



# Meet Our Team

## Laura B

**Role:** IEC/Mentor/CEO

Laura's expertise as an Educated Consultant is rooted in decades of experience as an educator, owner/founder, writer, and instructional coach. She holds a Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Bank Street College, a Certified Educational Planner (C.E.P.) credential, and a Certificate in Curriculum and Instruction—Student-Centered Coaching from the University of Wisconsin. Additionally, she has a certificate in the teaching of reading and writing from Columbia Teachers College and is an active and published writer. Laura is the mom of four launched young adults, lives in Denver, and loves running, reading and yoga.

## Sarah M

**Role:** Executive Operations/Client Success

Sarah is a dedicated professional with a strong passion for education. Originally from Tucson, Arizona, she has called the East Coast home since 2007. Sarah studied Education both as an undergraduate at the University of Portland and in graduate school at Harvard University, and has navigated a non-linear career path through various sectors, industries, and technologies. This journey has been driven by a willingness to raise her hand, take on new challenges, and continuously seek to learn and improve. Having lived abroad in Japan and Uganda, Sarah's experiences and love of travel have further shaped her diverse perspective and adaptability. With a commitment to making a positive impact, she brings both fresh insights and years of experience to everything she takes on.

## Sydney A

**Role:** Student Success, Capstone Certified Mentor, Solo Expedition Coach

Sydney, a native of Columbia, South Carolina, holds a BS in Psychology from the College of Charleston, where she also worked as an ABA therapist for neurodiverse children, specifically those diagnosed on the autism spectrum. After graduating, she embarked on a teaching journey across Thailand, Peru, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua, gaining five years of experience teaching and tutoring students of all ages. Currently, she is a Capstone Certified mentor at Emerging Consulting, where she is dedicated to helping students realize their full potential.

Her teaching philosophy emphasizes meeting students where they are and providing personalized guidance tailored to each individual's needs.

### **Lexie M.**

**Role:** Capstone Certified Mentor, Essay Coach, Executive Function, Solo Expedition

Lexie Musselman is a Colorado native and experienced mentor specializing in college essay coaching, executive function support, and student development. A graduate of Kent Denver and The College of Wooster, where she majored in History and Communication, Lexie brings strong writing, organization, and communication skills to her work with students. Lexie is Capstone Certified, holds a paralegal certificate, and is a licensed real estate professional—skills that reflect her attention to detail and versatility. With years of experience at Emerging, she helps students manage time effectively, build confidence, and craft authentic, compelling college applications. In her spare time, Lexie enjoys hiking Colorado's trails and reading historical fiction, especially set during World War II.

### **Linda D.**

**Role:** College List Development Expert

Linda is from the San Francisco Bay area and has 27 years of college admission experience for both private and public universities. She finds true passion in helping students find the right fit for college and encouraging them to have fun throughout the college search process. Linda has worked for Midwest and West Coast schools and travels to many college campuses for events and conferences throughout her career. Outside of work, she is a mom and loves spending time with her daughter and volunteering at her school.

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## **Essay Coaches/Editors**

### **Aimé C.**

Aime is a PhD candidate in Art History at Harvard University, where she also earned her MA. Before that, she completed her undergraduate studies at Brown University with a degree in Art History—so yes, her love for art runs deep! One of the most rewarding aspects of her graduate work was serving as a Teaching Assistant, guiding students through the writing process and helping them refine their essays. As she navigates the research, writing, and endless revisions of her own dissertation, she's excited to support your student on their writing journey.

**Caroline W.**

Caroline is a short story writer and professor passionate about helping students bring their ideas to life on the page. She earned her MFA in Fiction from NYU in 2023, where she also taught creative writing courses. Before that, she attended Duke University on the prestigious A.B. Duke merit scholarship, graduating in 2020 with a degree in Literature. These days, she is based in Brooklyn, working on her first book and always looking for ways to make writing feel both approachable and rewarding.

**Jainita P.**

Jainita is a fisheries scientist, freelance writer, and editor with eight years of experience in editing and publishing. She has worked as an assistant editor for literary agencies and publishing houses, helping writers shape their narratives into compelling stories. Jainita holds a B.A. in English from NYU, where she graduated cum laude, as well as an M.S. in Marine Science from William and Mary and a B.A. in Environmental Science from NYU. Whether working on creative projects or scientific writing, she loves helping students craft clear, engaging, and impactful stories.

**Julie C.**

Julie is a college writing instructor and Senior Academic Program Coordinator at the University of Texas at Austin, where she has spent 15 years teaching first-year honors students. Before that, she earned her M.A. in Social Sciences & Public Policy from the University of Chicago and taught writing-intensive courses at DePaul University. With over 20 years in higher education, Julie specializes in guiding students through their transition to college-level writing and helping them discover their academic and creative strengths. As a parent of two daughters now on their own college journeys, she understands both the challenges and excitement of this pivotal time.

**Suzanne H.**

Suzanne is a professional editor with over 20 years of experience in education and writing. She earned her BA in English and Cinema from Denison University, graduating magna cum laude, and later completed an MFA in Fiction Writing at Bowling Green State University. Suzanne's career has taken her from teaching English as a second language to working in the European film industry, and eventually to teaching first-year writing courses as a graduate assistant. Her greatest joy is helping students uncover their unique voices and shape their experiences into meaningful, well-crafted stories.

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## SAT Tutors

### Caroline W.

Caroline W. is a fiction writer and educator. Currently, she tutors high schoolers for SAT/AP tests and English in New York City. She received her MFA from NYU, where she taught classes as a Lecturer in Creative Writing. She holds a BA from Duke University.

### Hannah L.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in English teaching, she taught public school for three years. For the past five years, she's tutored students in 5th-12th grade in reading, writing, and math, including small-group ACT and SAT prep courses. For the past six years, she has worked as a language service provider specializing in technical translations. Hannah is dedicated to ensuring that her students feel confident as they approach educational challenges and opportunities.

### Michael P.

After graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering from Syracuse University, Michael moved to Spain and began designing and installing renewable energy systems. He is Tesol certified and has been teaching English as a foreign language for 10 years. Michael is also a math and science tutor with the Granada Dyslexia Association, where he has learned the importance of patience, adaptability, and motivation in each student's learning process.

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## AP Tutors

### Jessica S.

Jessica recently completed a doctorate in Comparative Literature and now works full-time as a writing coach and editor. She taught European languages at the University of Edinburgh from 2014 to 2022 and previously taught English at Menéndez Pelayo University in Spain, as well as at a high school in Tianjin, China. She loves literature and languages and spends her free time working on creative writing and travel journalism.

**Anna P.**

Anna is a current AP Chemistry teacher with expertise in coaching students through AP Exam material. She is especially skilled at helping students gain extra points on free response questions to move from a 4 to a 5. Anna enjoys working with students to help them fulfill their unique potential.

**Adam K.**

Adam is passionate about breaking down complex topics and helping students access computer science and math. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Texas, Austin, his Master's in Computer Science at the University of Pennsylvania, and is an incoming MBA candidate at UC Berkeley's Haas program. For the past three years, he has worked as a Teaching Assistant and Academic Coach at the University of Pennsylvania.