



# SEATTLE ACADEMY

## COLLEGE ADVISING

### Feedback from college deans and representatives:

- Public flagship university: "Thank you so much for all your help this year. As always, it was a pleasure visiting Seattle Academy and working with all your fantastic students. I also greatly appreciated your feedback and counsel throughout our decision process."
- Selective East Coast university: "If only they were all like you..."
- Selective Southern college: "I just wanted to drop you a line and let you know how much I enjoyed visiting those GREAT kids at my visit to SAAS. I was totally blown away by the number of students that showed up! Seriously, my visit to SAAS was, by far, the best HS visit I had during my entire trip to the northwest. Thanks for making it so positive!"
- Selective Southern college: "I think everyone was compelled by [the applicants] and quite honestly, everyone absolutely loves and respects you, so your endorsement went a LONG way."
- Selective Midwest college dean of admission: "I just read [student's] application and I have to tell you that you write a terrific letter of recommendation! Hurray for you for excellent writing skills and for putting the time into it. As you know all too well, it can be painful reading flat, boring letters of recommendation. Yours was refreshing."
- Selective New England college rep in response to the college visit confirmation letter we send: "I really appreciate your advice from your experience on 'the other side of the desk' (coffee tips and drive-time advice)! What a nice confirmation letter!"
- Selective Midwest university: "You and Tom... write great letters."
- Selective New England college rep: "I want to send some very sincere kudos to you and Tom about your recommendations. They are among the best I have read this year and consistently so. I appreciate how well you each capture your students so perfectly and honestly... and in one page. It takes great talent and skill to be able to do what you do so well. I'm impressed."
- Selective New England dean of admission: "Confidentially, I am delighted to tell you that we will be mailing the good news to [student] today. Your recommendation was so well written and enormously helpful. I am thrilled that for the second year in a row, we will have a truly outstanding student come to [college] from Seattle Academy. By the way, if your ears were burning yesterday, it must have been around the time I [was] talking about you, your dedication, care, and expertise!"

### Feedback from Seattle Academy families about our work:

- "We do want to thank you again for doing such a great job! We appreciate all your hard work!"
- "You are on a very short list of people I have been thinking about and also wishing to thank. So without further due, thank you very much for your calm, reassuring advice and good judgment. It always made things seem as though all would be just fine. I am happy to report the college application process was actually enjoyable and very rewarding for both [student] and me."
- "Basically I have just one thing to say: thank you, thank you, thank you. Whoops, that was three things, my fault. Thank you for being so understanding, so helpful and so calming through this whole college application thing. [Student] and I really appreciate your help and always felt like you were there with us throughout the process. We never felt as though we were out there on our own."
- "I wanted to touch base with you and express our thanks for all your efforts on behalf of [student]. I know that you have seen her and that she is walking on cloud 9. We thank you for your time and energy in all you do."
- "We feel so grateful to SAAS for the terrific effort that goes into making our kids look GREAT! (Of course, they ARE GREAT, but you guys sure help!)"
- "I can't believe we made it through. You were such an incredible help."
- "Wow, I don't know what to say. Oh, I just thought of something: you're awesome and thank you very much. The calm and positive way you handle this chaos really makes me believe [student] is on the right track and everything will be just fine."
- "Thanks a Gazillion."
- "MANY, MANY thanks for your advice and counsel in helping [student] and us navigate the college application process!! Obviously paid off big time. [Student] is very content with his decision to attend [college]."
- "Congratulations on all the great results you (and your students in the class of 2009) are getting this year. Bravo."
- "The 12<sup>th</sup> grade meeting last week was wonderful. I am not the only one that felt that way. I heard such rave reviews on the soccer stands last Friday too. Keep up the good work with our kids."
- "...a great hire for SAAS; terrific and very knowledgeable."
- "SAAS is lucky to have you and your wealth of info."
- "You are awesome!"

### Feedback from Seattle Academy students about our work:

- "WE love YOU."
- "You are better than the best. Imagine a virtual high five."
- "Good god you're helpful... you're like a machine!!! In a good way, not in a Fahrenheit 451 way..."
- "It has been great both working with you and getting to know you this year. You made the college process sooo much easier and I don't think I can thank you enough. Organization is one of my major problems and with your help it was all amazingly easy. Keep up the amazing work because... YOU ROCK!"
- "...I saw how much you really went beyond what is required of you to help and for that I will always remember you...your positive energy is very much appreciated and I often came to your office just so some of it would rub off on me."