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COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND APPLICATIONS SERVICES

Each year we help so many students achieve their admissions goals! We utilize a specialized approach that centers the student's unique experience. **Our #1 priority is to ensure that a student's personal writing voice—just like their journey towards college—is genuine.** We aim to support the genuine desires of our students while finding ways to deepen their interests along the way.

We mentor our students as individuals while helping them think through their college choices, stay organized, and write really engaging essays that reflect their authentic selves. **Our on-staff specialist, Dr. Matthew Pennock, collaborates with our team to provide the highest-caliber essay writing sessions possible.** His experienced approach includes focusing on the character traits that universities find most appealing, and then helping students brainstorm stories from their lives that help embody these traits. If needed, he is also available to assist students with researching schools and programs, and judging whether or not they would be a good fit.

OUR 2022 ACCEPTANCES

Some of the schools we have been honored to assist our students in getting accepted to include:

Columbia University	Penn State University
Cornell University	University of Pittsburgh
Northwestern University	Rutgers University
Northeastern University	George Washington University
New York University	University of Hong Kong
University of Virginia	Howard University
Georgetown	James Madison University
Carnegie Mellon	George Mason University
University of Michigan	Virginia Commonwealth University
Georgia Tech University	University of Delaware
University of Southern California (USC)	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Rochester	
The Cooper Union	
Union College	
College of William & Mary	
University of Maryland College Park	
Fordham University	
Virginia Tech	
Ohio State University	
Indiana University at Bloomington	



beyond the classroom



The hidden benefits of reading

Surprising facts on just how much of a difference reading outside the classroom can make for a student's academic success.

Reading for just 6 minutes a day can reduce stress by 68%.

(University of Minnesota)

Read 20 minutes a day and you'll read roughly 1,800,000 words per year.

(American Academy of Pediatrics)

Students who read 1,000,000 words a year perform in the top 2% of standardized reading tests.

Children learn an average of 4,000-12,000 new vocabulary words each year from reading. Older students continue to learn and recognize new vocabulary in context as they read.

(Scholastic Reading Achievements)

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Recent additions to our library...



***Temple Alley Summer* by Sachiko Kashiwaba, Miho Satake (Illustrations), Avery Fischer Udagawa (Translator) [Level 5]**

Kazu senses that something strange is happening when he sees a young girl in a white dress sneak out of his house in the middle of the night. Things get even weirder when he shows to school the next day to find the very same girl sitting in his classroom. Perhaps the strangest thing of all is that everyone else seems convinced that the ghost-girl, Akari, has been their friend for years! The mysteries deepens as Kazu begins his summer project of learning about Kimyo Temple and uncovers a forgotten legend about bringing the dead to life. Could this explain Akari's sudden appearance? Kazu and his friends are on a mission to solve the mystery, keep Akari in the world of the living, and find the truth.



***The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak [Level 9]**

This New York Times bestseller, narrated by Death, follows the story of Liesel Meminger, a young foster girl living outside of Munich in Nazi Germany. At the graveside of her brother, she discovers a book, partially obscured by snow, and cannot resist taking it with her. Thus begins an insatiable desire for more, and Liesel is soon stealing books from Nazi book burnings, the mayor's wife's library, and wherever else she can find them. Aided by her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and share her stolen books. These are dark times, however, and when Liesel's foster family hides a Jewish man in their basement, Liesel's world changes forever.



***Boy, Everywhere* by A.M. Dassu [Level 6]**

Sami is a regular 13-year-old boy who loves video games and soccer, until Civil War forces him and his wealthy family to flee their home in Damascus. As they make the dangerous journey towards a new life in the U.K., Sami travels across continents to unexpected places, including smuggler's den in Turkey and a prison in Manchester. Having left everything behind, Sami discovers a world he's never seen before in this story of survival, of family, and of courage.