

Graded's Office of College Counseling offers a full range of college planning services, individualized attention, a holistic approach, and exceptional expertise and experience.

OUR TEAM

JEFFREY NEILL

Director of College Counseling

Jeff joined the Graded community in July 2021, bringing more than two decades of experience in education across six schools on four continents. Before joining Graded, he served as a comprehensive counselor and Director of Student Support Services at the International School of Dakar (ISD) in Senegal and previously as Director of College Counseling at Taipei American School (TAS) in Taiwan, his first international school position. Prior to moving overseas, Jeff spent four years as Director of College Counseling and Institutional Research at Western Reserve Academy (WRA) in Hudson, Ohio. Before that, he served for seven years at his alma mater, Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) School in Gill, Massachusetts, where he worked as a college counselor, English teacher, dorm head, and coach of the girls' soccer and boys' lacrosse teams. He began his career at Salisbury School in Salisbury, Connecticut, serving in a variety of academic, residential, and coaching roles. Throughout his career, Jeff has been an active contributor to the international school community, presenting at conferences, consulting with schools, and mentoring educators worldwide. He has also served on committees, boards, and advisory groups for several organizations, including the College Board and Cialfo. Jeff holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Legal Studies and German from Bowdoin College, a Master of Arts in English from Middlebury College's Bread Loaf School of English, and an Ed.D. in Curriculum, Teaching, Learning, and Leadership from Northeastern University.



JANAN SABEH

Director of College Counseling

Janan's passion for international education began with her own family's global experiences. Inspired by her father's time as an international student from Syria, she chose to study abroad in Egypt while completing her undergraduate degree. What began as a semester abroad evolved into a year of study and eventually a position supporting other American students pursuing similar opportunities. After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Politics from the University of San Francisco, Janan returned to Egypt to continue her Arabic studies, where she discovered her passion for college counseling. She began her career as an EducationUSA Adviser, traveling throughout Egypt to help students apply to undergraduate and graduate programs in the United States. After six years in Egypt, Janan moved to Jordan to join the university counseling team at King's Academy, a liberal arts boarding school serving students from more than 40 countries. Five years later, she returned to California to become Director of College Counseling at Khan Lab School, where she guided the school's first graduating class and collaborated with the Mastery Transcript Consortium to develop the school's mastery transcript. With more than a decade of experience supporting students from around the world, Janan is passionate about helping young people find colleges where they will thrive. Outside of school, she enjoys reading the news, traveling, hiking, learning Portuguese, and spending time with her dog—usually with a cup of coffee in hand.



KEVIN GONZALEZ

College Counselor

Kevin joined Graded with more than 14 years of experience in college counseling, higher education admissions, recruitment, and social-emotional counseling. Before coming to Graded, he spent six years at the American International School of Riyadh in Saudi Arabia, where he served as a comprehensive high school counselor, SAT Coordinator, and CAS Coordinator. Previously, Kevin worked as a college counselor at Colegio Nueva Granada in Bogotá, Colombia. Before transitioning to international schools, he served as Assistant Director of Admissions at the Georgia Institute of Technology, leading recruitment initiatives and holistic application review for students throughout Latin America. Kevin earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Southern Adventist University and a Master of Science in Counseling Psychology from Capella University.



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