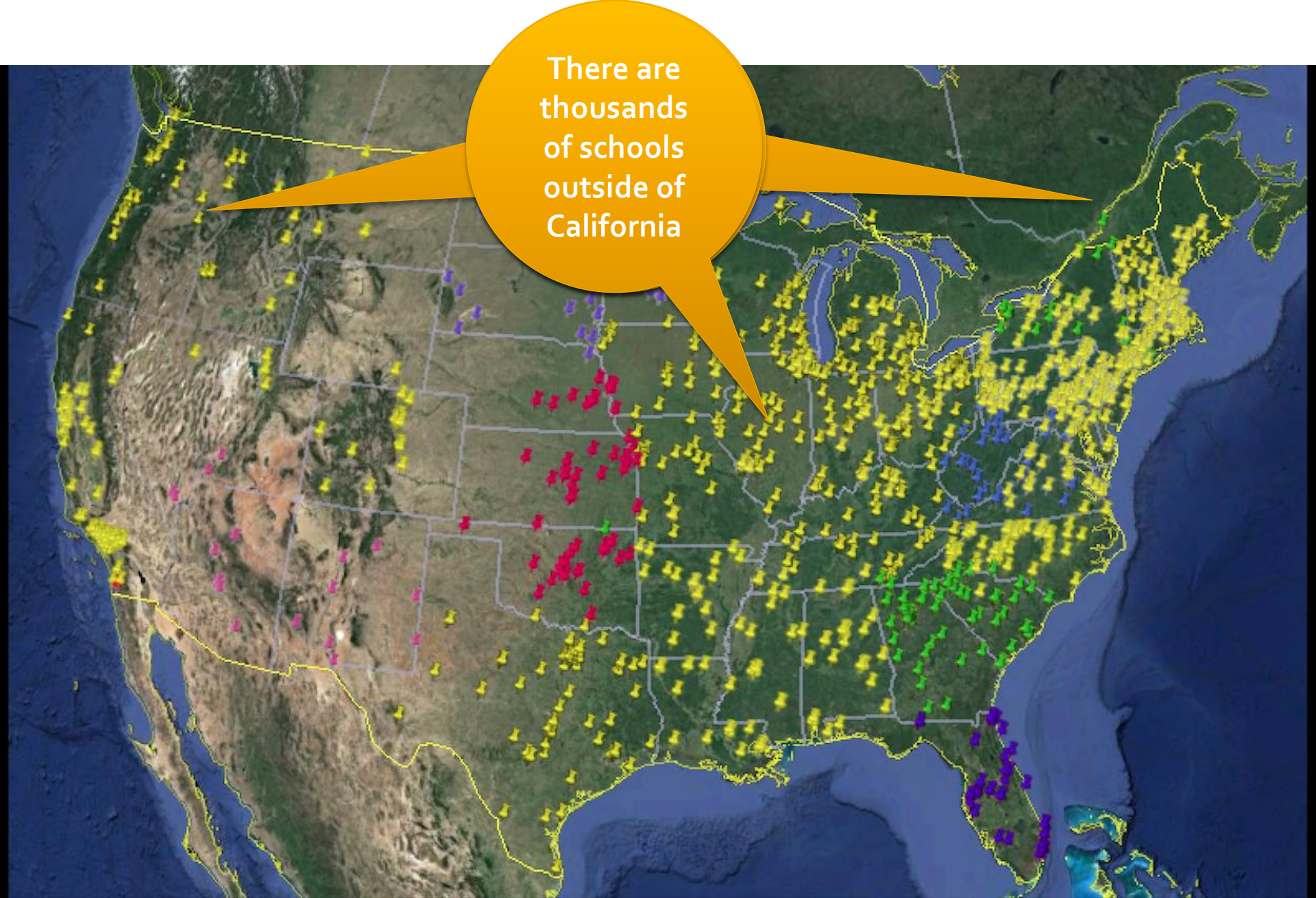
Questions

- If you were given your “simplest option” car for free, would you consider taking it? Or would you prefer to **make expensive car payments for your dream car?**
- If someone offered you a car that drove like your dream car and had similar qualities, but it was a car you hadn't heard of would you consider it (**if it were free**)?

Common Issues of Helix Graduates

- We **only know Southern California** and are **nervous or scared** about going somewhere that we haven't heard of or to a place where we won't know anyone on campus.
- Our **parents/guardians** have the **same fears**
- Some of us came from a large middle school to Helix and **we knew people already**
- **Fear of the Unknown:** We don't know how to budget for college once we get there? We don't know how to do our own laundry? We think we aren't capable?

There are
thousands
of schools
outside of
California



The Truth

- There are over 2200 colleges in the United States and the majority of them do not have waiting lists (**only 64/2206 accept fewer than 25% of the students that apply**)
- Some colleges are **closer by airplane than others are by car**

The Truth continued...

- Some colleges have lots of funding to give to students who really want to go to their school because:
 - They have **wealthy donors** who have created large endowments which allow colleges to use the funds however they want
- What are your criteria?
 - Are you **stuck on a name brand**?
 - What **if the school were 100% free** and it were located **out of California** or in an area you hadn't originally considered?
 - What if you could **qualify for a name-brand school**, but have to give a **decision ahead of time**?
 - Is the grass always greener somewhere else?
 - What is the **ultimate goal of a college degree**?
 - What are the **absolutes that you are looking for** in a college?
 - Can you **rank those absolutes**?

Amherst College*	Massachusetts
Augustana University	South Dakota
Barnard College	New York
Bates College	Maine
Boston Baptist College	Massachusetts
Boston College	Massachusetts
Bowdoin College*	Maine
Brown University*	Rhode Island
Bryn Mawr College	Pennsylvania
California Institute of Technology*	California
Carleton College*	Minnesota
Carolina Christian College*	North Carolina
Claremont McKenna College*	California
Colby College*	Maine
Colgate University	New York
College of the Holy Cross	Massachusetts
Colorado College*	Colorado
Columbia University*	New York
Connecticut College	Connecticut
Cornell University	New York
Crossroads Bible College	Indiana
Dartmouth College*	New Hampshire
Davidson College*	North Carolina
Duke University*	North Carolina
Emory University*	Georgia
Franklin & Marshall College	Pennsylvania
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering	Massachusetts
Georgetown University	Washington D.C.
Grinnell College*	Iowa
Hamilton College	New York
Harvard College	Massachusetts
Harvey Mudd College	California
Haverford College*	Pennsylvania
Kenyon College	Ohio

100% EFC schools

(most of which are 100% full need schools)



***QuestBridge College Match Schools**

Lafayette College	Pennsylvania
Macalester College*	Minnesota
McPherson College	Kansas
MIT*	Massachusetts
Mount Holyoke College	Massachusetts
Northwestern University*	Illinois
Oberlin College*	Ohio
Occidental College	California
Pomona College*	California
Princeton University*	New Jersey
Reed College	Oregon
Rice University*	Texas
Scripps College*	California
Smith College	Massachusetts
Stanbridge College	California
Stanford University*	California
Swarthmore College*	Pennsylvania
SUNY Polytechnic Institute	New York
Thomas Aquinas College	California
Tufts University*	Massachusetts
University of Chicago*	Illinois
University of Notre Dame*	Indiana
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill	North Carolina
University of Pennsylvania*	Pennsylvania
University of Southern California*	California
University of Virginia	Virginia
Vanderbilt University*	Tennessee
Vassar College*	New York
Virginia Baptist College	Virginia
Washington & Lee University*	Virginia
Webb Institute	New York
Wellesley College*	Massachusetts
Wesleyan University*	Connecticut
William College*	Massachusetts
Yale University*	Connecticut

What is QuestBridge?



ABOUT

About QuestBridge

Founded in 1994, QuestBridge is a national nonprofit based in Palo Alto, California that connects the nation's most exceptional, low-income youth with leading colleges and opportunities. By working with these students — beginning in high school through college to their first job — QuestBridge aims to increase the percentage of talented low-income students attending the nation's best colleges and to support them to achieve success in their careers and communities.

We know...

The vast majority of high-achieving, low-income students do not apply to selective colleges or universities.

We believe...

The right information can change the way outstanding low-income students see their future.

We provide opportunities...

To these exceptional students to help them understand that an education at a top college is possible— and affordable.

We've helped thousands of students...

Gain admission with full scholarships or generous financial aid to QuestBridge college partners.



WE ARE HIRING!

Working at QuestBridge offers an exceptional opportunity to contribute to the growth of a far-reaching entrepreneurial social venture. [View our current job openings >>](#)

STUDENT STORIES



Meet some of our QuestBridge Scholars

MISSION & VISION



We envision a world where America's

OUR IMPACT



Over \$2 billion has been offered to

Quest Bridge- Qualifications

Academic Achievement:

- In the top 5% or 10% of their class.
- Have received mostly A's grades in the most rigorous classes available.
- Scored >1250 (Critical Reading +Math) on the SAT or >28 (Composite) on the ACT.

Financial Qualification:

- Household income is less than \$65,000 a year, and often less for a typical family of four, with minimal assets.
- Often eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

Personal Circumstances:

- Often in the first generation in their family to attend a four-year U.S. college.
- Unusually high level of family responsibility (caring for siblings, part-time work to support family financially, etc.)
- Extracurricular achievements, such as leadership or community activities.

COLLEGE PARTNERS



AMHERST COLLEGE

Bowdoin

BOWDOIN COLLEGE



BROWN

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Caltech

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY



Carleton

CARLETON COLLEGE



CLAREMONT
MCKENNA
COLLEGE
CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

Colby

COLBY COLLEGE



COLORADO COLLEGE

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Dartmouth

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

DAVIDSON

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Duke
UNIVERSITY

DUKE UNIVERSITY



HAVERFORD
COLLEGE



Northwestern



OBERLIN COLLEGE



POMONA COLLEGE



PRINCETON UNIVERSITY



RICE UNIVERSITY

SCRIPPS
COLLEGE

SCRIPPS COLLEGE



STANFORD UNIVERSITY



SWARTHMORE COLLEGE



TUFTS UNIVERSITY

THE UNIVERSITY OF
CHICAGO

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME



UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA

UNIVERSITY
VIRGINIA

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA



VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY



VASSAR COLLEGE



WASHINGTON AND LEE
UNIVERSITY



WELLESLEY COLLEGE



WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Williams

WILLIAMS COLLEGE



YALE UNIVERSITY

QuestBridge

Amherst College	Davidson College	Princeton University	University of Virginia
Bowdoin College	Duke University	Rice University	Vanderbilt University
Brown University	Emory University	Scripps College	Vassar College
California Institute of Technology	Grinnell College	Stanford University	Washington and Lee University
Carleton College	Haverford College	Swarthmore College	Wellesley College
Claremont McKenna College	Macalester College	Tufts University	Wesleyan University
Colby College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Chicago	Williams College
Colorado College	Northwestern University	University of Notre Dame	Yale University
Columbia University	Oberlin College	University of Pennsylvania	
Dartmouth College	Pomona College	University of Southern California	

COLLEGE PARTNERS

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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EDUCATORS

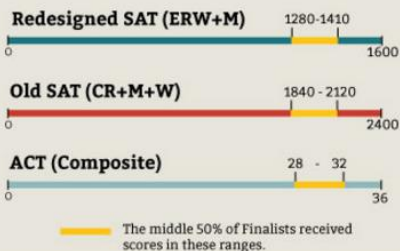
SCHOLARS

ABOUT

2016 FINALIST PROFILE

Applicants: 14,491 | Finalists: 5,338

TEST SCORES



Median Income:
\$35,005



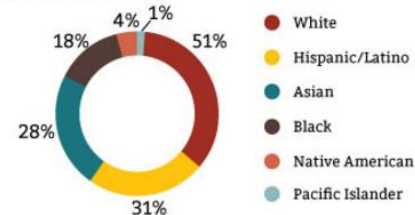
Ranked in the **top 10%** of their class



First Gen to 4-year college:
70%

Average unweighted GPA: 3.87

Race/Ethnicity:



NATIONAL COLLEGE MATCH FINALIST PROFILE

In 2016, out of 14,491 applications, 5,338 students were selected as Finalists based on their academic, financial, and extracurricular credentials. QuestBridge Finalists exhibit high academic achievement and qualify financially.

Below are some aggregate statistics that represent the strength of these Finalists:



Summer 2016

2016 National College Match application opens online.

September 27, 2016

National College Match application is due.

October 13, 2016

College rankings due.

October 20, 2016

- Applicants are notified of Finalist decisions via their application.
- Finalists continue with their College Match applications. Applicants not chosen as Finalists (Non-Finalists) should proceed on their own with college applications.

November 1, 2016

Finalists must submit required documents to the colleges that they have ranked.

November 2, 2016

Final college rankings and Match Agreement Form are due (if needed).

November 7, 2016

Finalists can begin selecting colleges for [QuestBridge Regular Decision](#).

December 1, 2016

- Finalists are notified of College Match results.
- Finalists who do not match continue with QuestBridge Regular Decision.

December 11, 2016

The QuestBridge Regular Decision Form is due.

Spring 2017

Admissions decisions are sent out by the colleges for Regular Decision applicants.

Start the conversation with Families NOW!

- Communication with families - what do families care about:
 - Knowing **students are safe**
 - Being able to **pay for food, books, clothing and incidentals**
 - Knowing students **won't have a great deal of debt (if any)** in college
 - Flights or transportation for **beginning and end of the year, Thanksgiving, Winter Break, Spring Break** and hopefully **parent/family weekend in October** (might need hotel for family)

Scholarships – Scholly



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The Easy Way To Find Scholarships

Scholly is an easy way to find scholarships for high school seniors, current undergraduates, and graduate students.

Free Applications

- **CSUs give you 4 Free Applications** if eligible
- **UCs give you 4 Free Applications** if eligible
- If you qualified for an **SAT Fee Waiver**, you may get **4 College Application Fee Waivers**
 - Can be used for mostly private Universities
- Search for colleges with free applications on **CollegeBoard.org**