

## **Testimonials for Blanche College Consulting**

“Laura Blanche’s advising proved invaluable for my college admissions process. I can confidently say that I would not have gotten into an amazing school that I loved had it not been for her help. She was always going above and beyond to find unique opportunities for me that would both enrich my education and bolster my resume. I didn’t get accepted into my initial first choice school through Early Decision, but in part because of Mrs. Blanche’s advising, I ended up gaining acceptance to Harvard- and I couldn’t be more thankful that things worked out this way. I am now a Harvard alumni interviewer, and I couldn’t imagine myself anywhere else, as it truly was the perfect school for me.” Ali was accepted to: Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania, Brown University, Columbia University, George Washington University, and UNC-Chapel Hill.

***~Ali, Class of 2007 Valedictorian  
Harvard University Alumni, Class of 2011***

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“Laura Blanche’s counseling enabled me to successfully navigate high school academics, graduate as my class’s valedictorian, identify various universities and unique programs to apply to, and develop a strong sense of self that all contributed to my enjoyable college experience. I became interested in the University of Pennsylvania when Laura encouraged me to apply to the Penn Summer Science Initiative at the Laboratory for Research on the Structure of materials my junior year of high school. There, I discovered the Vagelos Program in the Molecular Life Sciences and decided to apply. Laura helped me through the entire application process, from developing my resume and completing standardized tests, the Common Application, and financial aid to ultimately deciding to attend Penn. I wouldn’t be where I am today without her encouragement and expertise! While at Penn, I completed a Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry, a Bachelor of Arts in Biology, and a Master of Science in Chemistry in four years. I am teaching Chemistry in Los Angeles for two years for Teach For America and plan to apply to Medical School.” Matt was also accepted to Harvard University, Brown University, Johns Hopkins University, Penn State- Schreyer Honors College, Northwestern University, University of Michigan, Lehigh University, Boston College, Villanova University, Temple and Drexel.

***~Matt, Class of 2011 Valedictorian  
University of Pennsylvania Alumni, summa cum laude, Class of 2015***

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“Laura Blanche made one of the most confusing and daunting times in my life (the college process) extremely EASY! In my time working with Laura, her academic guidance helped me develop my passion into a successful career. It was a pleasure working with Laura and I would recommend her services to any high school or college student!”

***~Maxwell, Class of 2012  
Temple University Alumni***

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“What has become a monumental task since my husband and I applied to colleges 38 years ago, was simplified and streamlined by the vast knowledge and efficiency of Laura Blanche. While guiding our two sons through this process each time, Laura was always available and patient. She somehow made us feel that our sons were her only focus. Laura is completely current on each and every facet of this process and we would never have been able to do this without her!”

***~Parents of Maxwell (Class of 2012) and Jackson (Class of 2015)  
Freshman at Temple University***

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“Laura Blanche brings the expertise to provide clarity during the complex college search process. With so many variables like major, school size, extracurriculars, athletics, and more, it truly helps to have someone as smart and caring as Laura. I can say, firsthand, that I would not have found or been accepted to my school of choice without her support, assistance, and dedication throughout the process. She truly has a gift for helping students find and achieve their college goals, and I believe anyone can greatly benefit from her services.”

***~Josh, Class of 2013  
Finance and English double major at Emory University***

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“The college application process can be trivial for anybody, but for my family it was something completely new. My parents went to school overseas, so I was the first to be applying to study at an American university. I had an idea of what to do from reading articles online and speaking to older students, but Laura Blanche was my number one source throughout the whole process. From my early high school years, she supported me along the way, and more importantly presented me with opportunities that I never even thought of myself such as attending leadership conferences and applying for special scholarships. Not only did she help me build my extracurricular resume at that time, but also Laura counseled me throughout the application process for the Harvard Secondary Summer School Program, which I attended in the summer of 2013. Laura helped me organize my thoughts when it came to filling out the Common Application, and never hesitated to assist me even sometimes daily junior year. She was a great help in explaining every step to my parents, and making this long process very strategic with checkpoints along the way. I am thankful that with Laura Blanche’s guidance I was accepted to Penn State, University of Maryland (Scholars), University of Miami, Boston University, Drexel and now a school that I call home, Emory University. I still stay in touch with Laura and she always is great on checking in to see how things are going long after she counseled me. I strongly suggest working with Laura Blanche, she’ll make the college application process something exciting and memorable!”

***~Dan, Class of 2014  
Pre-Med/Biology major at Emory University***

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“Applying to college was one of the most difficult things I had to do in high school. And looking back at countless essay drafts, I’ve realized that Laura Blanche was there every step of the way with me. From “Where should I apply?” to “Why am I applying?” all the way down to “Which school should I choose?” Laura was a huge help in coordinating the chaos of my application process. She spoke with confident professionalism, and her advice was always personal and tailored to the schools I was considering. Whenever I was unsure or otherwise panicked during the process, Laura became something of a professional “grounding”, calming nerves and assuring me that I was on the right track. I cannot thank Laura Blanche enough; she made my application process not only manageable, but worth remembering.” David was accepted to Columbia University, Brown University, Johns Hopkins University, McGill University, University of Pennsylvania, Penn State- Schreyer Honors College, University of Pittsburgh Honors, and Temple Honors.

***~David, Class of 2015 Valedictorian  
Incoming freshman at Columbia University***

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“Laura Blanche’s tireless efforts and skilled guidance helped me to uncover my career goal. Her assistance gave clarity to the chaos of narrowing down my college choices. It was evident to me that she truly cared about me, as a person, and my success. She was so helpful and knowledgeable about every one of my options and actually listened to my concerns. Her constant support followed me all the way through to graduation with a big smile and congratulations!” Sarah was accepted to De Sales University, Arcadia, University of Delaware, Drexel, Lebanon Valley College and Temple.

***~Sarah, Class 2015  
Incoming freshman at De Sales University  
Doctorate in Physical Therapy Program (D.PT)***

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“The college search is a difficult process for a high school student; too many choices, too much pressure. All of our children struggled with their college and career selections to some degree so I know firsthand how valuable a skilled consultant like Laura Blanche can be. Laura is knowledgeable, dedicated, hard-

working, and diligent. Her attention to detail and commitment to our children’s successes eased the stress and made all the difference between them being overwhelmed by the process and being in control of their future. The eldest two of our five children have achieved their bachelor’s degrees and are successfully employed in their field of study and the middle child is well on his way to a Nursing degree. Thanks to Laura Blanche’s unselfish investment of time and energy in sharpening their career focus, our youngest two are ready to start their college journey this fall.”

***~Parent of Kristen (Class of 2009), Annaliese (Class of 2010), Robert (Class of 2013),  
Carl and Sarah (Class of 2015)***

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“Three years ago Laura helped me transfer from U. British Columbia to Temple University as a Computer Science major. Over the past three years Temple has provided some amazing opportunities for research, internships, and professional development. I have held officer and leadership positions on boards and associations, and most importantly, I landed my first job with Amazon as a software developer. All of this would not have been possible without your help!”

***~Sharon, Class of 2014  
Graduate of Temple University, Computer Science***

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“Laura is dedicated to providing the best possible chance for your child to attend the college of his/her dreams. She worked with our middle son in applying to college and helped him obtain a significant scholarship. Prior to working with Laura, he had never even considered the college he attends. It is the perfect fit for him; he is incredibly happy there! Laura provides a personalized service that helps both the child and the parents navigate the ever-changing college application process. She is knowledgeable, well-informed and stays on top of trends and is always willing to answer any questions. She takes the time to know and understand your child’s personality and qualifications. She was truly an advocate for our son. We are at the beginning of the college process for our youngest son and plan to work with Laura and Blanche College Consulting again!”

***~Parent, Class of 2016***

