



**Title:** Colleges That Change Lives: 40 You Should Know About Even If You're Not A Straight-A Student

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**Description:**

Choosing the right college has never been more important or more difficult. For the latest edition of this classic college guide, Hilary Masell Oswald conducted her own tours of top schools and in-depth interviews, building on Loren Pope's original to create a totally updated, more expansive work. Organized by geographic region, every profile includes a wealth of vital information, including admissions standards, distinguishing facts about the curriculum, extracurricular activities, and what faculty say about their jobs. Masell Oswald also offers a new chapter on how students with learning disabilities can find schools that fit their needs. For every prospective college student searching for more than football and frat parties, COLLEGES THAT CHANGE LIVES will prove indispensable.

Fully revised and updated by education journalist Hilary Oswald, COLLEGES THAT CHANGE LIVES remains the definite guide for high school students (and their parents) who are looking for more in their college education than football, frat parties, and giant lectures. Building on the foundation of landmark author Loren Pope, Oswald spent more than a year visiting 40 colleges, speaking with students, faculty, and alumni to create these vivid and concise portraits.

Featuring a new introduction, a new Required Reading section, and a new chapter on learning disabilities, the book is organized into five geographic regions (Northeast, South, Midwest, Southwest, Northwest) to make for easy browsing, and urban, suburban, and rural campuses are all featured. There's also an alphabetical index of colleges. Each profile includes admissions standards as well as relevant statistics to make your decision easier, including where the school ranks in post-graduate grants and fellowships, what percentage of students go on to graduate school or further education, distinguishing facts about the curriculum, percentage of professors who have terminal degrees in their field, even what activities are available to students and what they're likely to do on weekends.

From the look and feel of the campus, quality of dining hall food and extracurriculars to the percentage of students who study abroad, average SAT scores, and educational philosophy, Oswald anticipates the questions you'll have and provides the answers (and if you want to know more, there's a section with contact information for every profiled school). You might not have heard of many of these schools, but after reading COLLEGES THAT CHANGE LIVES you'll be dying to visit yourself.

With more than 150,000 copies sold and 24 printings, COLLEGES THAT CHANGE LIVES remains the definite college guide book for discerning students. Whether you've got straight A's and have always known you'll go on to higher education or you've got a mediocre transcript but suddenly find yourself interested in college, this is the book for you.

## **Reviews**

### ***The New York Times:***

Smart and credible, this book might sway an 'A' student, too.

### ***School Library Journal:***

Pope discusses 40 colleges, mostly in the Northeast, South, and Midwest. What makes this book different from other guides is that it highlights schools that select students who have a wide range of abilities, not necessarily the cream of the crop academically, but who exhibit a desire to learn. The atmosphere at these institutions is collaborative rather than competitive and they feature close interaction between students and faculty. Antioch University, Grinnell College, Whitman College, and Goucher College are among the schools included. Overviews of academic standings, admission requirements, quotes by faculty and students, points of geographic interest, and strengths in relation to other schools are given for each selection.