

# Convitto Nazionale “Vittorio Emanuele II”

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Dear Friends and Families,

In its fourth year, the College Counseling program of the Convitto Nazionale “Vittorio Emanuele II” of Rome enjoyed a remarkable 2016-2017 academic year.

The Convitto’s first class public education program excels in preparing its students for domestic and international higher education studies, and this year’s outstanding results are no exception. Our students achieved admissions to highly selective and challenging universities around the world.

The Convitto Nazionale’s secondary school program prepares its students with a truly global perspective!

Approximately 35 students from this year’s graduating class applied to universities in the United States, Great Britain, Canada, France, Spain, Holland and Germany. This year, students also received admissions to Asian university programs in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing.

Students who applied to U.S. universities received substantial financial grants and scholarships. The individual awards covered from 20% to more than 100% of the total cost of attending university, which includes tuition, housing, meals, supplies, discretionary expenses, medical and insurance.

Over the course of the academic year, students, parents and teachers participated in information sessions, university visits and workshops offered by the college counseling program.

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## More than 1 Million Dollars in Scholarships Awarded

Fifth year students from the graduating class of 2016-2017 received offers of admission with grants and merit scholarships in excess of \$1.2 Million dollars from top ranked U.S. university programs.

Congratulations to our students and their families!

<http://www.convittonazionaleroma.com/nuovosito/academic-scholarships-grants-exceed-1-2-million-dollars-for-students-from-the-convitto-nazionale-vittorio-emanuele-ii/>

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## Student Achievements

Congratulations **Davide Muraro** of the 5A *Internazionale*!

After receiving offers to study European & International Law, and Medicine at Maastricht, Davide also became the new Head of Management Board & Project Coordinator of Refugee Project, Maastricht.

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As the 2016/17 academic year comes to a close, we would like to wish the very best to our graduating fifth year students who worked so hard all these years and are now anxiously preparing for their next phase in life. While many of our rising seniors are enjoying their summers, some are attending prestigious university summer programs for high school students, and many have already begun to write their applications for next fall.

We look forward to another successful academic year in 2017/18.

A cura di,

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## Student Achievements

Congratulations to the new Karsh International Scholar, **Elena Cavallero** of the 5A *Internazionale*!

Elena was awarded the prestigious **Duke University Karsh International Scholarship**, a merit-based full scholarship for international students at Duke. In addition to the full cost of university, the scholarship includes additional funds to cover research/service opportunities for 3 consecutive summers.

Elena has worked actively with the Convitto's College Counseling program since her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at the *Liceo Internazionale*. Her years of hard work and planning delivered a phenomenal result.

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## Admissions

Each year, most students who apply to international and Italian universities receive multiple offers. This year, they gained admission to the following international universities:

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U.S. university programs	Universities in the U.K.
Yale University & National University of Singapore	Imperial College of London
Duke University	University of Warwick
Boston University	King's College of London
University of Colorado at Boulder	Durham University
University of Jacksonville, FL	University of Birmingham
New York University	University of Exeter

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New York University at Shanghai	University of Bristol
University of California at Davis	Royal Holloway, University of London
University of California at San Diego	University College London – UCL
University of California at Santa Barbara	University of Bath
Stetson University	University of Southampton
	Queen Mary University of London
<b>European university programs</b>	<b>Universities in the Rest of the World</b>
Amsterdam University, NL	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Leiden University, NL	Zhejiang University, China
Utrecht University, NL	City University Hong Kong
Maastricht University	
Rotterdam University, NL	
IE University, ESP	

### **Majors, Concentrations and fields of study**

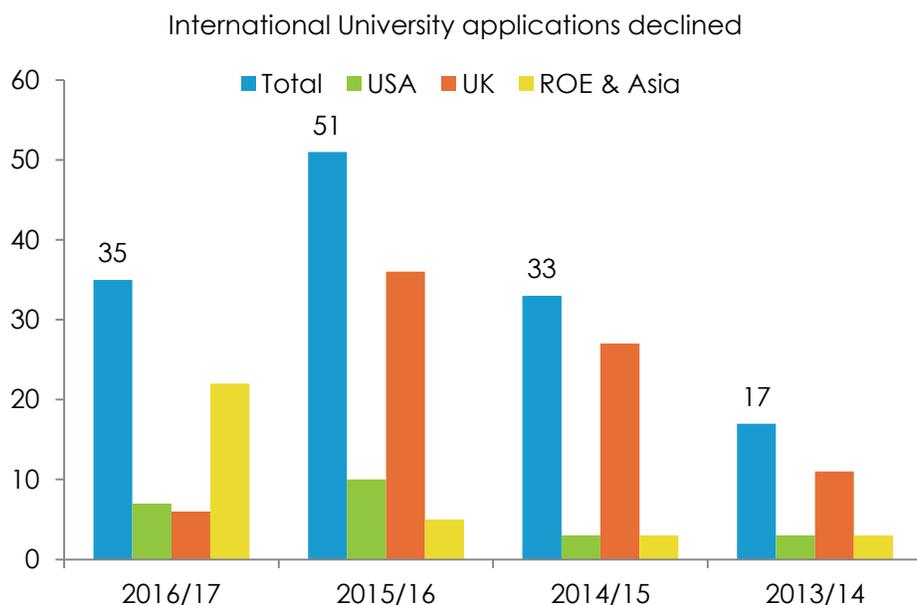
It is important to recognize the range of majors Convitto students apply to. From the Sciences to the humanities, our students look for the most innovative international studies as well as traditional higher education programs.

- Astrophysics
- Bio-Medicine
- Business Management
- Economics and Finance
- Economics
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- European and International Law
- International Relations
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Physics
- Politics, Philosophy & Economics

### **Applications to international universities outside of Italy**

With respect to the previous year, the number of students applying to international universities declined. The reasons are varied. The uncertainty around the U.K.'s "Brexit" and the fate of EU citizens studying and

working in the United Kingdom probably had a major effect on the number of applications. The U.K. has, until this year, represented the leading destination for students' international higher education plans.



International applications to other European universities increased as a result. The Netherlands was a leading destination this year because the Dutch system offers excellent English-language international university programs within the E.U. Applications to universities in Spain, France and the rest of Europe followed.

Applications to American Universities (U.S. & Canada) declined slightly this year. The perceived cost of a U.S. university appears to be the major concern among parents and students. This year, however, every student who applied to U.S. universities received a scholarship. The financial support for our students covered 20% to 100% of the total cost.

The Convitto Nazionale of Rome offers six different high school programs. Most students who applied to international universities this year have come primarily from the two Lyceums with an international focus: the *Liceo Europeo* and the *Liceo Internazionale*. A few came from the *Liceo Scientifico* and none from the *Classico* this year.

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## Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Arianna De Petris** of the *5A Internazionale*!

Arianna was offered admission to the PPE program at **Yale University & National University of Singapore** with scholarship.

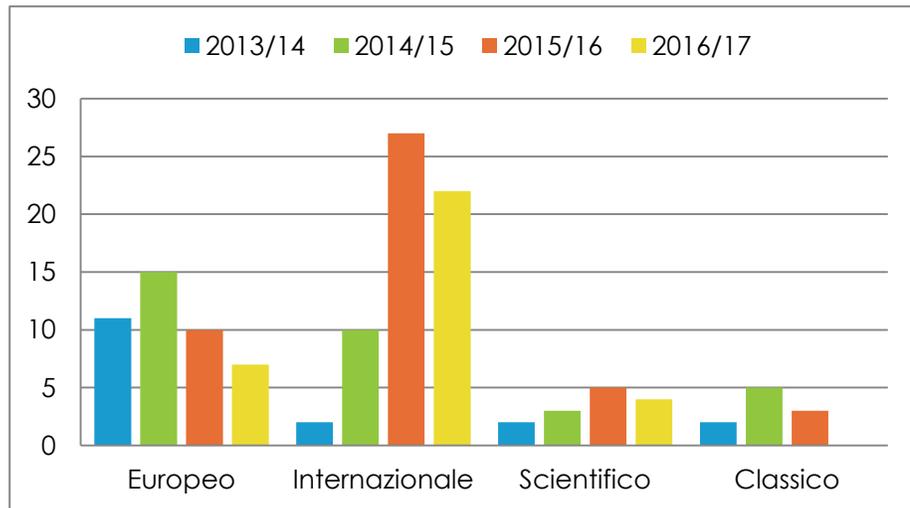
A former **Yale Young Global Scholar** and one of the school's consistently top ranked students, Arianna has been working with College Counseling since her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of high school.

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## Student Achievements

The NYU Global program at Shanghai admits a very limited number of students from all over the world. This year, **4 students from the Liceo Internazionale** earned admission to this highly selective university program.

Most students applied to many different countries, including Italy. Several students from the *Liceo Internazionale* also applied to high ranking universities in Asia. Clearly, the Convitto Nazionale's secondary school program prepares students with a truly global perspective.



### University Summer Programs for High School Students

This year, an increasing number of younger students began to explore international universities through College Counseling. Students from the first and second year of high school joined the older students as they worked through various phases of the application process.

Challenging university summer programs for high school students offer several distinct advantages. First, students get the opportunity to study at a university level, and they can explore the international university experience. Students are given the chance to study fields of interest, prepare specifically the international university experience, and improve their language. Finally, students who attend these summer programs **can make more informed decisions** about their continuing higher education studies. With the help of College Counseling, several students have gained admission to challenging summer programs at:

- **Harvard University** for Economics
- **Duke University** for mathematics
- **Stanford University** for Statistics, Mathematics and Writing
- **Columbia University** for creative writing and college prep
- **Imperial College of London** for Sciences

## Important Deadlines for the upcoming 2017-2018 Academic Year

### October 15, 2017

Application deadline for Oxford, Cambridge, medicine, dentistry in U.K.

### November 1, 2017

Early decision/action most U.S. universities

### January 1, 2018

Regular decision application deadline for most U.S. universities

### January 15, 2018

Application deadline for most U.K. universities through UCAS

*Dates are general, and they may vary. Please check with the specific universities.*

**Rising Seniors** (next year's 5<sup>th</sup> year students) and their families should plan carefully their summer and fall schedules around these deadlines.

## University Information Sessions

Students and their families are encouraged to attend university information sessions from both Italian and International universities. Visiting university campuses is the best way to learn about their programs, but information sessions are also extremely valuable.

The Convitto Nazionale of Rome hosts many information sessions from top Italian universities. Recognizing the high quality of the Convitto's students, international universities have begun to visit the Convitto and present their programs.

### More university visits expected next year

Several international universities throughout Europe have planned information visits to the Convitto Nazionale of Rome for the 2017-2018 academic year. Please check the Convitto's website regularly for more information.



*Elena Cavallero and Leonardo Mazzei present the application process to younger students during a workshop session*

### Orientations and Workshops

Several former Convitto alumni, who are currently attending universities in the U.S. and the U.K., returned to help fifth year students with their applications and organize an **orientation session** for the lower classes. Current fifth year students, who had just finished, offered their

### New York University's Global Program: NYU Abu Dhabi visits the Convitto Nazionale.

This year, the Convitto's Chancellor, Prof. Paolo M. Reale introduced Ms. Andrea Vagi, the representative from the NYU Global Program in Abu Dhabi. Students and families attended an information session held in the auditorium to discover this unique U.S. university program in the Emirates, and its research and scholarship opportunities for top students.



### Oxford University information session

Several students from the Convitto Nazionale attended an in-depth information session hosted at the St. Stephens School of Rome. Students were able to learn about the application process and practice simulated interviews.

prospective on the international university application process and their experiences. They offered advice and suggestions to parents and students interested in pursuing higher education abroad.

**Workshops** are organized to help the fourth year and third year students prepare various elements of the application process. From advice to test preparation, fifth year students deliver intensive prep sessions. Student receive SAT, IELTS, TOEFL Writing and Mathematics support. These workshops are improvised by the students and tutored by myself. Interview practice and preparation is also offered.

## Alumni Network

Through social media sites, such as WhatsApp, students organized an informal support network of Convitto alumni who have gone through the admissions process and are currently attending university and current students interested in international universities. There are approximately 100 students on the "Workshop" network at present. Students can field questions, concerns and ideas, and receive advice from current university students. They can share their essays and personal statements, and receive support from experienced alumni. They arrange visits to universities with each other to help make informed decisions.

## Final Considerations

Higher education studies are an important decision for students and their families to make. Achieving admission to highly selective universities requires careful thought and planning and years of preparation.

Whether students opt to study in Italy or abroad, **a university education is an investment in the future.** The Convitto's College Counseling does not promote international university education over Italian universities; rather, it provides a unique service to help students make the best decisions for their specific needs.

We encourage students and their families to begin planning the process as early in their high school career as possible. Evidence shows that the earlier students begin the process the better their chance for admittance to top universities.



## International Antenna of Rome's Convitto Alumni

Founded by former *Liceo Europeo* student and currently attending the Columbia University of New York, Ms. Sofia Profita.

The Antenna gathers the alumni of Convitto Nazionale School of Rome and their supporters who study or work abroad. Its goal is to create a network of mutual intellectual and cultural support in the name of the ideal of community of the Convitto.

The International Alumni Antenna of the Convitto in Rome seeks to use social networks "to track down" the former Convitto students who work in various fields abroad to further strengthen the bond between them and with Convitto itself, also with the help of the Association Amici del Convitto.

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