

## The Most Important Skill

### Empathy and Excellent Sheep

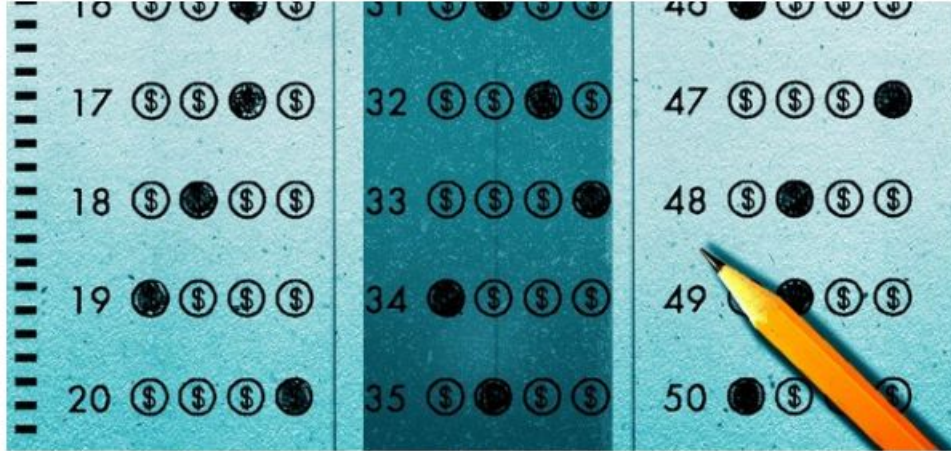


#### THE MOST IMPORTANT SKILL OR TRAIT YOU CAN DEVELOP, NOW AND ALWAYS



**Collegiality • Empathy** | This is the crux of our learning and the “stuff of growth,” as Ken Robinson once said. Empathy animates and facilitates the collaborative environments that drive innovation and progress. Productive academic collegiality and empathy are best built through discussion, writing, and especially reading in the Humanities.

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## Extracurriculars Shouldn't Be Necessary for College

One man's mission to make college admissions sane (and fair) again One day in the summer of 2015, I sat in a small conference room in Tribeca, watching the reality show *Dance Moms* with Richard Weissbourd, a renowned Harvard psychologist.

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## Poison Ivy

I went to college early in this century, when the drug of choice on campus was sleep deprivation. Students trying to do more than the day allowed would run their work into the night and brave the bleary consequences. Many boasted of two or three hours of rest; they often seemed like hopheads relishing a wild trip.

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