

DAANA YOUTH MENTORSHIP GROUP

PURPOSE:

The college admissions process has become increasingly complicated and competitive. Several DAANA parents have children who are in high school and are preparing to apply for college or are already in the process of applying. Many others have successfully navigated this phase and are now in public and private post-secondary institutions across the United States. The college admissions process can be particularly daunting for parents who have no personal experience in American schools, colleges and universities.

The goal of this group is to bring together parents and peer mentors who will pool their resources and collective wisdom to assist our aspiring college applicants and help them reach their true potential.

STRUCTURE:

Membership to the group is open to any DAANA parent, spouse and their high school age children (accompanied by a parent on the group).

We will have a core group that will oversee agenda, guidelines, arranging seminars, talks, counseling sessions etc.

The core group will update DAANA BOD periodically and will ultimately be answerable to DAANA BOD. We will have a WhatsApp group with moderators as well as a portal on DAANA website. We will utilize Zoom or other similar service for conferences, seminars and other sessions. Youth group finances will be managed by DAANA. We will stay true to our non-profit status and only ask for nominal fees/donations for services as and when necessary.

SERVICES:

- Informational, Motivational and Inspirational talks
- College Prep SAT, ACT and other test prep
- College choices: How to choose
- College admissions: What's important and what's not
- Career choices
- Research and internship opportunities
- Summer programs, Leadership conferences & camps
- Targeted mentorship: Medicine, Engineering, Law, Business, Political Science and others
- Scholarships, Grants and Student Loans
- Student Council for direct peer to peer networking and guidance

We will recruit experts in the field to offer the best advice/services for our children through webinars, live seminars and group activities. Our goal is to equip our children for success in the best way possible.

SCOPE:

For now, the DAANA Youth Mentorship Program will concentrate on high school students. We may expand our target audience to middle school age and earlier years in the future if there is continued interest.

In our initial stages most of the discussions might be geared towards American schools but we will include information pertaining to foreign students interested in higher education in the US and vice versa based on the interest level. Student exchange opportunities and summer programs in various countries can also be a subject of discussion.

Based on the interest level and diversity of our ever-growing alumni body we may need to branch out to region specific counseling services in the future.

METRICS:

We shall monitor and grade the services we provide based on feedback from parents and students. We will track the college applications and successful placements based on information voluntarily provided to us by parents and students.

We will also keep track of number of students getting into colleges and careers of their choice, their test scores etc.

From time to time we will reach out to students who benefited from our program to learn what worked for them and what did not.