10 ADMISSION COMMANDMENTS

1. THOU SHALT NOT TAKE ANY SHORTCUTS. EACH APPLICATION DESERVES A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW.

2. THOU SHALT KEEP AN OPEN MIND. NOT ALL APPLICANTS SHARE YOUR VALUES, BELIEFS, AND BACKGROUND.

3. THOU SHALT KEEP PERSONAL BIASES IN CHECK. JUST BECAUSE YOU DON’T CONNECT PERSONALLY WITH AN APPLICANT, DOES NOT MEAN HE OR SHE IS NOT A GOOD FIT FOR THE UNIVERSITY.

4. THOU SHALT BE RESPECTFUL. BEHIND EACH APPLICATION IS A STUDENT WHO SPENT TIME AND MONEY TO COMPLETE IT.

5. THOU SHALT BE SENSITIVE. YOU SHOULD ALWAYS CONSIDER AN APPLICANT’S PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND WEIGH THEM APPROPRIATELY.

6. THOU SHALT NOT JUDGE. YOUR JOB IS TO EVALUATE FOR FIT, NOT JUDGE, THE APPLICANT.

7. THOU SHALT NOT LET YOUR EGO GET IN THE WAY. YOU SHOULD NEVER ALLOW YOURSELF TO BELIEVE THAT YOU CONTROL AN APPLICANT’S FATE.

8. THOU SHALT GIVE APPLICANTS THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT. YOU SHOULD ASSUME THAT WHAT APPLICANTS PRESENT ON THEIR APPLICATIONS IS TRUTHFUL UNLESS YOU HAVE CLEAR PROOF OF OTHERWISE.

9. THOU SHALT LOOK FOR REASONS TO ADMIT, NOT DENY, APPLICANTS. YOU SHOULD LOOK FOR THE MERITS OF EACH APPLICANT AND KEEP THE OVERALL PROCESS POSITIVE.

10. THOU SHALT FIGHT FOR APPLICANTS BUT ALSO KNOW WHEN TO LET GO...