



**Getting In: A College Coach Conversation**  
**Thursday at 1 PM Pacific**  
**May 26th 2016: Study Abroad: Why You Should Do It and How to Pay for It, Plus Coalition App Opinions**

A semester in Paris. A year in Johannesburg, South Africa. A summer in Melbourne, Australia. Lots of colleges tout their multiple study abroad programs as reasons to attend. Maybe you've wanted to study abroad ever since your first day in Spanish class, or maybe it's the last thing you're considering. In this episode we'll discuss the benefits of study abroad and how to pay for it if you decide it's a good option for you. We'll also welcome Marie Bingham, former Wash U admissions officer, current private school college counselor, and outspoken advocate of higher education access, to the show t

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**Featured Guests**



**Marie Bigham**

Marie Bigham is committed to equity, access and social justice through college education. Marie has worked in college admissions since 1997 when she joined the admission office at Washington University in St. Louis. As Director of Multicultural Recruitment, Marie developed successful recruitment and retention strategies focused on Students of Color, particularly Native American students. She has worked as a college counselor at some of the nation's most respected independent schools: Riverdale Country School in NY, The Bishop's School in CA, Greenhill School in Dallas, and currently at Isidore Newman School in New Orleans as Director of College Counseling. Marie currently serves on th

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**Danielle Dougan**

Danielle Dougan is the Public Relations Manager at StudentUniverse, the world's leading travel booking service for students and youth. She joined StudentUniverse in 2014 to build a public relations program from scratch. Prior to StudentUniverse, Danielle spent the first chapter of her career in high-tech agency public relations. Her career began at BluePoint Venture Marketing before she helped launch ThinkMedia PARTNERS (which was acquired by Matter Communications) and then she spent three years as an account manager at fama PR in Boston. In these roles, Danielle successfully raised the profile of both early stage and multi-billion dollar tech companies in the US and abroad. Danielle caught

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**Michelle Clifton**

Michelle Clifton has spent the majority of her professional career in higher education. She began her career at Rhode Island School of Design, working with student accounts and student loans. At Babson College, she worked in a variety of roles within Student Financial Services, including financial aid, student loans, and student accounts. She most recently served as Babson's associate director of financial aid, providing financial aid counseling for undergraduate and graduate students, reviewing and awarding applications, processing appeals, and overseeing all loan processes. Michelle is an active member of the Massachusetts Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and volunteers

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