## International University Admissions 2023/2024



#### Highlights

- Decade of College Counseling at Convitto Nazionale of Rome
- \$ 5.9 million USD in total scholarships awarded to Convitto students over 10 years

### **College Counseling**

Dear friends and families,

We celebrate ten years for the 2023-2024 admissions cycle!

International university admissions are more competitive than ever before for selective higher education institutions in the North America, United Kingdom, European Union and Asia. Planning for international universities in advance is critical for helping students achieve success.

For the admission cycle 2023/2024, more than 20 students sought admission to many top ranked universities in the U.S.A, U.K., Holland, Spain and elsewhere.

Our students received a total of \$500,000 USD in merit and need-based scholarship this year. While the cost of international higher education is a major deterrent for families, we have had rare occasions where our applicants

from the Convitto do obtain scholarship & financial aid.

**The application process is a daunting challenge** for 5<sup>th</sup> year students looking to gain admission offers at selective universities around the world. Essays, personal statements, letters of refence, standardized tests, interviews and various deadlines challenge our seniors and their parents. Different application platforms online continue to grow in complexity.

The process can feel overwhelming and stressful for students and their families. The Convitto Nazionale's College Counseling program guides students and parents throughout high school years. Early planning, preparing and navigating this process continues to yield important results for our students.

Sincerely, Wolfgang Gerola University Admissions Adviser & College Counseling

#### **Student Achievements**

## Congratulations to all our students!

A few are highlighted below:

- Congratulations to
   Giulia Nuvoloni of the Liceo
   Europeo 2023. Giulia
   Graduated the Liceo
   Europeo with 100/100 cum
   laude. She studies
   Psychology at the University
   of Toronto in Canada.
- Congratulations to Gaia Paolucci, of the Liceo Classico 2024.
   She studies Psychology at New York University. Gaia received a substantial scholarship for her studies.
- Congratulations to Annagiulia Bianchi, of the Liceo Classico 2024. She was admitted to multiple university programs in Europe including École Supérieure de Commerce de Paris, ESCP in France, and Queen Mary University in UK.
- Congratulations to
   Oliviero Rizzoli, of the Liceo
   Internazionale 2024. He
   studies Political Economics at
   the Duke Kunshan University.
   Oliviero earned a significant
   scholarship to this prestigious
   international university with
   campuses in North Carolina,
   USA and Kunshan, China.

### Admission offers for the class of 2024:

### **United Kingdom**

Our students were offered conditional admissions to the following universities in the United Kingdom:

- University of Edinburgh (1)
- University of Warwick (1)
- UCL University College London (2)
- King's College of London (2)
- University of Bath (2)
- University of Exeter (1)
- University of Bristol (1)
- University of Manchester (1)
- Queen Mary University of London (1)

#### **United States of America & Canada**

Our students were admitted to the following universities in the United States and Canada:

- University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada (1)
- New York University (3)
- Northeastern University (1)

#### **U.S. programs - International campuses**

The Liceo Scientifico Internazionale placed students at the following U.S. degree programs in the Middle East and Asia.

- Duke Kunshan University (1)
- New York University at Shanghai (1)

### **European Union**

Our students were offered admissions to the following English language university programs in the European Union:

- Delft University of Technology (1)
- IE University in Spain (2)
- Amsterdam University College (1)
- Maastricht University (3)
- Erasmus University (1)

## 2024 Admission offers (continued):

## Student Achievements (Continued)

- Congratulations to Benedetta Gargiulo of the Liceo Europeo 2024 for her admission to Maastricht University for International Relations.
- Congratulations to
   Flavia Lo Giudice of the Liceo
   Europeo for admission to the
   International Relations program
   at New York University.
- Congratulations to
   Oscar Cheng of the Liceo
   Internazionale 2024. He will
   begin his BSc. in Finance &
   Accounting at University of
   Exeter next fall.
- Congratulations to
   Pietro Fontanesi, of the Liceo
   Internazionale 2024. Pietro was
   admitted to study in Aerospace
   Engineering at the prestigious
   University of Edinburgh.
- Congratulations to Emma Tubiello of the Liceo Internazionale 2024. Emma was offered admission at New York University.

#### Notable UK & European Union destinations:

Our students were offered admissions to the following English language university programs in the UK & European Union:







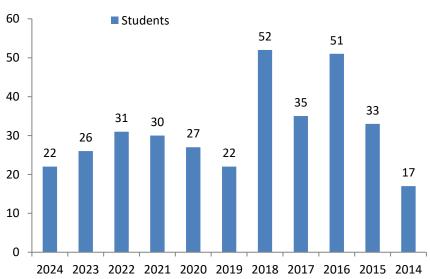






## Applications to university programs outside of Italy

International University applications



#### **Decade of College Counseling for International Universities**

Convitto students who apply to international universities represent the top of their class academically.

#### **Convitto Alumni**

An **alumni network** has formed over the years: **more than 300 Convitto Alumni** cover leading roles in their professions all over the world, completing their undergraduate degrees and have completed Masters and Doctoral degrees over this decade, and continue to help one another and new students.

#### **Destinations 2023-2024**

University destinations for English Language programs within the European Union, such as Spain, Austria and Holland have grown significantly over the past several years. Holland has become a leading destination with our students because the cost is comparable to Italian universities

U.S. university programs with international campuses, such as China, form a significant portion of target destinations for Convitto students. Applications to the United States have remained among the chief international destination for Italian high school students.

UK universities have declined in number of applicants from the Convitto, probably due to an increased tuition for EU applicants.

#### **Scholarships & Financial Aid**

Need based and merit scholarships awards are always an important component of the students' applications to international universities. Scholarships for our students are rare, but \$5.9 million in total scholarship was awarded over the decade 2014-2024. The annual average scholarship for successful students exceeds \$40,000.

# FINANCIAL AID: Numer of applicants receiving award & average annual grant 2



#### NYU visits the Convitto Nazionale



#### **Duke Kunshan University**



Convitto Alumini join the Mr. Russell Davis' presentation for DKU. Andrea Assenza, Liceo Internazionale 2019, joins to present his DKU experience to potential applicants

#### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENT**

Academics are extremely important for universities. A student's candidacy, however, can be augmented through significant extracurricular activities that allow students to explore their future interests, leadership, teamwork and discover new passions. **One example** from the third- and fourth-year students at Liceo Scientifico and Liceo Internazionale:





## **CANSAT**

The Convitto Nazionale earned a place in the national Finals for the CANSAT competition this year. Sponsored by the **Planetario di Torino**, **Agenzia Spaziale Italiana** and **ESA**, this competition offers a setting where students can experiment with their passion for **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)** through a national competition designing, constructing and testing a working satellite the size of a soft drink can and launched into the sky.







Filippo De Angelis, Alessandra Cambiotti, Paolo Re, Flavio Baglioni, Cecilia Orlandi and Leonardo Costantini worked for months to successfully achieve the finals qualification at the national CANSAT competition.





## The "Workshop" - our student's network

Our students have an informal support network of Convitto alumni who have gone through the admissions process. There are more than 300 students on the "Workshop" network at present from around the world. Some are working professionals; others currently studying at universities around the world. Students can field questions, concerns and ideas, and receive advice from current university students. They can share their essays and personal statements and receive support from experienced alumni.

#### For families, planning is key

The application process to universities outside of Italy is complex and demanding. Admission to highly selective universities requires careful thought and planning and years of preparation.

Many of our successful students have had important summer experiences at university pre-college programs, valuable work experience, volunteering and extracurricular activities where leadership, teamwork and creative problem-solving skills were developed. These have all played a crucial role in the success of their applications.

Whether students opt to study in Italy or abroad, a university education is an important step. The Convitto's College Counseling program does not promote international university education over Italian universities; rather, it provides a unique service to help students and their families make the best decisions for their specific needs.

Higher education studies are an investment in students future. Parents can help prepare them for this by encouraging their passions for learning and discovery. Their personal experiences form a significant portion of their choices for the future. Most importantly, parents are encouraged to **start early** to prepare for international university education.

For questions or scheduling please contact: collegecounseling@convittonazionaleroma.it

#### Important Deadlines for the upcoming 2024-2025 Academic Year

October 15, 2024

Application deadline for Oxford, Cambridge, medicine, dentistry in U.K.

November 1, 2024

Early decision/action most U.S. universities

January 1, 2025

Regular decision application deadline for most U.S. universities

January 27, 2025

Application deadline for most U.K. universities through UCAS

**Standardized testing** is an important part of the application process.

Oxford's TSA registration deadline: October 15, 2024

SAT General remains optional for many U.S. universities during the 2021-2022 application cycle.

Dates are general, and they may vary. Please check with the specific universities.

## "In bocca al lupo" to our graduating students!

# We are assisting our rising 5th-year seniors for the 2024-2025 application cycle!

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