

Regional Admission Counselors of California

Promoting out-of-state educational opportunities for Californians

Who we are...

- The Regional Admission Counselors of California (RACC) is composed of college admission professionals who represent colleges and universities outside the state of California.

What we do...

- Members work closely with students and families of California while partnering with high school, community college and independent counselors to provide information on educational opportunities outside of CA.

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RACC Takes Silver at WACAC Olympics

There were last minute wardrobe changes, screaming, and tripping over travel bags, but this wasn't your average high school visit, this was the 2011 WACAC Olympics. Organized by RACC's own Ed Devine from Hawaii Pacific University, this year's WACAC Olympic games were not to be missed. Chapman University took an early lead acing the Mascot Trivia portion of the games, but RACC was not to be messed with! Games ranging from the Catalogue Toss, Helicopter Parent relay, the One Minute Admissions Speech, and Dress for Success Relay, RACC presented as tough competition. One of the most exciting events of the

afternoon came when Tracee Duerson (Oklahoma City University) and Carmen Coleman (University of Nevada, Reno) smoked the competition in the Three-



Gary B from UNM, leads the RACC Team in during the opening ceremony. Team RACC went on to win the silver medal!

Legged Race. RACC wrapped up the afternoon by assembling a human pyramid behind their best

college fair table for the last competition.

As the crowd anxiously gathered for the medal ceremony, the USC and Chapman teams rang out in a chanting match. With much anticipation, the results were announced. Team RACC crossed their fingers and held their breath, and to everyone's great surprise, the RACCateers were announced as Silver Medal winners. They eagerly rushed the stage and claimed their "Winnie the Pig" token, bursting out in cheers. As the other schools felt the defeat, the RACCateers and supporters broke out in celebration. Watch out 2012 Olympics, RACC will be going for the gold!

RACC Counselor Appreciation Weeks: Double the Fun This Year

RACC is growing! We now have over 50 College and University members! Which means our outreach will be increasing.

Our legendary breakfast and lunch series that allow us to meet with over 400 high school, independent and community college counselors will now be **2 weeks!**

It has been decided to split the traditional one week program into two separate weeks, one in November and one in January. Each year, we will rotate our fall week between Northern and Southern California.

For more info, visit our website

www.Regionaladmissions.com

SAVE THE DATES

**Southern California Tour:
November 14 - 16, 2011**
(Santa Monica, Ventura, Pasadena, San Diego and Irvine)

**Northern California Tour:
January 30- February 2, 2012**
(Fresno, San Jose, San Francisco, Santa Rosa, Berkeley)

How Has RACC Helped You? Thoughts from a local high school counselor...

Counselor:
Sally Spangler

High School:
La Canada

How did you learn about RACC?

I was delighted to discover RACC many years ago. I received an invitation to a luncheon and was grateful to learn about the resources available to high school counselors and students. Each year when I attend the RACC Week Counselor Breakfasts, I become a more valuable

resource to my students because the information I receive is up to date and adds to my knowledge-base as a college counselor.

Have you hosted any RACC events? If so, what and were they helpful?

A couple of years ago RACC participated in La Canada's 1st Case Study. There was a remarkable feeling of collaboration- a sense that we were all in this together. Never did it seem like the Admission Officers were on one side and the future applicants were on the other side. This opportunity to be

exposed, first-hand, to the process of application evaluation offered the juniors and their parents an enlightened perspective not only HOW applicants are evaluated, but they also learned great tips for the completion of their own applications the following year.

How helpful is RACC to you?

The individual RACC member presentations are a valuable way for students & parents to learn about a variety of unique out of state universities as they create their own college lists.

Want to stay connected with RACC?

Become a "RACC Partner" at www.RegionalAdmissions.com



"Ideally, though, I'd be somewhere in a French speaking country!" -

RACCateer's thoughts on what she'd rather be doing this Fall.

RACCateer of the Month: Naomi Schoenholz

Counselor: Naomi Schoenholz

Title: Regional Manager, West Coast Admissions

School: University of Arizona

Q: What is the worst movie you have ever watched while traveling for work?

A: One movie I wasn't crazy about is Revenge of the Nerds. I did watch the whole thing in my hotel room. Did you know that much of it was filmed on the University of Arizona campus?

Q: What is your ideal non-work related day?

A: A perfect non-work related day is getting up early, going to Jazzercise, then Peets for a skinny mocha, and then drive to Point Reyes to spend the day enjoying the ocean and nature. Ideally, though, I'd be somewhere in a French speaking country!

Q: What is the strangest thing that has happened to you on a High School visit?

A: The strangest thing didn't happen to me but to a University of Arizona colleague. She was visiting an Orthodox high school in Manhattan and during a tour of the school the Rabbi asked her if she'd like to see the Ark containing the Torah behind the curtain. She said yes. And when he pulled open the curtain, a male and female student were engaged in "activity".

Interview by Amy Mitchell.

Check the next newsletter for more fun facts about our fabulous RACC Crew!

Which RACC Member Institution won the College World Series?



Answer: University of South Carolina



"I read your college application essay. First of all the word 'COLLEGE' has two 'L's.'"



"I want to go out of town so that I can become a fully independent person, but near enough so that I can bring my laundry home."

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Teri Ann Matsuda at events@regionaladmissions.com with any questions about scheduling an event.

To contact RACC Chairman, Ed Devine, or other members of the RACC Board, email board@regionaladmissions.com

To **contact all RACC members** about an event you already have scheduled, email members@regionaladmissions.com

To become a **RACC Partner**, contact Marty Vaughn at partners@regionaladmissions.com

What can RACC do for you?

We are a resource.

RACC members are available to present on a variety of topics at college fairs, junior nights or individual classes. Topics include: How to Write a College Essay, SAT/ACT General Info and Strategies, What Colleges are Looking For and many more!

RACC is also available to organize group events at your institution. Events focus on out-of-state options, case studies or day time mini-college fairs.

We're on Facebook!
Be sure to "like" us—
"Regional Admission Counselors of California"

Being a RACC Partner puts you in our database to ensure you receive the most up to date information on all RACC news and events.

RACC MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

Arizona State University	Loyola New Orleans	Syracuse
Bennington College	Maryville University	Texas Christian University
Brandeis University	Miami University	University of Alabama
Colorado Mesa University	Michigan State University	University of Arizona
Columbia College	Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of Colorado, Boulder
Culinary Institute	Northeastern	University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Connecticut College	Oklahoma City University	University of Michigan
Drew University	Oregon State University	University of Minnesota
Drexel University	Purdue University	University of Nevada, Reno
Franklin & Marshall	Regis University	University of New Mexico
Global Links	Samford University	University of Rochester
Gordon College	Sarah Lawrence	University of South Carolina
Grand Canyon University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of the Arts
Hastings College	Seton Hall University	University of Washington, Bothell
Hawaii Pacific University	Southern Methodist University	Whitman College
Hillsdale College	Southern Utah University	William Woods University
Johnson and Wales	Stonehill College	Xavier University
Lake Forest College		
Lawrence University		
Loyola Chicago		

"We are most fortunate to have Admission Officers who are not only experts in the field of college admission, but **who love what they do** and are ready and willing to support high school counselors."

- Sally Spangler
College Counselor
La Canada High School

