



**Getting In: A College Coach Conversation**  
Thursday at 1 PM Pacific  
September 21st 2017: Harvard Admissions; Health Professions Degrees; ApplyTexas Essays

Struggling with your Apply Texas application essays? Look no further—we've got tips and suggestions for approaching these in this week's Office Hours segment. We'll also go inside the Harvard admissions office with a College Coach expert who used to be an admissions officer there, and we'll discuss the things you need to know about financing a health professions degree.

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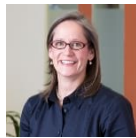
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**Featured Guests**



**Rebecca Besthoff**

I joined College Coach after working for a number of years in college admissions at various institutions. I began my career at my alma mater, Bowdoin College, where I was in charge of applications from northern California, Colorado, Georgia and the New England states, as well as the transfer admission program. While I was an associate director of admission at Cornell, I oversaw all recruitment in New England for Cornell's seven undergraduate colleges. I reviewed all applications from the region and sat on the selection committees in the College of Engineering and the College of Architecture, Art and Planning. At Harvard I personally evaluated every application from my assigned regions and

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**Kyra Tyler**

Kyra Tyler has worked in a variety of roles in higher education. She began her career in admissions at Brandeis University, where she spearheaded the school's student of color recruitment effort. She also chaired a committee dedicated to offering scholarships and performance opportunities to talented chamber musicians. Prior to joining College Coach, Kyra was awarded a Presidential Fellowship from Harvard University, where she worked in development at the Harvard College Fund. She also worked at the Harvard Alumni Association while pursuing a Master of Education at the Graduate School of Education. Upon graduating from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Music in Flute Performance

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**Shannon Vasconcelos**

Shannon Vasconcelos has worked in student financial assistance at Boston University and Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, where she served as the assistant director of financial aid. At Tufts, she was responsible for reviewing financial aid applications, determining financial aid awards, and helping families through the college financing process. In addition, Shannon has served as an active member of the Massachusetts Association of Student Financial Aid Administrator's Early Awareness and Outreach Committee, as a trainer for the Department of Education's National Training for Counselors and Mentors, and as a volunteer for FAFSA Day Massachusetts. She has a BA in economics from

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