Café Research

Leverage the power of the Corsava Café
The Corsava Café is a space for:

- Learning more about a particular college/university
- Researching a specific card or combination of cards
- Viewing college recommendations based on your students’ card sort results
- Recording your impressions about individual colleges and sharing your knowledge with Corsava’s counseling community
Learn about colleges

- See how a specific school rates - overall or on a particular card(s).
  - Enter the college name or alias in the search box and hit enter.
  - Select the college you are interested in from the resulting list.

- View ratings from other counselors, as well as students and parents.
  - Click on the chevron to the left of the heading to expand/collapse each category.
  - Click on the chevron to the left of each rated characteristic to see the distribution of star ratings (similar to Amazon reviews) and any accompanying comments.
Interested in seeing all the colleges with highly rated statistics/analytics programs and great food in the mid-Atlantic states (NY, NJ, PA)?

- Click the chevron to the left of Corsava Cards to expand that section of the Café.
  - Use the chevrons to the right of each category heading to access the list of cards associated with that particular category (College Engagement, Academics, Campus Culture, Educational Culture, Student Resources, Extracurricular Activities, Residential Life).
  - Select the card(s) you are interested in viewing.

- To specify location, click on the chevron to the left of Locations
  - Select the state(s) you are interested in viewing.
By default, the sliding **Admit Rate** bar in the Café encompasses the full range of admit rates: 0% - 100%. If you are doing general research, this will give you the broadest results when digging into a specific card or group of cards.

Adjusting the Admit Rate bar modifies the results accordingly, allowing you to tailor your research to best match a given student’s needs and abilities.

Also by default, search results are ordered by card score. To sort by Admit Rate instead:
- Click on the chevron to the right of Recommended to access the drop down menu.
- Select Admit Rate
  - This will order the search results from most selective (low admit rate) to least selective (high admit rate).
Corsava automatically generates a list of college recommendations whenever a student completes a card sort. These college recommendations are based on students’ Must Have and No Way preferences. Learn more about how our recommendations are generated here.

To view a student’s recommendations:

- Click on the chevron to the left of My Students to expand that section of the Café.
  - All of your students with a completed card sort will appear here, ordered by class, then alphabetically by last name.
- Click on a student’s name to display their preferences and list of recommended colleges
- Adjust the sliding Admit Rate bar to tailor the list to a student’s needs and abilities
Adjust college recommendations

In addition to changing the range on the sliding Admit Bar, removing a card or cards from the Must Have or No Way selections may also impact a student’s recommendations. Removing cards in the Café **will not** change a student’s card sort, but **will** allow you to explore how preference changes can open up more options.

- The more Must Have cards a student has, the less likely it is to find a group of schools rated highly on ALL of them.
  - Some counselors limit students to 5-10 Must Have cards, forcing students to reflect and prioritize. Others use a large Must Have pool as the springboard for deeper discussions and preference adjustments.
Look for conflicting cards - like Rural College and Urban College. Even cards that are not polar opposites can impact and restrict one another (like Lots of Class Choices and Small College). Play with the student’s choices, then discuss how one card can influence another. Help your students dig down and identify the experiences they value and are seeking.

Take a look at their location preferences. Our college recommender algorithm uses Must Have and No Way preferences to generate recommendations. Would Be Nice cards are then used to rank order those recommendations. This means only colleges in Must Have states will be recommended. If a student puts some states in Must Have and others in Would Be Nice, no colleges in the Would Be Nice states will be recommended.
Clear the clutter from your desk and your brain! Do you have sticky notes everywhere? Dogeared reference books? Files...somewhere? Trying to remember which listserv had that one amazing resource?

Capturing your impressions of colleges, comments on particular cards at those colleges, and other notes in one place has multiple benefits!

1. Save yourself time! No more searching through your notes for that tidbit about XY University’s Student Resource center.

2. Improve your student’s college recommendations - our algorithm learns from every impression added. Every data point makes a difference in providing better, more robust lists.

3. Build community - your impressions can help another counselor, just as theirs can help you. We are all in this to help students make better choices and we are better together!