

# Dragons Return Advisory Session w/Eleanor Auo

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**Bill Rago:** next so have there ever been times where you felt like some actions towards you were racially motivated.

**Lloyd Baker:** he

**Eleanor Auo:** Not up until now. Thankfully. I think I met a lot of really good people here finding the right people is really important especially because you're gonna be having a huge change from living in Jeju and then living abroad so I think finding the right people is very important. And also if you feel like you're going through some discrimination or if any options you feel are, racially motivated I think confronting them and talking about it being very transparent about how you're feeling. It's all so important but also for at least me I try to be a person that other people can also respect. Effects and if I'm around Rising sophomore. So I thought freshman come in I try to be someone they can also look up to and rely on and I think that's how you kind of build.

**Eleanor Auo:** Your presence in the school. So I think that's one of the ways you can kind of avoid or at least if you feel like any actions were racially motivated towards you how you can deal with it.

**Bill Rago:** Thank you. this question came up a lot. How's the workload compared to kisj?

**Eleanor Auo:** I would say it depends on you...

**Lloyd Baker:** That's around.

**Eleanor Auo:** what school you go to. in what major you have? In my case, I would say that I'm taking four to five courses per semester. So in terms of the number of classes you have it's going to be less but then I feel like there's a steeper learning curve for a lot of the courses expect you to know a lot. So really put in the work when you're doing AP courses. for me I'm taking microeconomics with Calculus. So they expect you to know at least AP Calculus species. So for that, they have high expectations as So make sure you put in the work but in time in terms workload, I think academic was it might be a little less but for me, I have a lot of other things that I have to work on I don't know to what degree

**Eleanor Auo:** To be talking about this but for me actually recruiting started, so I'm applying to internships especially because I'm going into Finance. So the workload prepared for those is much more than my academic workload. So yeah, I hope that answered your questions.

**Bill Rago:** Okay, can you talk more about the work you do to prepare for applying for internships?

**Eleanor Auo:** Yeah, yeah,...

**Bill Rago:** What does that include?

**Eleanor Auo:** so within the finance industry I'm specifically going into invest in banking which means it's very technical. So you kind of need to understand all of the concepts. What a first year Investment Banking analyst does like everything.

**Eleanor Auo:** From Excel work to analyzing the financial statements. So you kind of need to know everything related to that and you also have to prepare for Behavioral interviews. There are two types of interviews. There's behavioral interviews and there's technical interviews for Behavioral interviews. You're basically showing off who you are like whether you're going to be a good fit to that company whether you're going to be a good team that team member and Technical wise you just showing off what you have in your brain. So that's the basic stuff and then once you start moving up being a sophomore and then Junior it becomes more technical. So right now it's mostly behaviorals for me. But yeah, especially for investment banking if any of you are looking forward to going into Finance just be prepared to be really busy starting your first semester in college, but the good thing is it ends early. So While others are looking for a job, you're mostly done with the work when you are I would say a sophomore

**Eleanor Auo:** so yeah, that's good. Yeah.

**Bill Rago:** Great.

**Bill Rago:** Okay, so assuming you're living in the dorms. What are the key items you feel like you should encourage students to take and not to take.

**Eleanor Auo:** Depends on whether you're living in an apartment style traditional means you only have room so you have bedrooms for common space. I'm living in a department style. So I have a kitchen and I have a living room which means there's basically everything you kind of need. I think. Really go through the website. I hope all colleges have the housing portal where they kind of go through the things they have they already gave you so go through them and some colleges will not allow you to bring anything outside especially in terms Furniture. So make sure

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**Eleanor Auo:** follow those guidelines and rules for myself, I think because we had a kitchen so we had to buy a Necessities for the kitchen. And yeah, I mean, I kind of have everything I need right now that's already set for me in my door. So I think you should just go through the housing portal and make sure what's there and what's not there and maybe, don't be afraid to reaching out to your alumni. If anyone's there already. I think there's a lot of resources like NYU for me. I had a lot of upper class and going to NYU. So just make sure you reach out to them because I bet all of them are really happy to talk to you.

**Bill Rago:** Okay, great. five thinking about the application process what were some things that were initially confusing? And then how did you overcome that confusion? through learning and experience

**Eleanor Auo:**

**Eleanor Auo:** Initially, what confused me is the Common App itself? There's a lot of different tabs to it. You kind of have to go through and look into what are the requirements that each University requires you to someday because every school has a different guidelines. Some colleges won't need to submit to recommendation letters some want you to somebody one recommendation letter some require you to submit outside personal recommendation letters. So make sure you go through them. I think it won't hurt you to go through the comment app or whatever application you use in advance to actually have to start your college application process. So having a head start is always really good. I think and if I had any confusions, it was more of like how I need to really distribute the workload of the entire application process having to prepare different documents different essay topics. I think having a head start to go through the application and Advance will always help you.

**Bill Rago:** Mm- Okay, so we'll do one more from the submitted questions and then we'll open it up. I think one that this is a popular question. So apart from the Korean Student Association. How do you make friends at University?

**Eleanor Auo:** Yeah, yeah. I made a lot of friends by joining student clubs. I'm not a part of the Korean Student Association just because my focus was breaking into Wall Street, right and the Korean population in Wall Street is not that high so my focus was to build my network where I have people I can reach out to in terms of the industry itself. So I'm a part of Finance Club at Stern and a lot of my friends are part of the Korean Student Association. I think that's a really good place to start building your friends making friends and also stay on campus especially if you come to New York and you kind of live in the dorms,

**Eleanor Auo:** These schools buildings are not always So make sure you stay on campus which means stay in the building or stay in the study lounge because that's where kind of you make a lot of friends for myself last semester and the entire Stern building. There's the third floor where we have three different study lounges. I would just sit there for hours and days and You kind of naturally interact with the other freshmen because you go through the same things. You have same concerns, you have same questions and you have all the same problems. So it kind of naturally make friends and then you go out for dinner or lunch or just have coffee together and that's how you kind of make friends. But my advice is personally don't be afraid talking to new people because they also don't have friends. They are willing to make friends always approach them first second thing. What I've been noticing a lot about students especially coming from Korea is like they're really afraid to talk to upperclass.

**Eleanor Auo:** Men, but don't I think there's a bit of a cultural difference between Korea and the states, of course here. There's no because I'm a year older I'm a big big brother like a big sister, they're all friends. We're all friends. So if you have questions or if you want to join a student Club, don't be afraid to reach out to your upgrade classmate ask questions or hey, you want to get coffee or something like that and they're always going to

**Bill Rago:** Thanks that's great advice. So now we'll open up the questions to Okay, I see the first one there from Mr. Saad. So how much reading do you do per week?

**Eleanor Auo:** How is reading? Okay, first of all, we don't read books if I read anything, it's articles I think so I took a class called Commerce and culture last semester and I'm taking an English class called business and Society. So right now what I'm looking into is how this is a society really coexist. you look into how companies are practicing sustainability. So you would go through a lot of articles. Some of them are really theoretical some of them are really practical so my focus is more on articles and maybe Journal papers. We don't actually really physical book. But I bet if you go to I don't know and my you College of Arts and Science or liberal studies and you study history or literature than you read more books. But at least for my major, we don't really but yeah.

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**Bill Rago:** Next question is there you can if you use raise hand button we can cue there.

**Bill Rago:** If not that you guys have a question Okay, so until some come in we can move on We'll think back to the lication process. What do you wish you asked your counselor early in the application process?

**Eleanor Auo:** Early in the application process. I wish I asked my counselors if it's possible I would have asked if they have any contacts that I can reach out to that's already at a college that I want to apply to because if you go on the website they talk about our College focus. Is this our College I would say a short Seaman is this but the people who actually understand that College culture is the people who are ready there. of course, I did my research when it's applying to and Yu and specifically Stern but if I had reached out to people who are actually attending

**Eleanor Auo:** Starting at NYU. They would have given me a better explanation on how is it and maybe what kind of a personality or characteristic you want to apply to in your application? So I think I would

have asked do you know anyone is going to NYU or Stern specifically. Can I talk to them or do you have a phone number that I can call or an email that I can contact? I think that's really important.

**Bill Rago:** So you mentioned that when you got there or you were in touch with some alumni about what to bring in living there? When was it that you first got in touch with the NYU alumni or alumni there?

**Eleanor Auo:** in terms of cash day alumni, I think I don't know if anyone of you remember, but He's a sophomore right now, but he served in the military. His name is Juno Kim. yeah. Yeah. I kind of focused on creating a network within the stern Community specifically so at Stern there's only one or two on cash a alumni's and

**Eleanor Auo:** it was him. So I talked to him a few times but he also just recently joined the NY Community again because he was in the military for a while. He didn't have a lot of feedback in terms of what to bring to the door, but he definitely did because he's also going into financing. He's trying to break into Australia as I am. So we're just talking and he's going through the process right now his recruiting is also right now, so he's been giving me feedback on it's really helpful. If you joined this organization, it's really helpful if you talk to this person, so he's been a lot of help career life as well.

**Bill Rago:** Okay, So, let's see what nine is.

**Eleanor Auo:** This has a question.

**Bill Rago:** Yeah, so you're fine. What? the society when

**Eleanor Auo:** Ms. Asad has a question. Do you feel safe in the USA?

**Eleanor Auo:** Do yeah, I do feel safe for some reason. A lot of things going on in the New York. I think there's always something going on with the subway. There's been an earthquake last week, I think but I feel really safe for some reason. I don't know why maybe I'm still a tolerance against, non-safety stuff, but I think I have a lot of friends I can talk and friend Yu we have a campus safety. They have a car that has campus safety on the rotation people with campus safety outfits.

**Eleanor Auo:** Around the city and we have buildings that have safety measures. So I think in terms of that I feel safe, but I try not to go outside really late. So maybe on a Saturday night. There's a lot of people in the street so it's fine. But when it's not those days I try not to leave my dorm or walk outside. I really need time. So I think that's really important just precaution much like measures.

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**Bill Rago:** okay, Mr. Vento had a question.

**Shawn Vento:** I did. Hi Eleanor. It's nice to see you again. I'm just wondering is there something from your time at ksjs that at the time you maybe didn't appreciate?

**Eleanor Auo:** Hi.

**Shawn Vento:** Or that you thought I don't. that you're away that you think back on fondly and I wish I enjoyed that more at the time

**Eleanor Auo:** Yeah, there's a few I don't think I appreciate it enough the location of cash J. The fact that it is in Jeju. I always complained about how it's so boring to judge you how I don't want to see any more trees and any more Mountains or any of that but living in the city and always seeing concrete buildings and tall buildings. I kind of missed the nature of it and if I were to go back to high school, I think I kind of want to do I don't know maybe something activities more related to judge you like horseback riding.

**Eleanor Auo:** For sure I want to go to the hollow Mountain a bit more. and I think I want to take more walks around campus for I kind of miss cash day. I'm gonna be really honest. It's my friends are like, why would you miss high school at all? But I kind of missed eyes when I feel like the community is

smaller for sure and you have less people which I kind of appreciate right now because there's many different people here and there's so many new things. You have to learn on it every day basis, but meeting people you always kind of know that you always know you have a safety spot with I think that's really good. So I kind of miss all my teachers, too. Yeah.

**Eleanor Auo:** Yeah.

**Bill Rago:** All right. So I think mississauga's advisory threw up another question there about yes, sleep how much sleep do you get?

**Eleanor Auo:**

**Eleanor Auo:** how much sleep do I get I think okay this semester. I'm gonna be really honest I pulled. Three all-nighters exactly three because I had to work on an Excel Shea sheets where it took me hours because I never use an Excel Shea before I pulled three all nighters. But other than that I try to take six to eight hours sleep and also something good about college is you get to choose your classes right and you get to choose with You want to take it with so you don't always have to have morning classes. Whereas in high school. You got to go to school at 8:20 stay there until But for college you can have class at 3 pm whatever. but what I'm gonna give you some on is don't

**Eleanor Auo:** try to take maybe not early morning, but at least 11 am or early afternoon classes because you just gotta get out of there. So it's possible as well. But Sweet wise I think just time management is really important. And I think that's a cross high school and college. It's not like you come to college and it's okay to have four hours of sleep. I think always having enough sleep is really important, especially because if a lot of things are stressing me out sleep, that's one of the ways that can actually help you really feel a lot of your stress. So yeah, I try to do a lot of time management so I can get enough sleep. But yeah, I took the all-nighters which wasn't really bad.

**Bill Rago:** Thank you. question nine was about your final decision. And what would help you make that decision?

**Eleanor Auo:** a lot of the factors I considered into was I think first and foremost it was my career what I want to do after graduating college and I was pretty confident that I would want to do Finance. So I think that was why I chose Stern and whether that's school offers you a lot of opportunities are there like student organizations or off campus opportunities. I think that's really important.

**Eleanor Auo:** Patient was really important to me. I kind of wanted to attend college in the city. So that's why I chose New York. and yeah, I think those are the biggest things I considered and another one was I was sure that there was a lot of cash. Yeah, I love nights and NYU. So, if you always miss high school and you want to talk to Koreans after talking in English for months you can always reach out to your cashier alumni's. Yeah, so that was really good because for me most of my friends, there's not a lot of the Korean population at Stern right now, there's a few but there's not a lot. So most of my friends are fully in the Americans which means they cannot understand Korean at all. So I've been speaking like English for the past five months. I think I wake up. The first language to speak is English I go to sleep speaking English. So, you sometimes get really good English.

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**Eleanor Auo:** Yeah, and I sometimes feel really awkward texting people in Korean. I'm texting my parents sometimes and I'm like, I forgot this word in Korean. yeah, but always if you want to I think one thing to consider is whether there's a bit of a Korean population there because you kind of Miss Korea at some point.

**Bill Rago:** All right, so I think what's the one most important piece of advice you could give us?

**Eleanor Auo:** I think the most important piece of advice I would give is try to really explore your interests and passion when you have the time. I think High School is the perfect time for you to really think about what you want to do. Maybe not with your life because that's a bit too far away, but maybe in the next decade or five years what you really want to do what interests what drives your motivation

what really motivates you what's your passion? Because I think those kind of things really show naturally and just kind of reflect on your application to college and I think after you get into a college and you start attending there, it really helps you to Really?

**Eleanor Auo:** Spend less time having to explore I don't know what to do. Should I do that? You're gonna know what you want to do. So that's gonna save you a lot of times where it becomes really competitive here in college. Maybe it's financed specifically. So if you're not going to find it's a procedure. Little bit different but for us just because the process and everything is really quick. Just knowing what you really want to do before getting to college is a lot of help and I think that's the case across different Majors too. So I think when you have the time in

**Eleanor Auo:** Going when you haven't declared any major or colleges yet. I think it's really important that you kind of explore what interests you and what you're passionate about genuinely. So I think you should really put in the time to think about that and maybe if something turns out to really interest you and you just feel like there's a natural attraction. Just try it out. you can take those classes or can take maybe online programs related to that maybe do extra curricular clubs or any activities related to that. I think it's really good time for you to do that.

**Bill Rago:** Okay, Thank you so much. The Bell just rang so our students are going to hustle out of advisory

**Eleanor Auo:** Yep.

**Bill Rago:** but Thanks again for taking the time to see us. I know it's Wednesday night there, right and I'm sure and you have exams coming up. So, thank you again.

**Eleanor Auo:** Yeah.

**Bill Rago:** And Please let us know you're back on Jeju to come in for

**Eleanor Auo:** Yeah, okay, of course. Thank you for inviting me and having me.

**Bill Rago:** you're welcome. Okay.

**Alissa Kordprom:** Thank you.

**Eleanor Auo:** Hi. Yep. Bye.

**Alissa Kordprom:** Sorry.

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