

# **THE 411 ON PLANNING FOR COLLEGE**

#### **BY WEALTHFRONT**

Our clients aren't letting the skyrocketing costs paralyze them. See how they're setting the trends when it comes to saving.

# **COSTS ARE RISING FASTER THAN INFLATION**

#### THE AVERAGE COST OF 4 YEARS \$302,700 \$183,600 \$166,800 \$101,200 TODAY 2036 TODAY 2036 **PUBLIC UNIVERSITY PRIVATE UNIVERSITY** IF YOU STARTED TODAY, \$980/mo **TO COVER THE FULL COST** YOU'D NEED TO SAVE...

For illustrative purposes, the projected performance is based on a Wealthfront 529 College Savings Plan account with a risk score of 6.0, producing average net-of-fee returns of 4.0% over an 18-year investment horizon with \$0 initial contribution. See our note about hypotheticals at the end of this guide.

Source: Wealthfront Research with data from from IPEDS (https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/)

## **FINANCIAL AID DOESN'T COVER MUCH**

THE AVERAGE EXPECTED FINANCIAL AID FOR FOUR YEARS FOR FAMILIES WHO **QUALIFY WITH INCOME ABOVE \$110K** 



# **BUT OUR CLIENTS ARE TAKING ON THE CHALLENGE TO MEET THE RISING COSTS**

# THEY DREAM BIG

#### **TOP THREE PRIVATE SCHOOLS**



# **THEY SAVE EARLY & OFTEN**

5YR THE MAGIC AGE CLIENTS OPENED A 529 ACCOUNT FOR THEIR KID

\$17,149 **AVERAGE 529 ACCOUNT SAVINGS** 

48%

**OF CLIENTS CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR 529 ACCOUNT EVERY MONTH** 

# AND THEY'RE STILL FOCUSED ON **OTHER AMBITIOUS GOALS**

## MANY ARE SAVING TO **BUY HOMES IN**

## SOME HAVE THEIR EYES **ON AN EARLY RETIREMENT**





#### A reminder about hypothetical calculations

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