



**Getting In: A College Coach Conversation**  
**Thursday at 1 PM Pacific**  
**April 27th 2017: Inside the MIT and Caltech Admissions Offices, Paying for College with a Summer Job and College Admissions for Students on the Spectrum**

In our ongoing series taking you inside the admissions processes at a variety of schools, College Coach educator and former MIT and Caltech admissions officer Zaragoza Guerra will take us through the differences in those two schools' application evaluations. We'll also tackle some key tips and considerations for students on the Autism spectrum who are applying to college. We'll also look at utilizing summer jobs to help pay for college.

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#### Zaragoza Guerra

Zaragoza Guerra spent most of his admissions career as an admissions officer for two Institutes of Technology reading thousands of applications as well as chairing and serving on various admissions committees. As an associate director of admissions at MIT, he directed overall recruitment and yield activities, as well as international, transfer, and special student admissions. He also served as an assistant director of admissions for Caltech, where he handled specialized student recruitment and reviewed domestic and international student files. Zaragoza was also director of admissions for the Boston Conservatory, overseeing recruitment and auditions for students interested in music, theatre

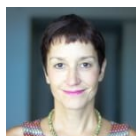
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#### Jeanne Mahan

Jeanne Mahan has significant experience in financial aid at the graduate and undergraduate levels. She was a financial aid coordinator at Tufts University's Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and a senior financial aid counselor at Quinsigamond Community College. Jeanne has served as an ambassador for Massachusetts Education Finance Authority, visiting high schools and meeting with parents and students to discuss how to fund a college education. She also has presented to various groups involved in college awareness and readiness. Jeanne graduated from Emmanuel College with a Bachelor's degree in French language and literature, earned a Certificate of French Language from the Sorbonne,

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#### Valerie Paradiz

Valerie Paradiz, PhD is the director of Valerie Paradiz, LLC, a consultancy that provides technical assistance, training and strategic development to schools, universities, corporations and institutions that support individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other disabilities. Dr. Paradiz is a national board member of Autism Speaks, where she also serves as Secretary of the Board and Chair of the Family Services Committee. In a part-time capacity she serves as Director of the National Autism Leadership Institute of First Place Arizona. Dr. Paradiz founded the pioneering ASPIE School in 2002 for middle and high school aged students with autism. In 2006, she brought the same mode

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