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List of fees

One to one meeting , £135 per hour

Telephone, Skype meeting, £110 per hour

Review of personal statement, US college essay, supplements, £65 per hour

Research on college, universities, £65 per hour

RECENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Forty five plus years in International/ US Education as an English teacher, personal and college counselor, administrator. Peru, Tunisia, Indonesia, Scotland, England, United States
- Director of Counseling, Garces Memorial High School, Bakersfield , California 1998-1999 Responsible for all personal and college counseling.
- Director of Counseling, ACS Hillingdon, Hillingdon, UK, 1999-2000. Responsible for personal and UK college counseling, specializing in international students and students with English as a second language.m
- Assistant Principal, Garces Memorial High School, 2000-2004. Coordinated all curriculum, budgets, faculty and student issues. Responsible for implementing and coordinating the college counseling program.
- Academic Dean, Director of Counseling, ACS Egham School, Egham, Surrey, UK, 2004-2006. Responsible for all personal counseling programs and issues and UK, US university applications.
- High School Principal, ACS Egham International School, 2006-2009. Oversaw faculty and student relations. Developed curriculum for the International Baccalaureate. Worked with international students and faculty. Facilitated and oversaw the university counseling program.
- Director of College Counseling, ACS Egham, 2009-2012. Developed the college counseling program, coordinated university visits to the school and parent education evenings. Dealt with all aspects of the college application process for the USA, UK, Canada, Europe.

- Independent college/ university, 2012- present. Advises students on all aspects of the university application process in the UK, USA, Canada, Europe.

EXPERIENCE IN UNIVERSITY/ COLLEGE COUNSELING

- Extensive knowledge and understanding of US college and university system
- Extensive knowledge and understanding of UCAS and UK universities
- International admissions advisor with extensive experience working with international students
- Extensive experience with students who have special learning needs
- Visits top US and UK universities regularly
- Well developed contacts with admissions personnel at US and UK universities
- Member of IACAC, CIS, HECA, IECA

RECENT UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE PLACEMENTS

UK

- Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, Imperial, Kings, UCL, Warwick, York, Liverpool, Birmingham, Manchester, Royal Holloway, Queen Mary, Sussex, Edinburgh, St Andrews, Glasgow, Exeter, Loughborough, Kent, Lancaster, Nottingham, Royal Holloway, Oxford Brookes, Newcastle, Hull/ York Medical School, Brighton/ Sussex Medical School, Bath, University of Strathclyde, St Mary's Twickenham, University of Surrey, University of Reading, Brunel, University of East Anglia, Portsmouth, Southampton, Newcastle, Bristol, Stirling, University of the Arts, University of the Creative Arts, Arts University Bournemouth.

USA

- Princeton, University of Chicago, Carnegie Mellon, Georgetown, George Washington, Brown University, Harvard University, American University, NYU, Northeastern, Boston College, Boston University, Emerson College, Bryn Mawr, Dartmouth, William and Mary, University of Virginia, Pomona, University of Pennsylvania, Stanford University, Yale University, Colorado State University, Syracuse University, McGill University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Worcester Polytechnic University, Baylor University, Bucknell, University, Pitzer College, Providence College, Bryant University, Colorado College, University of San Diego, University of Miami, University of Vermont, University of Richmond, University of Tampa, Richmond, the American International University in London, UCLA, Sarah Lawrence, University of Texas, Columbia, University of Richmond, Florida Tech, Marist College, Lehigh, Columbia (Chicago), UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, Carnegie Mellon, Florida Tech, Marist College, Davidson College, Elon
- Canada

- McGill, University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, Queens University, University of Calgary, University of Western Ontario, Carleton, Guelph.
- Europe
- University College, Utrecht; Rotterdam School of Management , Leiden University, IESE, Segovia , Spain; American University of Paris, Brocconi University', Italy. ‘

SERVICES OFFERED

- Available for one to one consultation, by phone , email or SKYPE
- Assessment of student's academic record- grades, test scores, predicted grades, exam results
- Assessment of student's interests, activities, skills, talents
- Help student develop an academic and extracurricular profile
- Help student develop an appropriate and realistic university/ college list
- Ensure that student chooses schools that provide the best 'fit ' for the student
- Help with filling out all applications
- Make application stand out- careful review of application, qualifications and essays
- Assist student with meeting all deadlines
- Extensive help with brainstorming and editing the personal statement, college essays and supplements. I will never write the essay for the student but will provide guidance on writing strategies and understanding what the questions are asking.
- Information, assistance and preparation with standardized testing
- Plan and develop university/ college visits to US and UK
- Expert guidance through the entire admissions process
- Assist with the athletic recruiting process at US schools
- Evaluate options for financial aid, scholarships
- Subject specific Preparation and tuition for UK university interviews
- Guidance and preparation for US and UK college interviews

Education

- BA Regis College, Weston, Ma, 1965
- Masters of Family and Child Counseling, California State ,University, Bakersfield, California, 1997

Pupil Personnel Credential (PPS) 1994

Member of ACAC International, HECA, IECA, CIS