

OCA & FCC PRESENT:

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## *What Colleges Are Really Looking For (Secrets from Admissions Officers)*



How to Get Into the College of Your Choice 101: Come to this session to learn from, and ask questions of, admission officers. Parents and students, if you have questions about the process, how to pick a topic for your college essay, which schools to apply to, etc., here's your chance to get the inside scoop.



### **Jennifer Gayles**

Sarah Lawrence College

Jennifer has been in the field of college admissions for 18 years and currently serves as the Director of Undergraduate Admission at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY. Prior to

arriving at Sarah Lawrence in 2008 she spent several years as a member of the admissions team at the University at Buffalo. She started her career as an admissions professional at a small private liberal arts college also located in Buffalo, NY. Jennifer earned her degree in Communications and Journalism from St. John Fisher College and her Master's degree in Student Personnel Administration from Buffalo State College. Jennifer is passionate about equal access to education and has spent her entire career working closely with community-based organizations and underserved high schools to help remove barriers to higher education. She is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling as well as the New York State Association for College Admissions Counseling.



### **Katie Korhonen**

New York University

Katie is the Director of Global Admissions Evaluation and Strategy at NYU, having recently held the position of Director of Admissions for NYU Shanghai for two years. She graduated with a

B.S. and M.A. from NYU and worked in the undergrad admissions office in several capacities immediately thereafter. From 2011-2016, Katie worked at Dwight School as a college counselor; in this role, she was able to advise students in New York, China and Korea on the college search and application process. She is thrilled to continue to work with students from around the world in her current role.

### **Byron Gittens**

University of Maryland

Byron is a University of Maryland Admissions Counselor and Regional coordinator for the Northeast. He has been in College Admissions since 2009, from small private institutions to large public ones. He's also worked in International Admissions and has traveled the world to recruit students. He loves seeing new students he's recruited start the next phase of their lives at UMD.

### **Jacqueline Williams**

Stevens Institute of Technology

Jackie has had admission experiences at three excellent, yet very different institutions. She began as an intern in the admissions office at Muhlenberg College where she earned her Bachelor of Business Administration. After, she worked at Stevens and recruited in the New England region. She then moved to NYU as an Associate Director working with undergrad admissions for the Stern School of Business and the School for Hospitality, Tourism, Sports Management and Real Estate. While at NYU, she earned her Master's Degree in Public and Nonprofit Management and Policy. After six years at NYU, Jackie became the Director for Admission at the College of Mount Saint Vincent in Riverdale, NY working with diverse students interested in attending a small, private Liberal Arts Institution. Now, Jackie is thrilled to have returned to Stevens as the Dean of Admission. Jackie was born and raised in Bergen County, NJ and currently resides in Oradell with her husband and their pit bull Callie.

### **Daniel Lewis**

Moderator

Daniel Lewis and his wife are adoptive parents of two children (one who is in college). Dan has long been involved with FCC and OCA. He is currently a Vice President for Community Outreach for OCA Advocates Westchester/Hudson Valley chapter and Liaison to Chinese American Community Organizations for FCCNY.