



Expert Planning for COLLEGE ADMISSION AND SUCCESS



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Our Approach

Your accomplishments will not be determined by the selectivity or prestige of your future college, and your college experience will be defined by more than an acceptance letter.* At College Transitions, we believe that the college admissions process is not an end—but a means to self-discovery, growth and fulfillment. We aim to bring perspective (and some sanity) to college planning, and we strive to provide you with the comprehensive and responsive support needed to enroll *and* succeed at a college that is right for you.



* Want Proof? See, for example: Dale, S. & Krueger, A.B. (2011). *Estimating the Return to College Selectivity*.

Andrew Belasco

A licensed counselor and independent educational consultant, Andrew's experience in the field of college admissions and transition spans more than one decade.

After receiving a B.A. from Georgetown University and a M.Ed. from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education, Andrew enrolled as a PhD student at University of Georgia's top-ranked Higher Education program, where he currently focuses his dissertation writing on the relationship between pre-college counseling and postsecondary success. A published researcher and recent fellow of the Association for Institutional Research, Andrew's work has been funded by the National Science Foundation, American Educational Research Association, National Center for Education Statistics, and University of Michigan's Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research.

While a graduate student, Andrew has worked as a school counselor in a highly regarded Pennsylvania school district, a college admissions consultant and author for Kaplan Test Prep, and as a research consultant at the federal level for the Congressional Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. He is also a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and holds a credential in college admissions counseling from UCLA.

Dave Bergman

A published researcher, certified school administrator, and faculty member at Temple University, Dave Bergman possesses expertise in the areas of adolescent motivation and college admissions guidance. He has studied college counseling at the University of California, San Diego and is a member of the National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC). A screen-writer in his former profession, Dave takes special pleasure in helping students craft authentic and compelling college essays.

Michael Trivette

A former admissions professional and faculty member at Appalachian State University, Michael has over a decade of experience in higher education, assuming job roles in the areas of college admissions, enrollment management, intercollegiate athletics, and student life. Currently enrolled as a PhD student in UGA's top-ranked Higher Education program, Michael has published research in the areas of college admissions and finance. Michael's extensive knowledge of college student development drives his focus on postsecondary success and ensures that *College Transitions* students have the tools needed to earn their degree.

Services

Consulting includes services related to college admissions and transition, and encompass:

- Academic guidance
- College search and list development
- Career and personality assessment
- Standardized testing strategy
- Developing a resume
- Soliciting letters of recommendation
- Campus visits
- Admissions interview
- Application preparation
- Financial aid and scholarships
- College selection and decision guidance
- Positioning for college transition
- Supporting college persistence



* Clients wishing to pursue test preparation services are eligible for discounts through our partners, Applerouth Tutoring and Veritas Prep, two of the nation's most preeminent test prep providers.

Testimonials

“Your knowledge of the college search and application process was top-notch. However, we were equally impressed by your ability to set our son at ease and to provide him with the peace of mind he needed to perform his best during senior year. We are confident that your assistance and personal support gave our son the boost he needed to earn admission at his dream school.”

Parents, Princeton, NJ

Son accepted to Georgetown University

“They approached the application process with clarity and compassion. They helped me prepare my perfect essay and met every question and concern with thoughtful responses, and guided me into the Ivy League college of my dreams.”

M.P., Athens, GA

Accepted to Dartmouth College

“This time last year, I wouldn't have considered a school outside the Ivy League. You really opened my eyes to all of the wonderful, smaller colleges out there...I couldn't be happier with my decision, and I can't wait to take advantage of all the opportunities that I know my school will afford me. Thank you so very much for everything!”

M.G., Radnor, PA

Attending Bowdoin College (also accepted to Brown and Dartmouth)

“Thanks to you, I really hit the ground running. It's only January and I have secured an internship and settled on a major. For the first time in my life, I really feel like I have a plan...I feel like I know who I am and what I want to do. Thanks for everything.”

N.T., Wilmington, NC

Attending Colby College

Acceptances

Clients with whom we have worked previously have been admitted into these colleges, among others:

Amherst College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brown University
Claremont McKenna College
Colby College
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Emory University
Georgetown University
Haverford College
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Kenyon College
Macalester College

Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Oberlin College
Pomona College
Princeton University
Reed College
Rhode Island School of Design
University of California, Berkeley
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Chicago
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Pennsylvania
University of Virginia
Williams College
Yale University

In the News

College Transitions consultants are also published researchers and actively contribute to scholarship in the field of higher education. Our work has been featured in a number of news media outlets, including *The New York Times*, *CBS News*, *Newsweek*, *ESPN*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and *Inside Higher Education*.

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