

# The Problematic Math of College Admissions

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## Panelists:

- Veronica Anderson (PenUltimate)
- David Bressoud (Macalester College)
- Pamela Burdman (Just Equations)
- David Hawkins (National Association for College Admission Counseling)

**Moderator:** David Kung (Charles A. Dana Center, UT Austin)

- **Description:** Calculus is rarely a requirement for admission into four-year colleges or universities. Yet, college bound students looking for a competitive advantage often feel the need to take Calculus to increase their chances of acceptance—especially for selective postsecondary institutions. Factoring Calculus into the admissions process as a measure of rigor, or to assess student talent ignores the fact that not all students have access to Calculus and reinforces inequity—with a pronounced effect on underserved students. It also overlooks the rapid expansion of 21st century courses like data science and statistics that better align with many students' aspirations. This session will highlight findings from a national survey of admissions professionals exploring the role of math course-taking in admission decisions. Leading thinkers on the issue will discuss what drives the race to calculus and the opportunities to align admissions with 21st century math pathways.

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