

The "waitlist" should be called the "proactive list" and here's why

It's that time of year again. For many high school seniors anxiously awaiting college decisions (that are scheduled to arrive on April 1...but in recent years have started arriving as early as mid-March), they believe there are two buckets: Acceptance and Rejection.

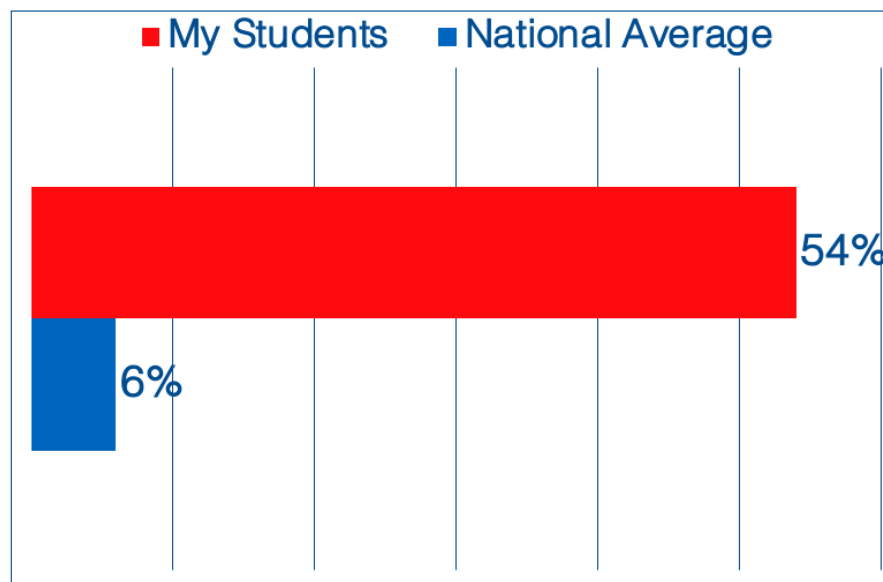
However, more frequently (and likely even MORE frequently in a global pandemic year, if you want my prediction) students are experiencing a 3rd bucket, often referred to as "college admissions purgatory"...

THE WAITLIST

The first time I had heard about "the waitlist" was back in 2010...when I, myself, was waitlisted. I didn't know much about the waitlist, but ultimately decided I didn't like the word...I wasn't much of a "wait and see" guy. So I decided I'd be proactive. You can hear me describe my personal experience [here](#) if interested, but here's the summary: I got off the waitlist on day #1, call #1 and had an amazing four years of college.

For the last 11 years, I decided to pass along my methods. And while certainly no guarantee (46% of my students still fail) here are the results my now-termed "Delehey College Consulting Waitlist Program" has seen:

College Waitlist Acceptance 2010 - 2021



It's about a week before I'll really start hearing from waitlisted seniors, but I wanted to send this out today for one reason: Parents, if you are one of the many who read my newsletters consistently, and you are reading this line, and you know of a family with a high school senior who may experience waitlist purgatory in the coming weeks, would you please pass them the following information?

THE WAITLIST IS NOT FOR WAITING

If this information is passed along to even one high school senior who implements this advice...well, then I'll have done my job!

And without further ado, I introduce you to a high school senior who, just last year, was waitlisted (spoiler: she is now at her dream college)...



Meet Eva. Eva is a current freshman at Haverford College, loving life at her top-choice school.

However, Eva wasn't always a Haverford College admit. In fact, just one year ago when Eva reached out, she had thought all hopes and dreams of attending her top-choice school were gone. **She was waitlisted and didn't think there was anything she could do about it.**



Eva was a High School senior at Concord-Carlisle HS in Concord, MA and was waitlisted at Haverford. To make things even more bleak, **Haverford had a 1.8% waitlist acceptance rate the prior year**. Eva was coming to terms with attending one of her safety schools, a difficult realization for her. As a last-ditch effort, she had heard whispers about the Delehey College Consulting Waitlist Program and decided to reach out.

Let's break it down:

Who? Eva, High school senior from Concord, MA

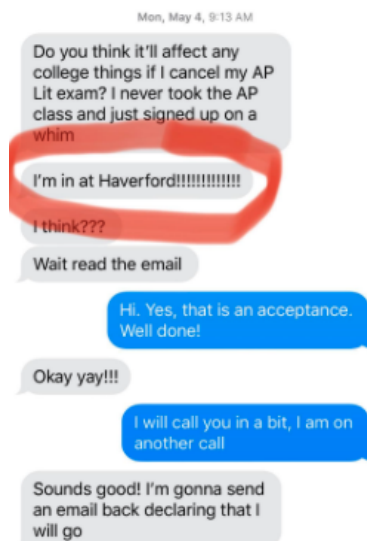
Problem: Waitlisted at her dream school, Haverford College

Additional Problem: Haverford had a 1.8% waitlist acceptance rate the previous year

Solution: Join The Delehey College Consulting Waitlist Program

Did it work? Yep. With a clear, actionable plan in front of her, Eva put in the work...and was rewarded. Less than 5 weeks after joining the Delehey College Consulting Waitlist Program, Eva received admission at his dream school, *Haverford College*.

Eva was ecstatic...and so was I. Here's a screenshot of her text to me the moment she got off the waitlist:



But don't take my word for it. Here's what Eva has to say:



Eva F.

Wynnewood, PA

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This past March, I was waitlisted at my top choice, and the odds for getting off were not great with a measly 1.8% waitlist acceptance rate in the previous year. However, in just over a month of work with Jack, I was accepted in my school's first wave. Jack's waitlist program requires a lot of dedication and work from the student, but Jack will match you in enthusiasm. Jack's passion and knowledge of the waitlist area is grounded in his own experience-- he bases the whole program on what worked for him when he was a high school senior-- and the experience of dozens of students he has helped before. If you're a statistics person, like me, his website outlines how waitlisted students continually beat the odds with his help. Jack helps students stand out beyond the standard letter of continued interest, and by the end of Jack's program, my admissions officer knew who I was out of hundreds of applicants. Jack's advice was invaluable, and I can't recommend him enough to any senior or junior looking for college counseling or waitlist help.

I want to briefly add that aside from his fantastic advice, Jack is also a pleasure to work with. He is enthusiastic, passionate, and fun to talk to, which is a startling contrast to some of the other college counselors I've spoken with, who ranged from disconnected to downright unpleasant. If you need help with college or your career, Jack is the way to go.

The "Waitlist" has a terrible, mis-guiding name. It should be called the **"Proactive List."** Eva learned that there are proactive steps you can take to greatly increase chances of waitlist acceptance...and was rewarded for her efforts.

Does your child need help navigating the college waitlist process like Eva did (or do you know someone who does)? When on a HS senior is on a waitlist, every day counts. **March & April are crucial months.** Students should begin their waitlist plan-of-attack the very day they are first waitlisted! [Click here to see if and how I can help](#) your child navigate the college waitlist TODAY (or pass the link along to your fellow parent that might be able to use it)!

To a stress free & calculated waitlist process!