# Expert Strategies For Admission

A personal college advisor can provide the individualized attention any student needs to properly tackle the college admission process. Whether your student is the first person in the family to go to college or comes from a long line of lvy League graduates, the dedicated advisors at International College Counselors can give your student the edge to find and get into the college of his or her dreams.

## What can International College Counselors do that no one else can?

- Give personalized, one-on-one consulting time focused on the student's individual goals.
- Share unbiased, honest information on a wide range of colleges and universities.
- Explain financial aid strategies including school aid, private scholarships, Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, Florida Pre-Paid, 529's and more.
- Provide experts to assist with application preparation and essay review
- Communicate proven techniques to gain admission into the nation's most competitive schools.

#### **International Focus**

The four main offices for International College Counselors are in South Florida, but the breakdown of in-person meetings and telephone / email contact is flexible and can be adjusted to meet the needs of students with busy schedules or those who live outside of the area. International College Counselors has extensive experience serving international students who wish to attend college in the United States. All services can also be offered in Spanish. From Africa to Europe, South America and the Middle East, International College Counselors has met the needs of a diverse and international student population.



Mandee Heller Adler is the Founder and Principal of International College Counselors LLC. She is a graduate of Miami Beach Senior High, and the University of Pennsylvania where she graduated with Honors and two degrees, one from the Wharton School and one from the College of Arts and Sciences. She also received an MBA from Harvard Business School. Additionally, she received a one year fellowship from Rotary International and studied at ICADE, a premier business school in Madrid, Spain.

Ms. Adler is a Professional Member of the IECA International Educational Consultants Association and is currently completing a book called "From Public School to the Ivy League: How to get into a top school without top dollar resources." She has personally visited over 150 colleges and universities, and continues to do so. Due to her work in college admissions, Ms. Adler has been featured in the New York Times, The Miami Herald, The Sun-Sentinel, U.S. News and World Report and The Miami Sun Post .

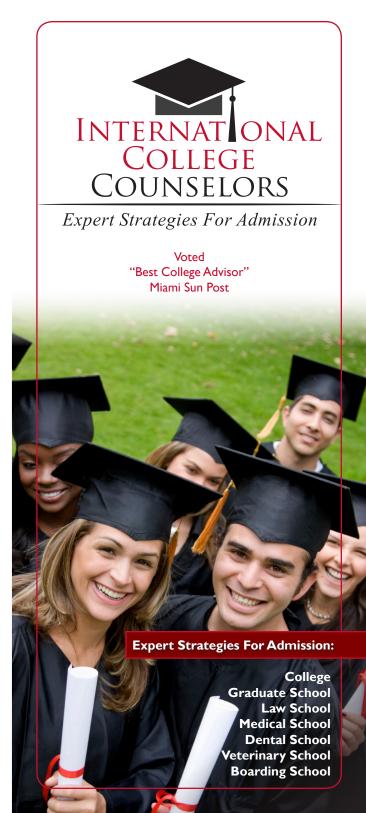
Barry N. Liebowitz is a Principal of International College Counselors, LLC. He holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in English with minors in History and Journalism from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Prior to his work with International College Counselors, Mr. Liebowitz spent ten years as a Marketing and Sales Director in New York City. He is an Associate Member of the (IECA) International Educational Consultants Association and a member of the Mt. Sinai Medical Center Young Presidents and Jewish Federation of Broward County Horizon's Leadership Program.

As a former high school and college student-athlete, Mr. Liebowitz enjoys working with students as they strive to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level.



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## **Senior Package**

The senior package is essential for students who want detailed help concerning the final parts of the college admissions process, as well as an assessment of their academic and extracurricular profile in order to refine the list of colleges that they are considering. In this package we provide the following:

#### **Evaluation and Selection**

- Assess current student profile to date
- Review, evaluate and finalize target college list

#### Development of a Plan

- Determine remaining standardized testing schedule
- Formulate an overall strategy for college applications

#### **Essay Advising**

- Brainstorm ideas
- Serve as a sounding board for preliminary ideas
- Review completed essay drafts

## **Application Review**

- Provide feedback to strengthen the application
- Help the student to present himself in the best possible light

## **Interview Preparation**

- Prepare for interviews and meetings with admissions officers
- Practice real interview questions and expert responses

## **Exploration of Financial Aid**

- Discuss financial aid goals and how to achieve them
- · Review key financial aid strategies and options
- Provide comprehensive scholarship listings

## **Junior Package**

Our junior package provides a thorough description of the admissions process and includes an evaluation of a student's transcript and extracurricular activities as well as a standardized testing plan. Junior year is the last chance for students to make meaningful changes that will influence their overall admission profile. In this package we provide the following:

#### **Academic Assessment**

- Evaluate student's transcript to date
- Formulate a plan to help the student maintain current level of performance or improve high school record

#### **Extracurricular Profile Refinement**

- Evaluate extracurricular activities and achievements
- Create specific opportunities for the student in the admissions process based on extracurricular pursuits
- Maximize summer plans

#### **College Selection**

- Develop a list of colleges and universities to which the student will consider applying
- Identify colleges to visit
- · Learn what to look for on college visits

#### Test Scheduling

- · Establish a standardized testing schedule
- Explore test preparation strategies/classes

#### Letters of Recommendation

- Decide which teachers / professors the student will ask for recommendations
- · Learn how to approach teachers for the best results

#### **Interview Preparation**

- Prepare students for on campus and off campus interviews and meetings with admissions officers
- Practice real interview questions and expert responses

The Junior Package also includes all of the services of the Senior Package.

"Thanks to the thorough preparation provided by the team at International College Counselors, I was accepted to my dream school."

-Tamara, Harvard Graduate

## Freshman & Sophomore Package

Getting started in the Freshman and Sophomore years is the best way to maximize the high school experience, and put students in the best position to get into the college of their dreams. In these packages we provide the following:

#### Planning and Guidance

- Create a detailed plan for high school coursework and extracurricular activities
- Ensure that the student takes full advantage of course offerings in high school, and in some instances, considers academic opportunities outside of school
- Help apply the student's extracurricular and academic interests in novel ways, so as to deepen or broaden experiences in these pursuits
- · Maximize summer plans

#### **S**cheduling

 Begin to organize future testing schedule and college visits to avoid last minute scramble

The Freshman and Sophomore Packages also include all of the services of the Junior and Senior Packages.

## **Hourly Consultation**

The Senior Package above can be broken down for hourly consultation. This way, students can utilize our services as much or as little as needed, and target those areas that they feel are most relevant to them.

#### **Additional Services**

International College Counselors offers services tailored to meet the needs of students in special situations, including the following:

- Transfer students
- International students
- · Students with disabilities
- Student athletes
- Boarding School

Please call or email with a brief description of your situation for more information.