



**Cape Town to the US:
How Georgia Danced
Her Way From Cape
Town to Duke
University!**





Georgia was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, and moved to Cape Town at an early age. In Grade 10, she started to explore the idea of studying overseas. After contacting a friend who was a Crimson student who had been accepted to the Ivy League (University of Pennsylvania), Georgia reached out to the Crimson team to help her achieve her dream of studying abroad.

Throughout her life, dance has been a constant passion for Georgia. Starting with ballet dancing at the age of three, her love for ballet grew and the determination and focus she showed in her dance shone through all of her academic and extracurricular activities. As a busy high school student, Georgia understood the importance of participating in the right extracurricular and leadership activities to catch the attention of admissions officers at top US universities.

Georgia chose the US because she knew the liberal arts system could provide her with an interdisciplinary education. Georgia plans to further her studies in International Law with a focus on Human Rights.

Georgia credits her Crimson tutors and mentors for helping her effectively communicate her activities and achievements, allowing her to showcase to admissions officers who she is and why she is the best candidate for Duke University!

01. Tell us about your upbringing. Where did you grow up and what were your interests as a child?

I was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, however, my family moved to beautiful Cape Town when I was six years old.

Having done ballet since the age of three, dance has always been a constant in my life. My passion for ballet grew stronger as I got older to make me the dancer I am today.

My other interests as a child (that are still true today) included reading, working with animals and any activity to do with being outdoors.

02. What was your high school experience like? What kind of activities did you participate in and what were your academic strengths?

It's safe to say that my high school experience was jam-packed!

My busy schedule was filled with ballet and modern dance rehearsals, exams and competitions; spearheading Purple Pledge: an organisation dedicated to ameliorating period poverty; running the MUN and Current Affairs Club; being a National Board Member of Jewish Youth Movement, BBYO; serving on the Student Representative Council; co-ordinating academic related events at my school as part of the Academic Portfolio Committee; President's Award activities; Drama performances; boxing and kickboxing; and, volunteering at organisations such as, The Maths Project, Ladles of Love and Educational Support Club.



03. When and how did you figure out that you wanted to go to university overseas?

Studying overseas has always appealed to me but I became serious about the idea in Grade 10.

The ability to receive a broad based education first before specialising in one academic area is what really drew me to studying in the United States.

04. How did you first hear about Crimson? What inspired you to contact us?

I first heard about Crimson through a friend who is now at the University of Pennsylvania. After hearing about her positive experience, I was inspired to research more about what they have to offer. Thereafter, I booked a consultation and was sure I found the right people to help me succeed in finding the right university for me.

05. How did Crimson help with your application strategy?

My strategist, Martin Carlino, was instrumental in helping me get into Duke University. He was able to provide me with a comprehensive and balanced list of “safety, target and reach schools” that matched what I was looking for.

Martin's insight into each school was invaluable and with his guidance, I felt confident in the list of schools I was applying to and sure about choosing Duke as my Early Decision school.

Martin was a constant source of support throughout the entire process. From proof-reading my essays to actually ‘sitting’ with me to submit my applications, it's safe to say I could not have navigated through this process without him.



06. How did Crimson help you prepare for your admissions test(s)?

After completing Crimson's practice SAT and ACT test, I decided to choose to write the SAT.

My SAT tutor, Stefan Poltorzycki, patiently explained concepts I was struggling with, helped me come up with useful strategies for the exam and provided.

many valuable tips along the way. Stefan was hugely beneficial in helping me prepare for the exam.

07. How did Crimson help with your extracurricular and leadership development?

Harshil Ved, my ECL mentor, really helped me create my narrative as an applicant by showcasing my personality through my extracurricular and leadership involvements.

During our meetings, Harshil helped me expand on my existing extracurricular activities, brainstorm how I could develop my leadership roles, and helped me brainstorm and execute my capstone project, Purple Pledge: an organisation aimed at ameliorating period poverty.

08. How did Crimson help with your application essays?

From helping me explore and expand on different essay ideas, to providing insightful feedback on my writing, to fine tuning my common app personal statement, my essay mentor, Theo Armstrong, was hugely beneficial in helping me with the innumerable essays I had to write.

09. What was the best thing about working with Crimson? What did you find most helpful?

The best thing about working with Crimson was the fact that at every step of the way, they were able to provide me with personalised guidance and connect me with a network of experienced mentors and tutors who have a deep understanding of the educational landscape. They provided me with insights into the admissions process, scholarships, and opportunities that I otherwise would not have been aware of.



10. Throughout the application process, what has been the biggest lesson you've learned? What are you most proud of?

Looking back at the application process, the biggest lesson I have learned is how to tell my story. The US university application process places a strong emphasis on a student's personal story and how they have overcome challenges and pursued their passions. Through this process, I have learned how to effectively communicate my experiences and achievements in a way that is authentic and represents who I am.

11. Describe the moment you received your admissions offer. How did you feel? How did your family react?

I was over the moon excited upon opening my acceptance letter to Duke University. My hard work and dedication had paid off and I could not have been more thrilled (or relieved!). I also felt an immense sense of gratitude for the support and guidance I received throughout the application process. I know I could not have achieved this milestone without the help of my family, teachers and mentors. My family were equally, if not more, overjoyed for my success.

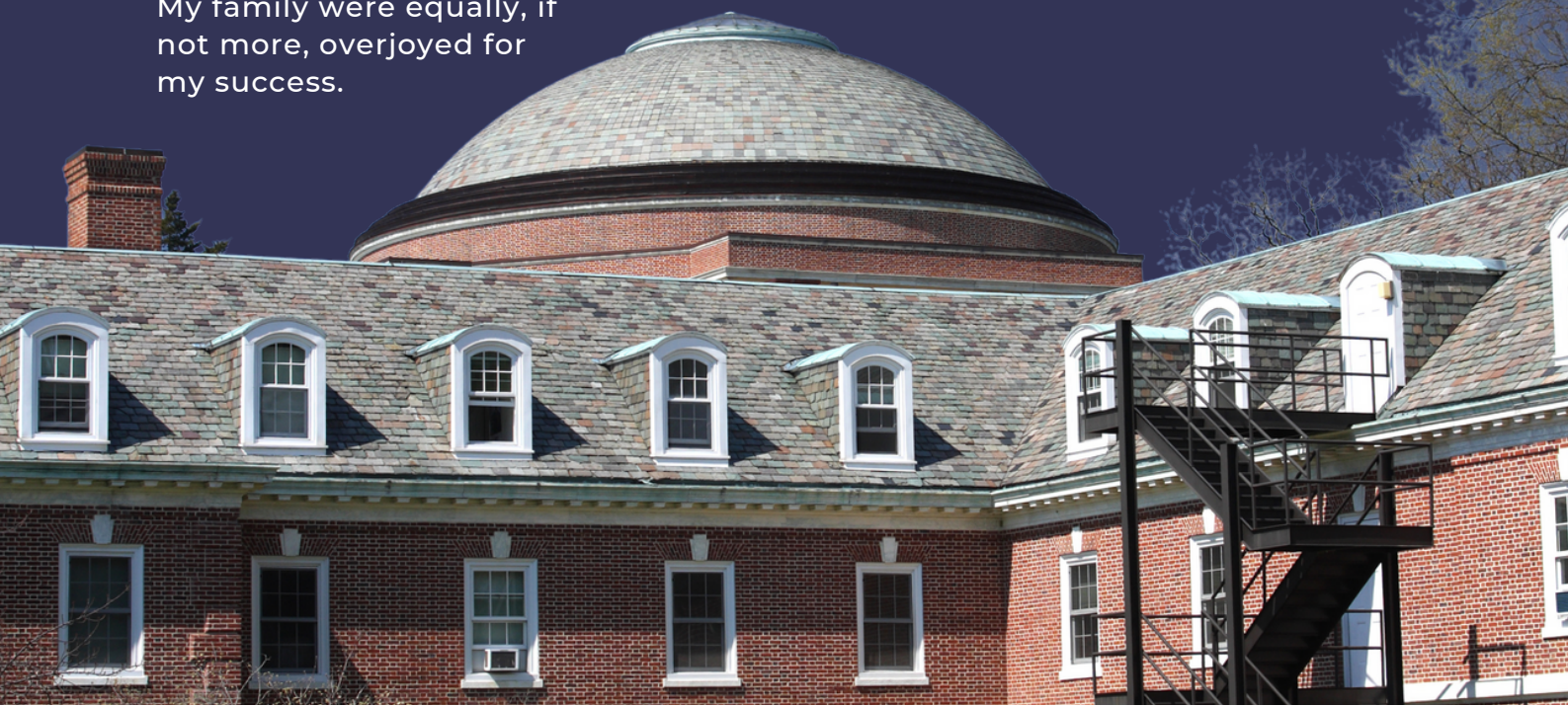
12. Where do you see yourself in 5 years? What do you plan to do after graduating from university?

In the future, I hope to use my background in the social sciences and the interdisciplinary education from Duke to further my studies in international law with a particular emphasis on human rights. I hope to use my diverse set of skills to make valuable contributions to our society, including perhaps helping shape socio-economic policies in my own country.

13. Do you have any advice for younger students hoping to follow a similar path to yours and get into their dream university?

My biggest piece of advice would be to start the process early. Continue to develop good study habits, participate in extracurriculars you're passionate about and seek out leadership and community service opportunities that are meaningful to you.

The path to your dream university may not always be easy, but with hard work, dedication, and perseverance, you can achieve anything you set your mind to.





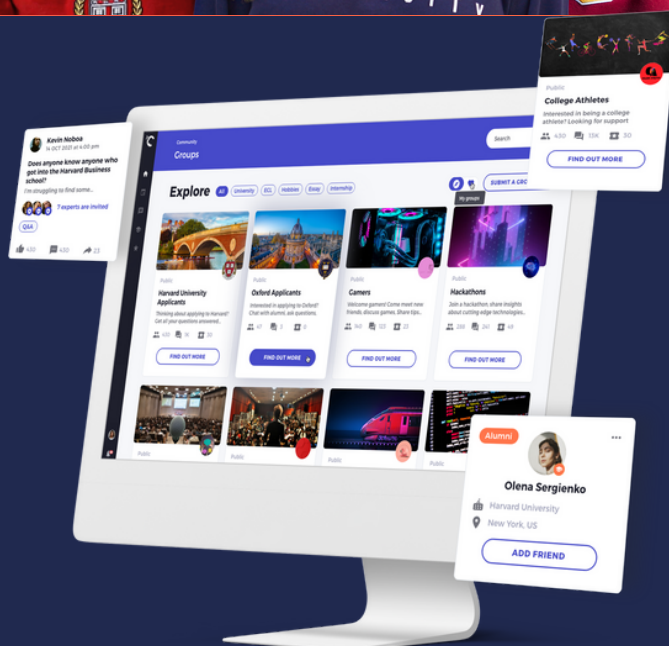
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Crimson Education is an education consulting company that helps students around the world get into their best-fit universities by creating personalized teams comprised of the top tutors, mentors, and admissions experts.

Our one-on-one sessions ensure that Crimson students get the support they need to stand out in today's highly competitive college admissions race.



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**Career and
Mentoring**



**Standardized
Test Tutoring**



**Extracurricular
and Leadership**



**Merit & Need
Based Scholarships**



**Sports
Recruitment**

Our Results

686+

Offers to
the Ivy league

233+

Offers to Oxford
and Cambridge

4000+

Offers to US
Top 50 universities

1114+

Offers to the Ivy
League + US Top 10

Why Crimson?



Our Network

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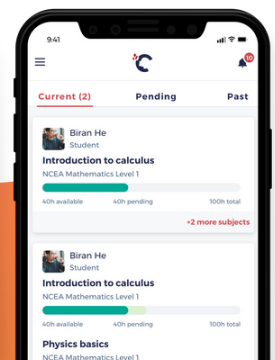
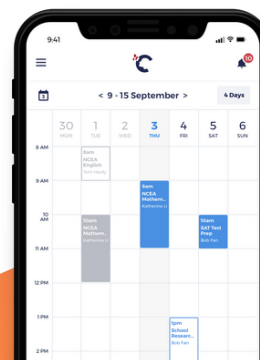
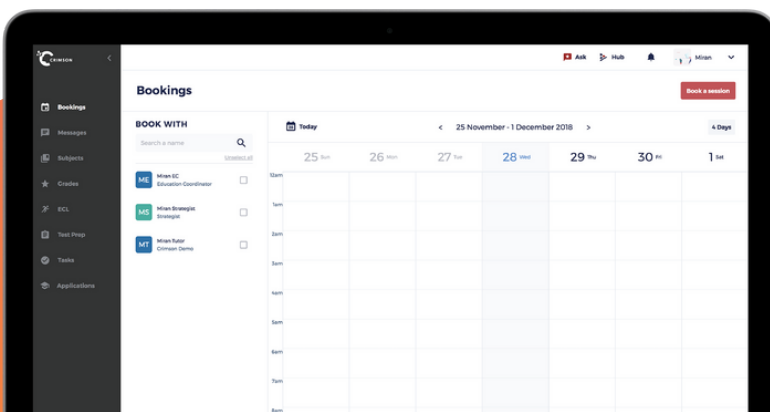
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Video Based

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