

Advice for Helping Your BRYTE Tutee Apply to College

One of our BRYTE volunteers, Thom Finely, successfully helped his tutee Jacques apply to college. Here are the steps he took. If you have questions about any of these steps, please email your coordinator. Also, see the [BRYTE College Resource Guide](#) for much more information!

1. Jacques joined [College Visions](#). Students can apply during their **junior year** and if accepted, the program follows them through graduation and provides a great degree of personal support including weekly meetings, advising and even some limited test prep. Thom **highly** recommend this program.
 - a. Contact CV for more information at collegevisions@collegevisions.org
2. Jacques also joined [College Advising Corps](#) which is a program that puts college graduates in public schools to serve as college counselors and provides basic college counseling with relatively good personal support (though less than College Visions does).
 - a. Thom recommends that if your student's schools has a Corps member to get in contact with that person early and often. They can provide great advice about how to use your BRYTE time (in Thom's case, for example, he decided to devote most of their tutoring time to SAT prep)
 - b. CAC has Corps members at the following Providence schools:
 - i. Alvarez High School, Providence
 - ii. Central High School, Providence
 - iii. Cooley Health & Science Technology High School, Providence
 - iv. E-Cubed Academy, Providence
 - v. Mt. Pleasant High School, Providence
 - vi. Providence Academy of International Studies (PAIS), Providence
 - vii. Rogers High School, Newport
 - c. Contact the Program Manager for more information at ralph_johnson@brown.edu
3. Thom also recommended [Upward Bound](#) and [College Crusade](#). See the BRYTE College for more information.
4. Jacques got **free waivers** to take both the SAT and the ACT and so was able to take each multiple times. Almost all of our BRYTE students are eligible for these waivers, though they must be processed through the student's **college counselor**. Definitely reach out to your student's school's college counselor to confirm that your student receives these waivers.
 - a. College advisor contact information for the Providence high schools:
 - i. Dr. Jorge Alvarez High school: Ashley_greene@brown.edu

- ii. Mt Pleasant: ruth_laurent@brown.edu
- iii. Central: Jorge_vargas@brown.edu
- iv. Cooley: joseph_maurer@brown.edu
- v. CCRI: Nathalie_nascimento@brown.edu

5. Jacques applied to mostly **test-option** schools including:
- a. **Talent Development** which is run through the University of Rhode Island which requires its accepted students to complete a rigorous summer pre-college to get their skills to college level. This program doesn't consider SAT scores (looks more at personal stories in application essays) but does require applicants to take the SAT.
 - b. **Bryant** which is a private university located in Smithfield, Rhode Island
 - c. **Providence College** which is a private university located about two miles west of downtown Providence
6. **General Advice:** Thom says the key to a successful college process is finding your student **good professional advising**, whether through CAC, College Visions, Upward Bound, College Crusade, etc. These advisors, rather than Thom, set Jacques up with realistic programs that matched his interests, initiated the application process, compiled a list of colleges for him to apply to, provided him with information about local schools, and informed him about deadlines.