



## **Director of College Counseling**

George Walton Academy is seeking a **Director of College Counseling** for the 2019-20 school year.

George Walton Academy (GWA) is an independent, coeducational college-preparatory school serving students from pre-Kindergarten through twelfth grade. GWA is located in Monroe, Georgia, which is 50 minutes east of Atlanta and 25 minutes outside of Athens. Established in 1969, GWA sits on 60 landscaped, wooded acres. GWA provides challenging instruction, engaging experiences, and global perspectives designed to inspire lives of intellectual curiosity, integrity, and purpose.

GWA's next Director of College Counseling will be a leader, innovator, and keen collaborator interested in being part of a tight-knit community.

### **Desired Qualifications:**

Deep understanding of current trends in the college admissions process.

Approachable to students, their family, and other members of faculty and staff.

Skilled at guiding students and parents to understand the importance of fit and self-discovery throughout the college search and application process.

An interest in getting to know upper school students and their families by attending school and community-wide events and holding personal meetings.

Experienced in providing individualized guidance on the development of timelines, college lists, standardized testing, need and merit-based financial aid, and college essays.

Excellent written communication skills, not only in ability to write counselor recommendations for seniors, but for students in other grades seeking admission to competitive summer programs, internships and scholarship as well for school publications and the college counseling website.

Ability to communicate clearly, succinctly and professionally on social media and through email.

Comfortable with public speaking and able to create engaging presentations on the college admission process for students and parents.

Experience with organizing events ranging from visits by a single university to college and career fairs to college tours for students.

Enthusiasm for collaborating with members of the college counseling team on special programming and curriculum development, presenting at select evening and weekend events, and assisting in the preparation of reports throughout the year.

Familiarity with Naviance, with being a Naviance expert a plus.

A knowledge of sources of both merit and need-based scholarships.

**Please send resumes to Headmaster Dr. Dan Dolan at [ddolan@gwa.com](mailto:ddolan@gwa.com)**