



Getting In: A College Coach Conversation
Thursday at 1 PM Pacific
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NY State Excelsior Program

One year ago, NY State established the Excelsior Program offering free tuition to qualifying state residents at state institutions. As the program heads into its second year, we'll revisit how the program works and share information about how students can take advantage of it. For students and families who have made the decision to pursue homeschooling as an alternative to a traditional school setting, the college admissions process can be a bit more challenging. We'll discuss what you need to know to present the best possible college applications. Finally, in Office Hours we'll go over the po

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Kara Courtois

Kara Courtois has spent her entire career dedicated to working in education and admissions. She began and developed her admissions career at Barnard College, part of Columbia University, where she was responsible for recruiting students from New York State and then became the director of international recruitment, overseeing the recruitment, application and enrollment of domestic, European, and Canadian students. Prior to working in admissions, Kara volunteered as a classroom teacher with Americorps and also taught high school in the Washington, DC and San Francisco areas. She has a Bachelor's degree in history with a minor in medieval studies from the University of Notre Dame and a Master

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Lauren Randle

Before joining College Coach, Lauren Randle learned firsthand about the world of highly selective admissions as a former assistant director of admissions at Georgetown University. She left admissions to pursue a master of education degree at the University of Virginia to broaden her knowledge of student development theories and current trends in higher education. From there, she decided to work more directly with students and families at the high school level, leading her across the globe to the Canadian International School of Hong Kong and back to the US to work in guidance at Malvern Preparatory School outside of Philadelphia.

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Stacey MacPhetres

Stacey MacPhetres has devoted her professional career to education finance. With extensive experience in financial aid administration at Emerson College and Elms College, she has counseled thousands students and families through the financial aid process. In addition, Stacey spent more than a decade working in education finance at JPMorgan Chase, where she was responsible for managing loans for both federal and private loan portfolios. Prior to joining College Coach, she served as a consultant in financial aid for Mount Holyoke College. Stacey holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Marist College and a master's degree in political communication and marketing from Emerson College

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