



The Admissions Office and the ASN (the Alumni Schools Network)

The Role of Outreach in Admission to Yale

Yale offers students a world class education. However, many promising students do not consider Yale because it seems so far from their home town, or because none of their friends



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and classmates are applying. Others believe they cannot afford to attend Yale, because they are not aware of the extraordinary amount of financial aid that Yale makes available. To address this, the staff of the Admissions Office holds information sessions in most regions of the United States. However, a prospective applicant who has dismissed Yale as a possibility is not likely to attend an information session.

Consequently, Yale relies on dedicated alumni volunteers to spread the word about Yale's accessibility and affordability.

The Role of the Alumni Schools Network

The Alumni Schools Network functions as a subcommittee of the Alumni Schools Committee and consists of members of the Alumni Schools Committee who are particularly devoted to interviewing students and who by personality and predilection will be helpful in visiting students at local high schools in September and October.

The objective of these visits is not to recruit, but rather to make information about Yale available to students, so that they may make informed judgments about the prospect of applying to Yale. These visits are coordinated with the Admissions Office at Yale and with guidance counselors at the school. Guidance counselors are a good source of information about the students, particularly the juniors who are likely candidates for Yale in the following year.

The Benefit to Yale

The interviewer thus becomes a kind of ambassador for Yale, helping to find the right "fit" between Yale and the student. Viewing his task in this manner, the interviewer is less likely to become "vested" in his judgment about any one interviewee and less likely to be disappointed if any particular interviewee is not admitted.

The Benefit to the Alumni

This role of "ambassador" allows alumni to communicate their love of Yale, and their love of learning, to the next generation. It also increases their commitment to Yale.

The Alumni Schools Network works to the advantage of students, high schools, Alumni Schools Committee interviewers and Yale by systematizing the process of encouraging the best and brightest students to apply to Yale.