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## Hard College Interview Questions

Here's a list of hard college interview questions and some guidance on how to answer them!

- ❖ **What other schools are you applying to?** – Technically, schools should not ask you this question. Definitely, you don't need to answer it. The best way to handle this question is to keep the answer pretty general. Example: "I'm looking at schools that offer X and X, which is why I'm drawn to your school. In particular, I like that your school offers X and X."
- ❖ **Have you ever had a conflict with a teacher or coach? How was the conflict resolved?** – It's okay if you'd have a conflict, but don't go into detail around how it started and don't place blame. Instead, answer this question by focusing on the steps you took to remedy the conflict. Ensure you present yourself in a positive light, demonstrate behavioral and emotional maturity, and assure the Admissions Officer you learned a lot from the incident.
- ❖ **What has been the most embarrassing moment of your life?** – There's no right or wrong answer to this question. Discuss any lessons learned and identify if there's anything you could do differently to prevent it from happening again (ex: self-improvement or behavioral changes).
- ❖ **What invention would the world be better off without, and why?** – Again, there's no right or wrong answer. Think critically before you answer though, because this question tests your ability to think critically on your feet. It also gives Admissions Officers insight into where you place value.
- ❖ **Give an example of how you applied knowledge from previous coursework to a project in another class.** – In



college, you'll have the opportunity to create your own schedule and push yourself to grow in many ways. Connect the dots and showcase how you've creatively applied classroom learnings.

- ❖ **Describe a situation when you were working on a group project and one of your teammates disagreed with your ideas. How did you handle this?** – Ensure the Admissions Officers know you are confident, yet a team player.
- ❖ **Give me an example of a time you had to make an important decision. How did you make the decision? How does it affect you today?** – Emphasize any key learnings that came from this experience.
- ❖ **Give me an example of a time you had to persuade other people to take action. Were you successful?** – Admissions Officers are looking for good future campus leaders. Think about a time you took on an official or unofficial leadership role and then emphasize how you motivated your team. If you weren't successful, that's okay. What did you learn from the experience and what would you do differently next time?

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