

International University Admissions

2020/2021 & 2019/2020 Academic Years



Convitto Nazionale "Vittorio Emanuele II"

College Counseling Program

Dear friends and families,

Despite the difficulties of the past two academic years, we must congratulate our students for their phenomenal achievements.

Through incredible support, perseverance, preparation and hard work, the past two cohorts of graduating seniors received outstanding offers of admission from top ranked universities around the world.

Our Convitto students face an incredibly competitive international admissions' cycle each year. Support for our students comes from dedicated professors, families and, especially this past year - our "Workshops" network of current & former Convitto students, who take time away from their university studies and professional activities to help current applicants achieve their best.

Convitto Nazionale College Counseling program guides its

students through the complexities of the international admissions process. It is, however, the hard work and the perseverance of our students that sets them apart.

More than fifty gifted students from the two graduating classes of 2020 and 2021 applied to international universities in the U.S.A, U.K., Holland, Spain and elsewhere.

With the public Italian state secondary school curriculum, Convitto Nazionale of Rome students continue to achieve admission to many highly competitive universities, such as Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, Imperial College, St. Andrews in the U.K.; Harvard, Georgetown, Duke and NYU's international campuses in Asia and the Middle East.

Sincerely,

Wolfgang Gerola

University Admissions Adviser & College Counseling

Highlights

- *Students from the Convitto Nazionale of Rome achieve admission to best universities despite difficult times*
- *2020 & 2021 Academic Scholarships awarded to select students exceed USD \$1.1 Million*

Some notable international destinations for Convitto students in 2020 & 2021



Student Achievements

Congratulations to all our students!

So many students achieved remarkable results. Many of them have graduated **with honors** and received multiple offers. A few are highlighted below:

- Congratulations to **Corrado Mosconi** of the Liceo Scientifico 2021. Corrado is the national Gold Medal champion in mathematics. After an amazing high school career, he begins **Harvard University** next fall to study Mathematics.
- Congratulations to **Costanza Figliuoli**, of the Liceo Classico 2021. She starts History at the **University of Cambridge** (Trinity College) next fall. Costanza will receive a **full scholarship** for her studies.
- Congratulations to **Mariolina Auletta** of the Liceo Europeo 2021 and **Valeria Canovi** of the Liceo Internazionale 2021. They will join the freshman class at **Georgetown University** next fall.
- Congratulations to **Iacopo Chirico**, of the Liceo Internazionale 2020. Graduating at the top of his class from the Convitto CUM LAUDE, he studies Mathematics and Economics at the **London School of Economics**.

Admission offers for the classes of 2020 & 2021:

United Kingdom

Our students were offered conditional admissions to the following universities in the United Kingdom:

- **University of Cambridge** (2)
- **University of Oxford** (1)
- **Imperial College of London** (3)
- **London School of Economics** (1)
- **University of St. Andrews** (2)
- **University of Edinburgh** (1)
- **University of Warwick** (2)
- **UCL - University College London** (5)
- **King's College of London** (3)
- **University of Bath** (2)
- **University of Essex** (1)
- **University of Exeter** (1)
- **University of Coventry** (1)
- **University of Manchester** (2)
- **Queen Mary University of London** (3)

United States of America & Canada

Our students were offered admission to the following universities in the United States and Canada:

- **Harvard University** (1)
- **Georgetown University** (2)
- **Boston University** (1)
- **New York University** (2)
- **University of California at San Diego** (1)
- **University of California at Davis** (1)
- **University of Southern California** (1)
- **Northeastern University** (1)
- **McGill University, Montreal Canada** (1)

U.S. programs - International campuses

The Liceo Scientifico Internazionale placed students at the following U.S. degree programs in the Middle East and Asia.

- **Duke Kunshan University** (6)
- **New York University at Shanghai** (4)
- **New York University at Abu Dhabi** (1)

2020 & 2021 Admission offers (continued):

Student Achievements (Continued)

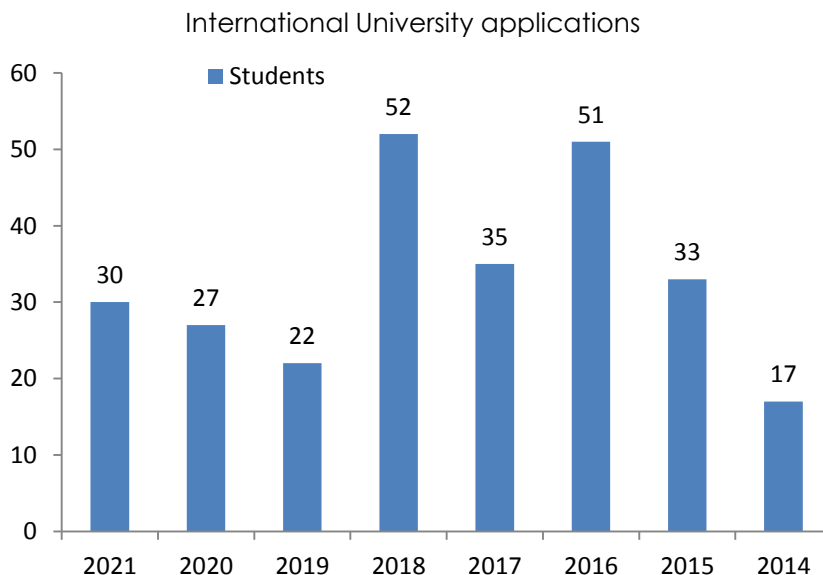
- Congratulations to **Giorgio Battaglia, Allegra Fritelli** and **Matilde Molinari-Gigletti** of the Liceo Scientifico Internazionale 2020 and **Martina Gaddi & Caterina Azzarà** of the Liceo Scientifico Internazionale 2021 for their admissions to **Duke Kunshan University**. Each student earned a partial scholarship to this prestigious international university with campuses in North Carolina, USA and Kunshan, China.
- Congratulations to **Francesco Coppola**, formerly of the Liceo Europeo for admission to the PPE program at the **University of Oxford**.
- Congratulations to **Gabriele Colcerasa** of the Liceo Internazionale 2021. He will begin his MSc. in BioEngineering at **Imperial College of London** next fall.
- Congratulations to **Giulia Berteau**, of the Liceo Scientifico 2021. She will begin her studies in Chemical Engineering at Canada's prestigious **McGill University** next fall.
- Congratulations to **Francesca Antonone**, of the Liceo Internazionale 2020. She studies Political Science and Legal Studies at the **NYU Abu Dhabi** campus.

European Union

Our students were offered admissions to the following English language university programs in the European Union:

- **Central European University Vienna** (3)
- **Maastricht University** (2)
- **Amsterdam University College** (1)
- **IE University in Spain** (3)
- **Erasmus University** (1)

Applications to university programs outside of Italy



The 2020 & 2021 international applicant cohorts

Convitto students who apply to international universities represent the top of their class academically. Most students have had international experience by the time they apply, either through an academic term abroad, university summer program, or both.

During last two academic years 2020-2021, the number of students applying to international universities increased 30% with respect to 2019.

Destinations

UK universities continue to see the largest number of applicants from the Convitto, despite an increased tuition for EU applicants. Applications to the United States have dropped to lower levels with respect to previous years. Other university destinations for English Language programs within the European Union, such as Spain, Austria and Holland have remained stable for the past several years. U.S. university programs with international campuses, such as China and the United Arab Emirates, also form a significant portion of target destinations for Convitto students.

Scholarships & Financial Aid

Need based and merit **scholarships** awards are always an important component of the students applications to international universities. Of the total applicants in 2020 & 2021, 10 students have received some form of scholarship award. While partial scholarships are sometimes available from specific U.S. universities, they vary from year to year. Full scholarships are very rare, but, as in the past, our Convitto students are exceptional. Ms. Costanza Figlioli from the Liceo Classico was awarded a **full scholarship** to the **University of Cambridge** – a first for a student from the Convitto! For the two graduating cohorts of 2020 & 2021, the four-year total **scholarship awards exceeded \$1.1 million**. The annual average scholarship for successful students is roughly \$36,000.

Lyceums

A majority of students who applied to international universities came from the *Liceo Internazionale* while applicants from the *Liceo Scientifico*, *Classico* and *Europeo* were distributed more or less evenly. Applicants from the *Liceo Coreutico/Liceo Sportivo* are occasional.

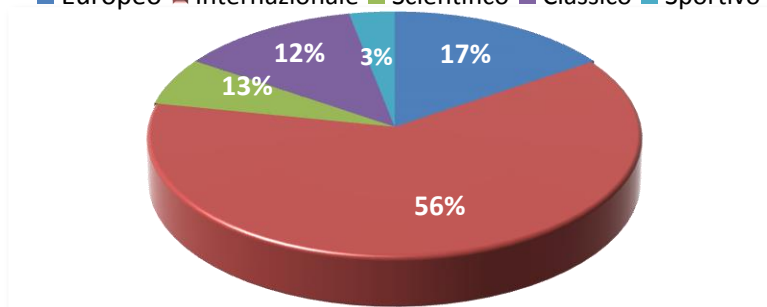
Student Achievements

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- Congratulations to **Livia Figorello di Gropello** from the Liceo Scientifico Internazionale 2021 who will begin her studies in Philosophy, Politics & Economics at **University College London – UCL** next fall.
- Congratulations to **Marta Frascchetti, Beatrice Bottura**, of the Liceo Europeo 2020 and **Sofia Mancini**, of the Liceo Classico 2021. All three were admitted to the inaugural bachelor programs at the **Central European University of Vienna**. Marta and Beatrice are studying BSc. Politics, Philosophy & Economics and Sofia earned her slot in BSc. Quantitative Social Sciences.
- Congratulations to **Anna Ferraris di Celle** of the Liceo Internazionale 2020. Anna is doing her Bachelors in Business and Finance at **NYU Shanghai**.

2020 & 2021 applicants distribution by Lyceum

■ Europeo ■ Internazionale ■ Scientifico ■ Classico ■ Sportivo



News from former Alumni

Some of our former students graciously provide updates on their experience after the Convitto.

- Congratulations to **Elena Cavallero**, Liceo Internazionale 2017. Elena graduated from **Duke University** with a BS in Economics 2021 with a four-year full scholarship. She has always been passionate about new energy technologies, entrepreneurship and environmental impact throughout her university career. Elena built her curriculum with an impressive list of technology and investment internship roles in Silicon Valley, Boston and Asia. Her new position as an Investment Analyst in Energy Venture Capital with the **Grantham Foundation** in Boston is the amazing realization of her dreams that began at the Convitto Nazionale of Rome.
- Congratulations to **Valentina Cafarelli**, Liceo Europeo 2014, BS. Business Administration, Management & Finance, 2018 from **Boston University**. After almost 3 years working as a Senior Analyst at **McKinsey & Company** in London. Valentina is completing her Masters of Behavioral & Decision Sciences at the **University of Pennsylvania**, while working as a Research Intern in Behavioral Insights at **Save the Children**.
- Congratulations to **Michele Giunti**, Liceo Europeo 2017. Michele graduated from **Jacksonville University** with a full four-year scholarship as an award winning scholar for top students with a Bachelor in Psychology & Sociology. Michele was admitted to the **Georgetown University's Master's Program for Public Policy**.

The Future International Applicant Cohorts

Admission to international universities is increasingly competitive, and future applicants must develop unique skills and experiences outside the classroom. The Convitto students have demonstrable academic achievements thanks to their rigorous Italian State academic curriculum.

Additionally, many of our students have had important summer experiences at university pre-college programs, valuable work experience, volunteering and extracurricular activities where leadership, teamwork and creative problem solving skills were developed. These have all played a crucial role in the success of their applications.

For parents looking at International Universities

The application process to universities outside of Italy is complex and demanding. 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 important step. The Convitto's College Counseling program does not promote international university education over Italian universities; rather, it provides a unique service to help students and their families make the best decisions for their specific needs.

Higher education studies are an investment in students future. Parents can help prepare them for this by encouraging their passions for learning and discovery. Their personal experiences form a significant portion of their choices for the future. Most importantly, parents are encouraged to **start early** to prepare for international university education.

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Student leadership and initiative during the past two years

Graduating students often deliver the Convitto's International University Orientation Workshop

These last two years have seen students move on line but we hope to return to our in person meetings



Parents and students are usually treated to the University workshops organized by the graduating 5th year students who applied to U.S., U.K. and EU universities. These events are wholly managed by our graduating seniors. They include their own personal stories, advice on how to research and choose international higher education programs, preparation techniques, essay writing tips, letters of reference, scheduling around their academic curriculum, and developing unique application profiles which include work, volunteer and extracurricular activities.

The “Workshop” - our student’s network

Our students have an informal support network of Convitto alumni who have gone through the admissions process. There are more than 200 students on the “Workshop” network at present from around the world. Some are working professionals; others are currently studying at universities around the world. 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.

While students have adapted to on line platforms these last two years, they clearly miss the face to face exchanges provided for in the past. We hope to return to these meetings soon for students and their families!



Important Deadlines for the upcoming 2021-2022 Academic Year

October 15, 2021

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

November 1, 2021

Early decision/action most U.S. universities

January 1, 2021

Regular decision application deadline for most U.S. universities

January 15, 2021

Application deadline for most U.K. universities through UCAS

Standardized testing is an important part of the application process.

Oxford's TSA registration deadline: **October 15, 2021**

SAT General remains optional for many U.S. universities during the 2021-2022 application cycle.

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



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