

TO: ASC DIRECTORS
FROM: JEREMIAH QUINLAN, DEAN OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
RE: "LIKELY" LETTERS

The Yale Admissions Office sends "likely letters" only to those applicants who have received an early review and who we believe are exceptionally strong as scholars, student-athletes, or contributors in other areas of special interest to the Yale community, including music and the arts. We believe that a number of other competitive colleges and universities will also be actively recruiting these stellar students. The Admissions Office sends "likely letters" so that we do not have to wait until official notification letters are mailed to begin recruiting these individuals. If a student who receives a "likely letter" succeeds in sustaining his or her past level of accomplishment, the Yale Admissions Office will send an official letter of admission in mid-December for Early Action candidates and in April for Regular Decision applicants.

In many cases it is distinctly possible that a student who has received a "likely letter" from us has not yet been scheduled for an ASC interview. While in that case it is not critical that an evaluative interview take place, we may be competing with other institutions to matriculate the student, and any contact you have with the student may be helpful. I would encourage you or a member of your committee to call the student, say that you know he or she has been sent an encouraging preliminary letter from the Yale admissions office, and offer the candidate the opportunity to talk in person or on the phone about Yale. These students have been identified as very desirable for next year's class, so I hope you will be able to be a local resource for them as they consider their educational options. If you have already assigned this candidate to an alumni interviewer, please alert the ASC member immediately that the student is a likely candidate. If the interview has already been scheduled, then the interview should take place as planned. The interviewer, however, should keep in mind that the interview would be more of a recruiting tool rather than an evaluative meeting. Nonetheless, the ASC member should submit an interview report for the candidate.

Thank you for all that you continue to do for Yale and we appreciate your commitment very much. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Quinlan
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