

Getting In: A College Coach Conversation Thursday at 1 PM Pacific

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Should you file the FAFSA even if you don't qualify for financial aid or have no plans to apply for financial aid? These are questions we frequently field, especially during the fall, and we're going to answer them on today's show. We also have advice on applying to visual and fine arts programs. Finally, in the first of our fall series on supplemental essays, we're looking at the supplemental essay prompts for Wake Forest.



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### **Featured Guests**



## **Alex Bickford**

Alex Bickford joined College Coach as part of the college financing team from the education finance department of Citizens Bank. Before his stint with Citizens, he worked as an Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Southern New Hampshire University. Alex has spent most of his professional career working in financial aid and has assisted traditional undergraduate, adult learners and masters degree students in financing their educations. He has a masters degree in business education, a bachelors degree in hotel and restaurant management, and an associates degree in culinary arts.

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Julia Jones has been working with adolescents and college admissions for most of her career. She was involved in virtually all aspects of the admissions process at Brandeis University, including overseeing the creation and production of admissions publications and recruitment materials and serving as director of the Brandeis Alumni Admissions Council, a 1000-member network of alumni recruiters and interviewers. During her tenure at Brandeis, Julia also was a member of the New England Association of College Admission Counseling (NEACAC) and served on the planning committees for three NEACAC annual conferences. More recently, she continued to work with high school students and their families



# **Christine Kenyon**

Christine Kenyons passion for education began while studying secondary education and history at Boston College. As a volunteer tour guide, Christine fell in love with the world of undergraduate admission. She went on to receive a graduate assistantship in Boston Colleges admission office while she completed her masters degree in developmental psychology. Christine then joined the office of undergraduate admission at Babson College, where she focused on scholarship review, transfer admission, and multicultural recruitment. Most recently, she served as an application reviewer and interviewer for highlyselective scholarships affiliated with UNC Chapel Hill and Duke University.

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