



CAROLYN FRANCIS CONSULTING

Next Step Strategies for College Bound Students and Beyond

Carolyn P. Francis, founder and President of Carolyn Francis Consulting, counsels students and families on their journey through the under graduate college admissions and post-high school planning.

Carolyn grew up in Princeton, New Jersey, the daughter of a professor, where she spent her childhood frequenting the university campus and was able to take advantage of the culture and academic life of the university. She gained a deep respect and admiration for higher education which she continues to cultivate today.

She has received a B.A. in History from Colorado College and an executive MBA from The University of Denver.

After graduating from Colorado College, Carolyn worked in retail and manufacturing for many years, before joining the Board of The Denver Waldorf School (DWS) leading her back to her first passion of higher education. At the DWS, she provided leadership and vision during multiple advancements such as the creation of a development program that has successfully contributed to the continued physical and financial growth of DWS, and she led the Board during the purchase and move to a new larger, much-needed facility. Carolyn's unique ability to lead a group to a common goal and create consensus within a diverse community (parents, faculty, administration and board) further enhances her counseling qualifications in providing positive results for students and parents during their college admissions process.

Over the past 3 years, Carolyn has been an ad-hoc college counselor for the DWS high school. During this time she has become an Independent Educational Consultant. She is a member of NACAC, RMACAC, and an Associate Member of IECA (Independent Educational Consultants Association). The IECA is one of two organizations that support, educate and provide standards of conduct unique to the college counseling industry. Carolyn participates in Continuing education through IECA includes the Summer Training Institute and organized trips to different regions for college tours and educational seminars.

Carolyn is currently on the Board of The Denver Waldorf School and remains active on the Development Committee. At the DWS, she teaches a college prep class and leads a college application essay writing seminar for the junior class. Most recently, she developed and taught (in conjunction with a colleague from the Waldorf School of the Peninsula) a seminar at the AWSNA (Association of Waldorf Schools of North America) conference on college counseling in Waldorf High Schools. Carolyn also has experience working with International Students, First Generation Students and those with Learning Differences.



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Among the students Carolyn has successfully counseled through the college application process are her own two children. Today, she is dedicated to making post high school planning and college admissions easier and more effective for students and their families.

“Do not train a child to learn by force or harshness; but direct them to it by what amuses their minds, so that you may be better able to discover with accuracy the peculiar bent of the genius of each.” Plato