

The Monthly Mentor

Creating a Culture of Members Helping Members
By: the MYP Committee

Hello, Mentors & Mentees —

As we move through the admissions season, counselors play a crucial role in supporting students as they receive college offers and rejections. This period can be emotionally challenging for students, but counselors and admissions reps are instrumental in providing guidance, reassurance, and support. We also know that these decisions are opportunities for a significant amount of publicity and also bring forth difficult conversations, maybe a meeting with your mentor/mentee can help you navigate the tricky weeks ahead?

As the school year moves on, in better support of students, there has been a shift in focus towards younger students, emphasizing early college and career exploration. By starting the conversation early, counselors can help students make informed decisions about their future and set realistic goals.

For admissions officers, the excitement of release day is often accompanied by stress. The pressure to deliver decisions, manage inquiries, and ensure a smooth process can be overwhelming. It's important for admissions officers to practice self-care during this busy time, to ensure they are able to perform at their best. This is especially key if you are traveling in the next few months for recruitment trips, fly-in's (I wrote this from Hong Kong myself!), or conferences - safe journeys! -- **Kevin Dupont, on behalf of the MYP Committee**



ANNUAL CONFERENCE - #WelcomeHome Registration Opens March 13th!

- Updates and need-to-know info found **on the website**
- EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS 2024 - **INFO here**; voting info emailed on March 7th! Vote by March 21.
- **UPCOMING WEBINAR WEDNESDAYS -**
 - *March 13th* - Helping EAL/ELL Students Apply to University; *March 20th* - How to Advise Students Placed on the Waitlist



Links of interest

NACAC's Resource for 2024

Enrollment Deadlines

(being updated due to FAFSA
Delays)

NACAC Course
(for purchase)

Financial Aid 101

SAT now all digital worldwide --

Inside Higher Ed article

Making Higher Ed Accessible for
Students with Financial Need

Times Higher Ed article

Admissions Leadership Podcast

Admissions Beat Podcast

New MYP Mentor/Mentee Apps coming!

For this upcoming application
season:

*Apps will open in April and
be due by May 15

*Pairs announced by
early/mid-June

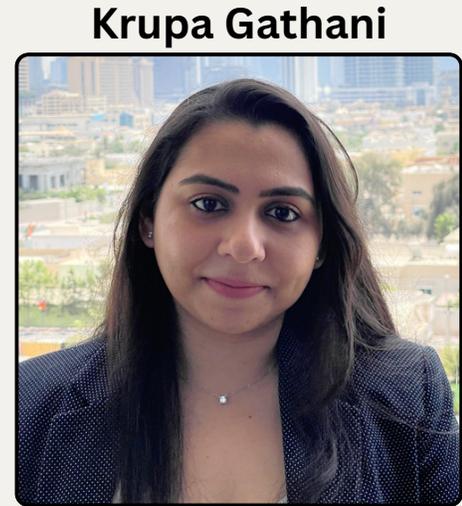
*We are looking to build in
some enhanced grouping
methods and pairing of Mentors
for additional support and
professional development!

MENTOR/MENTEE SPOTLIGHT

Mentee: Krupa Gathani, Career Counsellor; Al Diyafah High School (Dubai, UAE)
Mentor: Dr. Ryan Hinchey, Director of Higher Education - Ecole Jeannine Manuel

Participating in the MYP program has undoubtedly been a transformative experience in my career as a Career Counsellor. Upon receiving my job offer, I immediately enrolled in the program and was fortunate to be paired with an exceptional mentor, Ryan. His unwavering support, wealth of knowledge, and guidance have been invaluable, particularly because it's my first year in this role within an international school setting. Ryan's assistance in goal-setting, navigating complex application processes, and providing resources for developing a comprehensive Career Guidance Program has played a pivotal role in my success.

Through his mentorship, I have been able to cultivate a solid foundation for career advancement and student support. The profound impact of my participation in the MYP program is evident in my current efforts to implement a similar mentorship program at our school. By connecting alumni mentors with our sixth form students, I aim to provide a holistic and enriching experience that aligns with the school's educational objectives. This initiative has garnered positive feedback from our leadership team; I am confident that it will yield meaningful results for our students.



Krupa Gathani

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It's been a distinct honour to once again serve as a Mentor in the International ACAC Mentor Programme. After working in the field of international admissions and college counselling for a number of years, I find that serving as a mentor not only allows me to share my experience but also learn from my mentee. Anyone working in this field is fully aware that it constantly evolves and changes.

Serving as a mentor allows me to step back and reflect on what is going on to determine if my practices and procedures are best aligned with my students' needs. Working with Krupa has been a wonderful experience. Although our experiences differ, in a way, we are both establishing new programmes in our schools.

As such, we have been able to share ideas in a very free and supportive environment. Some of our meetings are very structured; however, much of our interaction is quite informal (such as quick chats via WhatsApp). Additionally, as an office of one, having someone that you can reach out to helps in not feel like I am a stand-alone counsellor at my school. If you're reading this and considering becoming a mentor, do it! It is such a rewarding experience, in so many ways, and doesn't take a lot of time. Your mentee is just as busy as you are. So, if something comes up and you need to reschedule, it's fine. We are all here to support each other and I can't think of a better way than being a mentor.

Krupa (and my previous mentees) have made me a better counsellor and I thank them and the International ACAC Committee for this opportunity.



Dr. Ryan Hinchey