



YOU DID IT AGAIN!

Another admissions cycle, another fabulous job by the Alumni Schools Committee! Thank you for all you've done to help us build the Class of 2017! Applications were up again, hitting a record high of 29,611 candidates for the admission. **This season, ASC members completed 17,383**

interviews, 98% of which were submitted online. Of the 1,992 admitted students, 1,481 interviewed with a Yale alumnus. These results are outstanding, and we should all be very proud. ASC interviews continue to be a critical part of the admissions process, and we are so appreciative that we have thousands of volunteers throughout the world to help us interview our candidates. Your contributions are critical to our work here. You interview candidates, represent Yale at college fairs and talk with admitted students and their families. You are the "face of Yale" and the ideal ambassadors for the school you love. Year after year, the admissions staff is so happy to see you when we travel to your cities and towns. We appreciate your attendance (and help!) at our evening information sessions and we are grateful for your warmth and hospitality when we are away from home. Your commitment to Yale inspires us! Thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm, as well as your time and your talent. You are important partners in our quest to bring the best and the brightest to New Haven. Thank you! ■

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

| CLASS OF 2017* | |
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| Applicants | 29,611 |
| Admits | 1,992 |
| Rate of Admission | 6.70% |

| CLASS OF 2016 | |
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| Applicants | 28,977 |
| Admits | 2,043 |
| Rate of Admission | 7.00% |

| CLASS OF 2015 | |
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| Applicants | 27,283 |
| Admits | 2,109 |
| Rate of Admission | 7.70% |

**Statistics for the Class of 2017 include some but not all wait list admissions.*

BULLDOG DAYS 2013

Bulldog Days was a tremendous success! The weather cooperated and the student body greeted our visitors with their characteristic Yalie warmth and enthusiasm. Over 1200 newly admitted Yalies (and their 1000 parents and siblings) descended on campus for three days of classes, panels, entertainment and great conversation. The new Yalies had a wonderful visit and learned what it is like to live and learn on our beautiful campus.

Of those students who registered for Bulldog Days, 878 matriculated; another 25 postponed their matriculation to the Class of 2018 and will join us at Yale in the fall of 2014.

We received wonderful feedback from students and parents. Here's a sample:

FROM STUDENTS...

- “ Thank you for your hospitality!
Yale stole my heart during Bulldog Days.
- “ Faculty and Yalies are often so eager to discuss anything. It's a very friendly environment.
- “ Thank you for the wonderful event, I had a great time and made many friends!
- “ Keep doing what you're doing!
Bulldog Days really blew me away :)



FROM PARENTS...

- “ Wonderful experience. Yale does an impressive affair which totally won over our daughter and her parents.
- “ The effort, organization, and quality the admissions staff put into this event is truly incredible and greatly appreciated!
- “ I think the opportunity to talk to presenters and admissions folks after their panel was just marvelous.
- “ It exceeded our expectations on every level. The staff was so helpful and gracious. Our daughter commented several times about the "pleasant vibe" of the campus. It was truly a happy experience.
- “ A perfect mix of confidence, without self-satisfaction. Good humor along with respect for the institution.

BULLDOG NEWS

★ Congratulations to the NCAA National Championship Yale men's hockey team! The Yale community celebrated their victory in a gathering at Ingalls Rink on April 15th.

★ This spring, **Paul Giamatti '89 DRA '94** played the title role in "Hamlet" in Yale Repertory Theater's sold-out production.

★ The Yale Whiffenpoofs performed in the Season 4 finale of the Fox television show "Glee." The episode aired on May 9th.

★ A Yale student group called Bulldog Racing placed first in the 2013 Formula Hybrid International at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. The team won for fastest run of the day in the acceleration event and first among all hybrids.

★ Kofi Annan, former U.N. Secretary-General, spoke on campus in February. His talk was part of a Jackson Institute Town Hall Meeting.

★ Nine Yale College juniors received honors from the Council of Masters in recognition of their scholarship, contributions to college life, and their character. The recipients include **Chelsea Lane TD '14**, **Terrence Chin-Loy CC '14**, **Nicholas Baskin ES '14**, **Alexander Haden PC '14**, **Alejandro Jimenez TD '14**, **Marissa Pettit CC '14**, **Isabel Seshar SY '14**, **Salmi Dali MC '14** and **Elizabeth Labossiere SM '14**.

★ Two Yale students, **Rachel Kurchin '13** and **Matthew Shafer '13**, have been selected as Gates Cambridge Scholars. The prestigious scholarship fully funds at least one year of graduate student at the University of Cambridge. Two other Yale students, **Kavitha Anandalingam '13** and **Jonathan Liang '13**, have been named Churchill Scholars, also for graduate study at the University of Cambridge.

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

An ASC director received this lovely note from a recent graduate:

“ It feels like our conversation about Yale was ages ago, but I still remember it very clearly. Having graduated in May, I just received my first alumni interview assignment and wanted to look back at your kind email to see how to go about contacting students. Thank you again. I couldn't have asked for a happier four years!

The students you interview today might wind up as fellow volunteers four years from now!

ADMISSIONS OFFICE NEWS

★ Congratulations to Associate Director **Rebekah Westphal** on the birth of her daughter, Jessamine Ariadne Ruby Cécile Westphal, in December and to Associate Director **Jean Lee** on the birth of her son, Arden Joseph Hanul Lee-Jensen, in April.



Jessamine Ariadne Ruby Cécile Westphal



Arden Joseph Hanul Lee-Jensen

★ As you know, **Jeff Brenzel '75** is stepping down as dean of admissions. He will continue his work as Master of Timothy Dwight College and return to the classroom as a professor of philosophy. **Jeremiah Quinlan '03** will begin his term as dean of admissions on July 1st.

ADVICE FOR STUDENTS WHO CANNOT HAVE AN ASC INTERVIEW

The ASC prides itself on interviewing a very large percentage of Yale applicants. There are times, however, when an ASC interview is simply not available. On occasion, ASC members have written to let us know that their own children cannot secure alumni interviews. In some cases, these candidates attend boarding schools that are not covered by a Yale ASC or live in a community with a limited number of interviewers (perhaps just mom or dad!). If you are aware of such a case, or if such a case directly impacts your family, please remember that interviews are not

required. However, we do offer on-campus interviews to rising seniors during the summer months and then again from September through mid-November, and students are welcome, though not required, to pursue the on-campus option. Students may now sign up for summer interviews; the fall schedule will be available on August 15. To register for an on-campus interview, please direct the student to <http://admissions.yale.edu/interviews> and scroll down to the section labeled “On Campus Interviews.” ■

ONWARD TO THE CLASS OF 2018

Though it may be hard to believe, we've already started thinking about the Class of 2018. This spring, admissions officers have been traveling around the globe to meet the best and brightest and share information about Yale. Yale admissions officers have been all around the globe, including Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alaska, Southern California, Washington, British Columbia, Morocco,

Israel, the West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Australia, Singapore and New Zealand.

As you know, most of our recruitment trips take place in the fall. Those trips are usually planned in late August/early September. For the most up to date information about Yale admissions events near you, please see <https://apps.admissions.yale.edu/events/>. ■

FROM THE MAILBAG

From the Mailbag continues to be the most popular Newsletter feature. Please send us your questions!

ASC MEMBER

I scheduled an interview with an applicant for late January. I spoke to the candidate on the phone and then confirmed the date and time over email. I gave her my cell phone number as well. I waited for her at our agreed upon meeting place, but after ten minutes I wondered if she would be joining me. Thinking she was lost or running behind, I called her but got her voicemail. I left a message, asking her to contact me to let me know whether she would be able to make our appointment. I waited another thirty minutes, but she simply didn't show up. I was even wearing a Yale sweatshirt (as I told her I would be), and the café was pretty empty so there is no chance we simply missed each other. I followed up with an email, and three days later received this response:

“ oh. sorry i forgot & didn't get ur message bc i was having probs w my fone. is it required? i can reschedule but my schedule is tight so i can only do it on thurs. if i dont have to do this, i don't think i have time. thnx!

Obviously, I am angry and annoyed on many different levels. And I don't appreciate the tone and grammar of the email! What do you advise?

YALE ADMISSIONS

First, I am so sorry that you had this experience. You gave this student every opportunity to connect with you and all the benefit of doubt, but her “excuse” is not acceptable. You should score her report as a 0 since the interview was not conducted, but please include your account – and her email – in your report. This is relevant to the admissions committee.

From time to time ASCs report about “no shows” as well as about students who do not return phone calls or emails. If a student has a legitimate excuse and is appropriately apologetic, then you may – at your discretion – reschedule a missed appointment. But in most cases, you need not reward rude and insensitive behavior. If you leave both a voicemail message and an email and the student does not reply to either, simply score the report as a 0 and write a brief account of your attempts to contact the student. Hopefully your other candidates were more considerate of your time!

ASC MEMBER I find this newsletter to be very helpful, and there are some articles that I'd like to share with the applicants I interview. Is that appropriate?

YALE ADMISSIONS We're delighted that you enjoy the newsletter! We understand the inclination to pass along what you read here, but we'd prefer that you do not share the newsletter with candidates. We write the newsletter with an alumni audience in mind, so we prefer that it not be forwarded to applicants. Dean Brenzel has posted a number of very thoughtful and helpful articles on the Yale Admissions website, and these are geared to a student audience. If you'd like to give an applicant a thoughtful piece of admissions-related writing, please refer him or her to <http://admissions.yale.edu/beyond-college-rankings> (on college rankings) and <http://admissions.yale.edu/after-colleges-accept-you> (what to do after receiving admissions decisions).

ASC DIRECTOR I assigned an interview to a volunteer based on schools near where he lives. This year, he recognized the name and address of a candidate and realized that this is the younger sister of someone he interviewed a couple years ago. My interviewer has asked if there's anything improper about him interviewing the younger sister. He really liked the older brother, who is now a junior at Yale, but otherwise does not know the family. He has not kept in touch with the brother.

YALE ADMISSIONS There is nothing wrong with him interviewing the younger sister. While it's fine for the volunteer to acknowledge that he met the older brother, I would make sure he doesn't make too many comparisons in the report (a couple are inevitable) or dwell too much on the sibling during the actual interview. If he's comfortable with this, then we are too.

PROSPECTIVE ASC MEMBER 1

I attended Yale but did not receive my degree. I consider myself a Yale alumnus and am active in my local Yale Club. I have very strong memories of my time in New Haven and would like to offer my services as a volunteer interviewer for admissions. May I join the ASC?

PROSPECTIVE ASC MEMBER 2

My husband and I spent a number of years working at Yale. I completed my medical residency at Yale and my husband taught in the College during that time. Neither of us graduated from Yale, but we are very familiar with the University and would like to volunteer as Yale College interviewers. We loved our time in New Haven and feel very close to Yale. Are we eligible to join the ASC?

YALE ADMISSIONS The ASC Program is limited to individuals who graduated from Yale University. Because we hold ourselves out as an alumni interviewing program, we require volunteers to have received a degree (undergraduate or graduate) from Yale. For ASC membership purposes, employment at Yale – whether as a professor, administrator or a medical resident – is not a substitute for a degree. I hope you will continue to stay connected to Yale through the local Yale Club and through your friendships with former classmates and colleagues. ■

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