

05:52	Linda	Anyone have any questions?
05:52	hamm0_	I do.
05:53	Linda	hamm0, please go ahead.
05:53	Linda	Thanks for coming.
05:53	hamm0_	I'm going to visit Ross on Monday.. How helpful do you think it is networking with current students/cl before I get to campus, in order to meet up with them when I'm there? What kind of things should I b asking?
05:53	hamm0_	Glad to be here (I'm always here 🤗)
05:54	Linda	Are you planning to apply in the 2013-14 season?
05:54	hamm0_	Applying in the fall.
05:54	hamm0_	Round 1.
05:54	Linda	Great. I'm a big fan of school visits when you can do them.
05:54	Linda	Yes by all means network with current students.
05:54	Linda	If you can speak with members of the clubs that most interest you.
05:55	hamm0_	What should I be asking specifically?
05:55	hamm0_	I visited Darden, and wasn't 100% sure what to be asking the students I spoke with.
05:55	Linda	We have a few articlesl on how to make the most of school visits. Here is the link
05:55	Linda	http://www.accepted.com/mba/fit.aspx#Visits
05:56	Linda	You should be asking about the classes. Do they enjoy them? MAP at Ross?
05:56	Linda	How was the internship search?
05:56	Linda	What do they like best and least about the program?
05:56	Linda	Who are the best probs and classes, especially in your area of interest?
05:56	Linda	What's a typical day?
05:56	hamm0_	Thanks Linda. I'll check out that link, & add those questions to my arsenal.
05:56	Linda	Do they find the professors accessbile.
05:56	Linda	I can keep going, but I think you get the idea.
05:56	jum	Evening Linda. On school visits, I'm an international and plan to visit Tuck and Duke in Sept. What c you think are the pros and cons of interviewing in the open period? and what will be your your suggestion?
05:57	hamm0_	Exactly, Thank you.
05:57	hamm0_	Good question jum - I am also interested 😊
05:57	Linda	The big pro is that you are taking the initiative and showing interest.
05:57	Linda	Also, if you are a strong interviewer you are showing yourself as a good communicator and not leavi to the school to invite you to interview or not.
05:58	Linda	Take advantage of those programs that allow you to interview early, especially if you will already be here.
05:58	Linda	Cons, would be if you interview poorly.
05:58	hamm0_	But that will be a con even if you get an invite to interview 🤔
05:59	Linda	True, which is why I feel the pros of interviewing when you have the option outweigh the negatives.
05:59	jum	I think a con is that I will have to prepare for interviews in the middle of app-writing season
05:59	Linda	It is possible but unlikely that an written application could so wow the committee that they would ove a poor and later interview, but I think that's unlikely.
06:00	Linda	jum. 😊 true.

06:00	andromeda2681	i understand that the point of school visits is to get a "feel" for the program and school but is there anyway to think about the visit in an objective manner?
06:00	Linda	But your visit can inform and illuminate your essays.
06:00	hmohsin	Evening Linda, I live in the UK and currently unable to visit schools in USA. will online campus visit help? What are alternative ways for engaging with school?
06:00	Linda	andromeda, what do you mean "in an objective manner"?
06:00	Linda	hmohsin, attend school receptions.
06:00	kart77	whoa, full house
06:01	Linda	attend Tour events like those of The MBA Tour and World MBA Tour.
06:01	Watif550-600	Hi Linda....My brief profile I mfrn BITS Pilani(Off campus), Working fr NYK Line as Second officer on supertankers...I have been engaged in carrying crude oil across continents fr various continents....have worked with various nationalities.. Somehow i m stuck with 550 on gmat...I want to work Oil and gas in basically energy sector post mba.....
06:01	Watif550-600	so shud i frget about mba frm top 30 b schools coz f low gmat
06:01	Linda	hmohsin and try to connect with current students either using social media or by contacting the schools and saying that you would like to speak or correspond with some current students.
06:02	Linda	watif550-600, can you retake the GMAT and change your method of study?
06:02	Watif550-600	i m tryn bt just in case i fail again i want to be sure are there colls
06:03	hmohsin	thanks Linda.. I use social media LinkedIn etc. thanks for suggestion
06:03	andromeda2681	well for example, developing a set of common questions that you want answered during the visit to each of the programs...
06:03	Linda	There are MBA programs, but it is extraordinarily difficult to get into a top 30 with a 550 GMAT.
06:03	Watif550-600	i mean i think i ll be able to hit 600 bracket this time
06:03	Linda	They would have real concerns about your ability to do the work.
06:03	andromeda2681	something along those lines
06:03	Linda	andromeda, you certainly can have a common set of questions as a basis, but the schools are all different.
06:04	mib_x75x2b	Hi,my case would be the exact opposite of Watif550-600's..I have a high GMAT score of 760 but a poor academic record-GPA 6.5/10. Would a couple of years of work experience coupled with regular volunteer work get me an interview in say,one of the top 20 MBA schools?
06:04	Watif550-600	Dnt u think fr colls such as TCU 550 will be sufficient
06:04	Linda	I think you would be horribly limiting the value of your visits if you stick rigidly to one set of questions
06:04	Linda	What is TCU?
06:04	andromeda2681	ok. makes sense. thanks
06:05	Watif550-600	is 6.5 absolute gradn r relative
06:05	hamm0_	TCU = Texas Christian University, I think 😊
06:05	mib_x75x2b	relative
06:05	Watif550-600	Texas christian university neeley
06:05	Linda	Thanks. I don't know enough about TCU to comment.
06:06	Thao	Hi Linda, I have a linguistics degree, and have a few years experience working as a teacher. High GMAT but I dont have any background in Maths or business related subjects. Do I have any chance to apply for mba?
06:06	Watif550-600	i m aimn fr an mba frm texas region...cn u comment on a few schools in that region
06:06	Linda	If it supports your goals and has an average GMAT of around 600 and your grades at Pilani were good then you would probably have a chance at TCU.
06:06	Watif550-600	my gpa at pilani was 7.2/10
06:07	Linda	mib, if your GPA is low, the best way to show that you can do better is to take a few graded classes and earn high marks in them.
06:07	Watif550-600	i mean fr post mba in energy sector isnt texas good enough

06:07	Linda	Progressing at work will help, but volunteering really has little to do with academic performance.
06:07	mib_x75x2b	What kind of graded classes are we talking about here? plus i did my major(B.Tech) at a college wh ranked among the top 10 in India
06:07	Linda	mib, please see http://blog.accepted.com/2012/06/13/mba-admissions-a-z-u-is-for-undergrad-grade
06:08	Watif550-600	wich collmib
06:08	mib_x75x2b	NIT Surathkal
06:08	Linda	mib, stats for business, accounting, econ,
06:08	hmohsin	Hi Linda, I am 30 years old. planning for applying in next fall.. how much age plays role in admission Which top schools bother least about age?
06:08	Linda	Thao, yes. Have you taken your GMAT.
06:08	Linda	watif, that's a good GPA.
06:09	Watif550-600	linda cn u comment on few good colls in the texas region with gmat around 600
06:09	Thao	No, I haven't Linda
06:09	Thao	but I am studying some prep books
06:09	mib_x75x2b	Could you recommend a recognised place,online or otherwise where i could do so?
06:10	Linda	The schools with higher average at at matriculation will be good for you. Look for average ages of 2 those clearly are open to people with your experience level.
06:10	Linda	hmohsin, please see http://www.accepted.com/mba/older.aspx
06:10	Thao	what should I do to polish my profile, and to make up for the lack of background?
06:10	Linda	Thao, get a good solid quant score.
06:11	Linda	Thao, perhaps take a course like MBAmath.com or take a few classes like stats for business or accounting.
06:11	Linda	also have a good clear goal that requires an MBA.
06:11	hamm0_	Hey Linda, someone asked about classes in response to a lower GPA. How many classes is "enough At a certain point, don't you start to take too many?
06:11	Linda	FYI, everyone I am presenting a webinar tomorrow called 2014 MBA Applicants: Start Your Engines steps to a stronger M
06:11	Linda	It will deal with many of the topics you are raising.
06:11	Thao	I'm taking some maths class at coursera, do you think those online classes count in application
06:12	Linda	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/217682730
06:12	Watif550-600	Any idea about Bauer college , university of houston
06:12	Linda	hamm0, that depends how low the GPA is relative to the average GPA of matriculants at your target program.
06:12	Linda	Usually 2-4 is enough.
06:12	Linda	You want to show you can handle the work and know how to apply yourself in a top business school
06:13	Linda	You don't usually need to do a masters or another degree.
06:13	hamm0_	Thanks. I've taken one course, but am not sure if I should do another, or work on preparing for essays
06:13	Thao	thank you for the info about webinar Linda
06:14	Linda	Since so many of your questions have to do with weaknesses or flaws in your profiles, check out Overcoming MBA application weaknesses at http://www.accepted.com/mba/applicationweakness.aspx
06:14	Linda	You're welcome Thao.
06:15	Linda	watif, you may want to look into Rice.
06:15	Watif550-600	yes i have checkedtwo thns its damn costly n gmat avg is 680
06:15	Watif550-600	do u think lower 600 will have a shot der
06:15	Watif550-600	r at mcombs
06:16	Linda	Watif, for Mcombs, I think you would need to get it into the mid to high 600s.
06:16	hmohsin_	Thanks Linda, do you recommend to take online math course from http://mbamath.com/ ? Does it count in admission?

06:16	Linda	Are you interested in gas and oil or more transport and infrastructure?
06:16	Linda	Have you considered Tulane?
06:16	Watif550-600	do u have any idea about Bauer
06:16	mib_x75x2b	May i ask which MBA programme you have got an accept into,Linda?
06:17	Watif550-600	yes i have checked tulane
06:17	Linda	Don't know about Bauer.
06:17	Watif550-600	n i m considern it
06:17	Watif550-600	its gmat avg is 630
06:17	Linda	Me? I got my MBA from UCLA in 1979. 😊
06:17	Watif550-600	Linda i m considern oil and gas
06:17	Linda	I've been advising successful applicants to business school since 1994.
06:18	Linda	hmohsin, mbamath is an excellent option for those who have good grades, but don't have a strong c background.
06:18	Linda	Everything counts in admission. Just some things count more. 😊
06:19	Thao	Linda, do you think the online Maths/ finance courses at coursera can support application and complement for my lack of business/ quant background
06:19	hamm0_	OK.. devils advocate - what counts the most 🤔
06:19	Linda	The weakest element in your profile.
06:19	Watif550-600	+1 linda
06:20	Linda	Thao, I'm not sure. Those are so new I haven't heard much about adcom reaction.
06:20	hmohsin_	ok thanks Linda.. I have Elect engineering background, I have Quant background, but not high grad So you recommend me mbamath.com or other UCLA extension courses etc?
06:20	Watif550-600	hw do urate tulane's mba
06:20	Linda	My guess is that if your GMAT and grades are good, the online Coursera option is a great way to sh you are prepatng for bschoool.
06:20	Linda	If your grades are weak, it probably doesn't have the credibility you need.
06:20	Linda	Watif, thanks.
06:21	Thao	ok great, thanks Linda. I'd better get good grades for those courses
06:21	Linda	hmohsin, Extension
06:21	andromeda2681	Linda, this is something of a general question: how strong of a correlation is there between the locat of the school and the industry that you eventually want to move into? does going to a lower ranked school in california make more sense than going to a higher ranked,better recognized school in,say, mid-west? what is the conventional wisdom on this is
06:21	andromeda2681	issue?
06:21	Linda	Watif, it is a good program, especially good in the U.S. SouthEast.
06:21	hmohsin_	ok Thanks Linda
06:22	andromeda2681	if you are say targeting hi-tech?
06:22	Linda	andromeda, the specifics count here.
06:22	Linda	what are your specific goals?
06:22	Watif550-600	I mean will it be easy to shift to Texas oil and gas industry with Tulane's mba
06:22	Linda	Do the companies you want to work for hire from the regional school you want to attend?
06:23	andromeda2681	i am targeting a business dev role in the hi-tech industry
06:23	Linda	For example. Foster is a great program to attend if you want to work for Microsoft, but it does not ha national reputation.
06:23	Watif550-600	Moreover tulane has gt a prog Master in energy mgmt.....u have any idea f it
06:23	Linda	Emory is a great program is you want to work for Pepsi.
06:23	Linda	There are regional program that have excellent recruiting ties to MNC located in their region.

06:24 Linda That question is a real "it depends" question. You need to do your individual homework on that one.

06:24 andromeda2681 ok thanks

06:24 hmohsin_ Linda, which schools like engineering background most and have better acceptance rate for engineering? In which round do you don't recommend to apply with Asian and Engineering background?

06:24 Linda watif, Tulane is in the Gulf region and does have strong ties to oil and petroleum.

06:24 Watif550-600 hw do u check the company relation with colls

06:25 Watif550-600 kk

06:25 Linda Look at the employment reports and then follow up on that with questions at fairs and receptions.

06:25 Linda hmohsin, you can check school profiles for that data, but MIT and CMU Tepper come immediately to mind.

06:26 Linda However I urge you to look forward more than backward. The rear view mirror is usually smaller than the front window and should be.

06:26 Watif550-600 so say if i want to work for chevron or exxon i need to check colls from where they recruit the most

06:26 hmohsin_ ok many thanks Linda..

06:26 Linda Focus first on the programs that support your goals.

06:27 Linda watif, that's a good way to go.

06:27 hmohsin_ ok thanks

06:27 Linda You may not find all the data; it's pretty hard to do so.

06:27 Linda But you can certainly get some.

06:27 Watif550-600 Linda do u have any idea about masters prog of tulane focusing on energy...or from that tulsa

06:27 Linda Sorry. I'm not familiar with that.

06:28 Watif550-600 dats wat...i mean hw many school's employment report shud i check???

06:28 Linda Any other questions?

06:29 Linda mib's are you multiplying?

06:29 andromeda2681 hehe..

06:30 hamm0_ mibs always are multiplying 🤖

06:30 Thao Linda, I have one more question. I do not have experience working in business. but I intend to set up a language center that offer evening classes. do u think in that way, I can get some experience of running my own business? u know a language center is nothing compared to other business/ companies

06:30 Watif550-600 Linda can u comment sthn on AGSM mba gmat requirement

06:32 Linda Thao, running a business is valuable experience from an MBA admissions perspective.

06:32 Linda And so running a language center makes sense for you.

06:32 Linda It builds on what you have done in the past.

06:32 hmohsin_ Could you please suggest how to finalize the schools list to apply. Being 30 years old with 8 years of Telecom engineering, How many schools should I apply in 1st round and how many in 2nd round. I have GMAT score ready at the moment, but hoping to get 700+. What do you suggest me how should I finalize the list of school?

06:32 Linda Does it relate to what you want to do after your MBA?

06:33 Thao yes, it relates to my future plans. many thanks for the explanation Linda

06:33 Watif550-600 One last question, During my college i joined a company that sold computer lang packages...and we had to need to make members...I was not too successful made 10 members but left after that...hw can i use that experience

06:33 Linda You may want to look at the Where to Apply thread that I recently drafted on GMAT Club, hmohsin.

06:33 Linda Also check out this infographic, <http://www.accepted.com/Images/ViewImageWithTemplate.aspx?img=images/AcceptedInfographic>.

06:33 Linda It lays it out.

06:34 hmohsin_ ok thats great.. I check that thread. Thank you so much

06:34 Linda Thao, then I think starting that center (from an admissions perspective) would be an excellent move

06:34	Linda	Just make sure you have someone to run it when you are in school.
06:34	Thao	thank you, you are very helpful and encouraging
06:34	Watif550-600	i mean the company asked to make members to earn bucks...just like make members and earn bucks
06:35	Linda	watif, that would depend on the questions, what else you have done, and experiences you may be forced to ignore by including this one.
06:35	Watif550-600	can i use to depict entrepreneurship skills
06:35	Watif550-600	can u pls elaborate i did not get
06:35	Linda	I don't see a lot of entrepreneurship there. you joined an existing company and then left it.
06:36	Watif550-600	kk so hw best can i use it
06:36	Linda	you're welcome Thao.
06:36	jum	Linda, a couple of questions around a part time job with my family business that I have currently. 1.) What is the best way to project it positively 2.) how important is it to show progression there?
06:36	Watif550-600	?
06:36	Linda	Jum, what are you doing full-time?
06:36	jum	working as a process re-engineering consultant for healthcare providers
06:37	Linda	watif, include it on your resume, but without knowing more about you and know the essay questions really can't say more.
06:37	Linda	Certainly list it on your resume. Focus on your achievements there.
06:37	Linda	2) It is less important than at your full-time job.
06:38	jum	got it!
06:38	Linda	Good!
06:39	souvik101990	Linda how different is 740 and 780?
06:39	souvik101990	gmat in 2 days so you understand the emotion
06:39	Linda	Watif, I can't really tell you how to use that experience more than suggestion you include it on your resume because I don't know enough about you and I don't know where you are applying or the questions they will ask you.
06:39	jum	a FULL 40 points 🤔
06:39	Linda	Either score is excellent.
06:39	Linda	Good answer Jum.
06:39	Linda	go in.
06:39	souvik101990	jum not you 770er :
06:39	Linda	do your best.
06:40	Linda	then deal with the results.
06:40	Linda	either one is an excellent score.
06:40	Watif550-600	thnks
06:40	Linda	watif, you're welcome.
06:40	hamm0_	lol jum
06:41	jum	Actually, the doubt emerged from the fact that the position I'm at (with my PT family business) sounds very senior and I don't have a lot of progression to show for it. I don't want people to form a bias as they see my resume
06:41	Watif550-600	Souvik I m sure out f ur 1000's comment on forums ...u must have commented on 740 or 780 with a better.....stay cool u ll score 750+
06:42	hmohsin_	Linda, what kind of extra curricular activities are weighted more in Admission?
06:42	souvik101990	Nooooooooooooo.... noo more pressure please!!!
06:42	Watif550-600	hahah
06:42	Linda	Those that show commitment (on your part) and allow you to demonstrate leadership and/or teamwork
06:42	Linda	😊

06:43	hmohsin_	ok got it.. Thanks
06:43	Linda	You're welcome.
06:43	Linda	Last call for questions.
06:43	Watif550-600	thnx
06:44	Watif550-600	n gd nyt
06:44	Linda	Let me invite you all again to the webinar tomorrow. Register at https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/217682730
06:44	Linda	Good night.
06:44	Linda	For more MBA admissions tips, please see http://www.accepted.com/mba/admissions.aspx .
06:44	souvik101990	Good night Linda
06:44	mib_x75x2b	Thx
06:44	Linda	My apologies again for the late arrival.
06:44	hamm0_	Thanks for coming Linda
06:44	hamm0_	Come back soon!
06:44	Linda	Good night.
06:45	Linda	Will do.
06:45	souvik101990	no worries. Thanks for Joining
06:45	Thao	I have just registered t the webinar. Thank you Linda once again for helpful suggestions.
06:45	Linda	Thanks Thao. I lookf orward to "seeing" you there.