

"I really appreciate the help I received from my university guidance counselors in my junior and senior year. They patiently listened to my inquiries and concerns, and they never failed to give me an honest opinion. When I was confused about what I was looking for in my university experience, they explored with me--talking and thinking through my academic interests, visions for a future career, expectations in university social life, desire for spiritual growth, etc. They did not tell me what to do; rather, they dreamed with me. During the university research process, I had trouble reading many documents with technical terms and complex sentences, but the counselors worked patiently with me until I understood the content of those documents.

I am a freshman university student now and thoroughly enjoying all the new experiences I have encountered here. My counselors have helped me to find my true fit--where I can flourish and succeed in my university years. I am thankful that they walked with me throughout my university research and application process, and I believe I have found where I belong."

Judy Wen – University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign

I graduated from WA in 2015. My senior year was quite challenging for me academically because I wanted to push myself. However, this would not have been possible without the support and encouragement from the two counselors. Now that I am at UC Berkeley, I realize how important all my AP classes were and the advising that I received from my counselors. They didn't just give out the same plan for everyone; instead each student was individually guided with specific plans made based on their talents, personalities, backgrounds, and all different kinds of factors. No doubt, my counselors have the gift of being able to quickly, yet accurately, understand individual students on a personal level (which is why I had so many 1 on 1 meetings with them). They saw my passion to challenge myself and gave me constant encouragement and many wise words, which led me to a University that I love.

I also found Naviance to be extremely helpful and easy to use, and I really appreciate the efforts my counselors put in teaching me how to use it. Quite frankly, I get most of my university information from this website. Not only does it show overall data on a specific university, it also has the information on how previous applicants from Wheaton Academy have performed. I learned from my advising meetings that the quality and admission rate of past applicants from the same high school are also important criteria on which the college admissions officers make their decisions.

Peter Wang – UC Berkeley

Wheaton Academy's college readiness helped me to thrive at UCSD academically, culturally, and spiritually. The diversity of the literature works I studied in high school laid a firm foundation for my college writing class. Wheaton Academy's classroom culture also helped me to be more self-disciplined and self-motivated to conquer academic challenges. Living with a host family during my three-year stay at WA helped me adjust quickly to American culture. Compared to other international students at my university, I am able to adapt to the culture and make friends more easily. Wheaton Academy also equipped me to face spiritual challenges in a secular university through its four-year Bible classes. Many lessons are still vivid and applied to my daily life. I am deeply blessed by this loving and vigorous community.

Katherine Wang – UC San Diego

I think Wheaton Academy has a wonderful university preparation process for international students. The school organizes juniors and senior to take TOEFL and offers ACT prep courses on campus for all international students. For me, the process of getting the desired scores went very smoothly because of the help Wheaton Academy provided.

Also, the teachers at Wheaton Academy are extremely reachable and willing to write recommendation letters for the students. Even though I am attending a rather small university, I still find that sometimes my professors are hard to reach. I am very thankful for the teachers at Wheaton Academy. They really take the time to get to know each student.

I had an amazing counselor for university preparation, Mr. Gregersen! I believe that he is the most important person in my university research and application process. It was easy to make appointments with Mr. Gregersen. He taught me useful tools to use to narrow down my results of university searching in Naviance. Three years ago, I had always pictured myself in a small to medium sized school, in a suburban area, with a good engineering department and medical center. I ended up applying to eight schools and accepted to seven. I also received significant scholarships from four of those schools. I could see myself happy in any of those seven universities because all of them had what I wanted for my university education. There was a time of confusion and stress, but I don't think my decision would have gone as smoothly without the consulting I received from Mr. Gregersen.

I ended up going to University of Rochester and I have been really enjoying my university life here, despite the snow and 6 months of winter. The school has a flexible curriculum making it easy for students to try out classes outside of their majors. Because of the size of the school, the professors are usually reachable and helpful. There are also research opportunities for undergrads at the medical center. All of these were features I looked for in a university when I applied, and now I am very happy with my decision.

Grace Chang – University of Rochester

Wheaton Academy was a great school, both for regular and international students. I was fortunate enough to attend Wheaton for my senior year. The application process was very structured. I had three practice SAT/ ACT tests and two TOEFL practice exams before I ever started applying. These tests prepared me for the real exams that are required by most universities. The next step after the exams was to select the universities that would best fit my criteria. Mr. Gregersen helped me greatly in identifying these universities. At the time, due to my financial difficulties, I got support from Wheaton Academy to pay for both my SAT/ ACT exams and college applications. This is something that I will always remember. Through the help of my counselors, I was able to join the best university with a great major. I am currently a third-year Civil Engineering student at LeTourneau University. I will never forget what Wheaton Academy did for me.

Keni Legesse – LeTourneau University