

Dear GATE Students and Families,

I am delighted to have this opportunity to introduce myself and share my approach for the college application process.

It has been my great joy to spend my professional career working with students to develop their ability to convey their story on paper, their intellectual ability, and their character while identifying their life goals. When working with students, I have always stressed curiosity, creativity, rigor, diligence, and honesty. As a result, I have witnessed students constantly respond with an admirable effort.

Prior to seeking my assistance, some students have already engaged their own talents and aspirations. For these students, my time has been spent assisting these students deepen, refine, and polish their existing work while mentoring them as they determine where their talents and aspirations should lead. Since it has always been tremendously exciting for me to watch these vibrant learners strive toward their dreams, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to assist them.

I have also had the privilege of working with students who have yet to fully appreciate their own abilities or find their greatest passions. These students have given me the opportunity to assist them in exploring themselves and the world around them. Equally as fulfilling, I have always found great joy in assisting students reach heights they previously thought were beyond their capabilities.

My greatest concern is assisting students in identifying their strengths to enhance their ability to find success while contributing positively to their community. The most fulfilling moments in my career as an educator occur when I witness a new sense of ability or a new dream for the future bloom in a student's life. Assisting students in the college admissions process is one avenue for me to experience these moments.

My work with students as they transition to the next level of education revolves around three core beliefs: a school's fit, due diligence, and honesty. These three beliefs will guide us through the rigorous college application process.

First, the school must fit both the student's intellectual and personal needs in order for a student to succeed. Gate Education's application assistance program is precisely aimed at achieving this goal. A student's intellectual needs are determined by carefully assessing the student's academic record and extracurricular activities to determine a student's long-term goals. Through a personality test, we evaluate both a student's intellectual and personal needs, as both are equally crucial to success. Each student has an intellectual and emotional home and it is our goal to assist each student in finding that home.

Secondly, finding that home will require the due diligence of both the student and myself. Since a student's academic career and transition to college are of the utmost importance, prospective college applicants deserve nothing less than my best effort on their behalf. I will always provide the greatest intellectual and emotional support to students and families. In return, the student must also put forth an equally diligent effort. While the

application process consumes only a limited period of the student's life, the effects will last a lifetime. I will always demand the best effort out of each student towards the application process.

Finally, honesty is both the foundation and the strongest asset of a compelling college application. I work with each student to develop a sound understanding of his or her skills, capacities, academic needs, and life plans. Together, we create applications that not only depict the student's past accomplishments and future plans, but also paint an authentic, distinct portrait of the student as an exceptional fit for his or her future academic home. Doing so will not only maximize the student's acceptance chances, but also will instill a greater sense of appreciation for and confidence in his or her own accomplishments and abilities. These advantages are crucial to a student's success in higher education, giving each student an edge above his or her peers.

Gate Education's college application program addresses every aspect of the application process, ranging from planning summer programs and internships to assessing potential majors and academic institutions. Each application will be the product of extensive thought and refinement with a specific admissions department in mind. Students can rest assured that working with Gate will produce their ideal application.

I consider it a joy and a privilege to contribute to each student's exciting life transition. As such, I am committed to providing students with the fruits of my education, experience, and talents. I look forward to meeting my students and their families, learning about the remarkable talents each student has to offer, and discovering where these talents will take them.

Best,

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