



CATS Academy Boston

Faculty, staff & students profiles

Dr Charles Clark, Head of School

Charles is a graduate of Columbia University and has worked in education for over 40 years, 30 of those years were as Head of School.

“The welfare and support we offer our students is superior to anything else that exists in the US.

Our teachers come from some very impressive colleges; Harvard, Brown, Stanford, Columbia, Vermont and New York University. They know exactly how to make our students successful.”



Christopher Angell, Director of Admissions, Director of College Guidance, Director of Humanities

Christopher is a graduate of New York University and is an award winning teacher. He has a breadth of experience teaching students in America and in China, giving him expert knowledge in teaching students whose first language is not English.

“There is a lot of extra tutoring available for students at CATS Academy. This support comes in different forms - in private tutoring during students’ free periods or through email, Skype or Lync - teachers are constantly accessible. We also spend almost every weekend with students.”



Michael Pesce, Assistant Dean of Students, Assistant Residence Hall Director, English Teacher

Mike is a graduate of the highly selective Boston College, he taught English in China for two years and is very familiar with the educational philosophies needed to get the most out of a student where English is not their first language.

"I spend a lot of time with students. I see them every moment of the day because I am a member of the dorm staff, an academic teacher and an extra-curricular coach. You get to build a bond with the students that you would not normally get in a traditional educational environment. This means the students practice their English in a natural environment, not just in a classroom."



Sarah Sears, Dean of students, College Counsellor, Residence Hall Director

Sarah is a Harvard graduate who is experienced in getting international students into top-ranking colleges. She worked as Regional Manager for a company based in China that focussed on progressing students to US colleges.

“From the day they start, we educate them on how the US College Application process works. Our preparation is in-depth and covers everything from the test scores they need, self-promotional essay writing and the curricular to extra-curricular requirements. This is a long term process so we get students to start thinking about college early”



Kyle Egan, Director of Instruction for Mathematics and Sciences, Activities Director

Kyle is a Harvard graduate and passionate coach. Being a National Swimming Champion at College, Kyle used his experience to take a group of student swimmers through three divisional championships.

“CATS Academy has mandatory extra-curricular activities such as sports, clubs and community service. These are truly American components of education. We are building a whole student, a student who will jump off the page for a college transcript.”



Cora Lee Sharp, American

"I like the small classes at CATS Academy because you get more attention from the teachers. A few days ago I needed help with my Math homework and Mr Egan came in and helped me after school, and afterwards I understood it a lot better.

My teachers at my old school never used to do that. Here, you get personalised assistance"



Bernardo Martins, Brazilian

“I enjoy the student life here because we do lots of fun activities when we are not studying. The teachers and dorm staff are really nice, they take care of me and they are my friends.”

There is a lot support for you if you have problems. I was nervous about a test but they sat me down and reassured me. I can ask my teachers anything and they are always there for you in your free periods, in your dorm, or you can even email them with your questions.”



Ruilin Wang, Chinese

“At CATS Academy, the teachers like you to be creative. In China, the teachers would just write everything on the board. Here the teachers use the board and textbooks and they ask for your opinion so we have space to think about things for ourselves. I like this style of learning.”



Maksym Shulik, Ukranian

“US colleges and universities pay a lot of attention to your sports abilities. CATS Academy gives me a lot of extra-curricular activities to choose from. I have chosen soccer, I am also using the gymnasium so I can increase my physical abilities. Other options include Swimming, Basketball and community service.

CATS Academy is helping me become a well-rounded person for when I apply to college.”



Trung Vu Le, Vietnamese

“Sarah, the College Advisor, has been helping me prepare for College applications by assisting me in writing self-promotional essays. It’s different to an academic essay because it must be compact and precise.

She has also been helping me with planning my college visits and knowing what questions to ask professors.”

