

College Counselor Elizabeth LaScala, PhD

Client Comments

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"Elizabeth guided me online and by phone while I was applying to graduate programs for a multiple subject teaching credential and master's degree.

"Her expert advice was straightforward and invaluable; I am very thankful for the insight she provided, which allowed me to continue my education and pursue my dream of becoming an elementary school educator."

Sarah Parsons

St. Mary's College of California

Class of 2015

"Just to let you know, our daughter, Haley, received combined merit award offers from five private universities that represented \$200,000 over four years. We know she never would have had these opportunities without your help. Haley turned down these aid awards because she was also accepted at her first choice school, and she is thrilled.

"Since Haley was in middle school, you have been always available for advice no matter what the situation and always have a solution. We are so glad that we are continuing the tradition with our youngest son, Alex. Starting early has helped us avoid costly missteps, reduce stress and enjoy far better results. We could never have done it without you!"

Michael and Britt Barnes

Daughter, Haley

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Class of 2016

"I have been accepted to UC Berkeley and given \$31,000 of need-based financial aid. I was also accepted to every other college I applied to! I'd like to thank you very much for all your help and faith in me. And, also for the deep discount you offered so we could afford your services. I can't thank you enough for all you've done for me and my family. Good luck with all your new students this year!"

Rebeka Barun
UC Berkeley
Class of 2016

"Elizabeth LaScala was the most influential and supportive person in my college search and application process. I had a difficult time during my junior year of high school balancing elite sports obligations and academic expectations. Sadly, the situation hurt my grades. I felt hopeless and my dreams of attending a fine university were crushed. I contacted Elizabeth and her help was beyond anything that I could have possibly gotten anywhere else. Because of her guidance, I am enrolled at Stanford University with a swimming scholarship. With her support I have opportunities today that I never would have dreamed possible."

Olivia Morgan
Stanford University
Class of 2015

"After helping Olivia get into Stanford, Elizabeth is now working with our second daughter, Victoria. Elizabeth has a special way with children. She is exciting and fun to work with. She knows how to uplift children's spirits and motivate them to do their best. She is enthusiastic, yet disciplined in the way she works. She really cares and my daughter knows it. We think anyone who has the opportunity to work with Elizabeth should do it and do it before problems develop. If you want your children to succeed, and who doesn't, we would strongly recommend they work with Elizabeth for academic counseling and college advising early on in the high school years."

Dale and Alan Morgan
Daughters, Olivia and Victoria
Stanford University and UC Santa Cruz

"Years ago, Elizabeth helped me apply to colleges and get financial aid to help me afford it. After college, I worked for a few years and then decided to take my BS from Cal Poly and apply to nursing college. Once again, Elizabeth helped me research colleges, prepare my applications and refine my personal statements. I just graduated from Samuel Merritt Nursing School this June! Elizabeth is the very best counselor you could have."

Vanessa Cornejo
Samuel Merritt College
School of Nursing
Class of 2013

"My daughter and I had the unfortunate experience of having a college counselor bail on us just as my daughter should have been narrowing down her college selections and beginning her essays. It was the beginning of her senior year and we were in a complete panic. My daughter's math tutor recommended Elizabeth LaScala, who went beyond the call of duty to get us up-to-date and on track.

"Elizabeth not only made room for us in her schedule, but went on to be our saving grace. Her insights and kindness were combined with a strong focus on my daughter's interests and needs. She helped my shy girl step it up. Elizabeth offered the right tools and strategic advice every step of the way from a college list to helping with teacher recommendations.

"The biggest worry for my daughter was the college essay. My daughter was able to truly find her voice and wrote terrific essays for each college application.

"Elizabeth continues to be our sounding board on a number of key areas post application, including wading through the financial aid awards that came along with the acceptances.

"I can wholeheartedly state that my daughter's success in getting the many admission offers she has received could not have been possible without Elizabeth's expertise and guidance."

Pam Cox
Daughter, Meredith
Loyola Marymount University
Class of 2016

"My daughter is an athlete and I hired Elizabeth LaScala as our family's college advisor at the beginning of our daughter's junior year and it turned out to be one of the best investments I could have made.

"Elizabeth spent time talking with both my daughter and me to learn what we needed and what our expectations were. She then provided my daughter with guidance and support by conducting an assessment to identify possible career paths, majors and programs of interest. We received a personalized college list so that we could begin to research colleges that would best suit my daughter.

"An added benefit to working with Elizabeth has been her expertise in college athletic recruitment. Because our daughter was a Division I recruited athlete, we knew that there would be special issues. Elizabeth's guidance was invaluable.

"Raena received a renewable financial aid award of \$45,000 from Stanford!"

Teresa Sumiyoshi
Daughter, Raena
Stanford University

"Working with Elizabeth helped take the pressure off of all those junior year college questions. After our initial assessment meetings, Elizabeth had a grasp of exactly the schools we should be focusing our attention on. She presented a preliminary college list that matched my child's skills and interests, including his passion for football. She helped us narrow our college selection focus and gave us guidance on each step of the college application process.

"I highly recommend her services to any family with a child headed for college.

"My son got into most of the schools on his list, including his top choices. He will be attending the University of Oregon this fall."

Erin Caldwell
Son, Tyler
University of Oregon

"Elizabeth really knows how to guide students to their highest potential and is never reluctant to go the extra mile for the students or the parents. From nurturing the seeds of essays to adapting to the student's best work style, her flair and flexibility make applying to college both fun and rewarding!"

Helen Wang
Yale University
Class of 2014

"Because of the work you are doing with my son, the stress on me has been greatly reduced. You are helping him to generate more ideas to use for his essays as well as setting clear deadlines for the application process.

"I firmly believe that my son's college applications and the results next spring will be so much stronger than they would have been without your expert assistance. Thank you!"

Leanne Foster
Son, Mark
Junior @ Miramonte High School

"I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping me through this process. You have helped me stay strong and fly through it! You are an amazing woman and I can't believe you do this for more than a handful of people at a time! Thank you again so very much for everything you've done for me."

Meredith Allendorf
Loyola Marymount University
Class of 2016