



Making College Affordable

Dear Jason,

Valerie, her mother and I want to thank you and your staff for all you have done to make her college dreams come true.

Valerie and I had great difficulty in sorting through all the college choices she needed to make in her senior year of high school. Valerie had worked hard in school and had very competitive grades; unfortunately, she had little knowledge of which schools might be the best fit for her.

We, as well, were not sure of where to start. We didn't know how to apply for financial aid and we didn't know where, when or how to apply for admittance to any school. We were way behind in our planning and her hectic senior school year schedule did not allow us a great deal of time to research her needs.

Working with you was one of the best decisions we ever made for Valerie's education. You brought order to our mayhem and helped Valerie decide which schools might be the best fit for her. You organized her application process and helped her beat all the deadlines.

The financial aid application process seemed to follow immediately in January and again she and I worked very hard with you and under your guidance to complete a series of grant, scholarship and loan documents to determine our family financial aid qualifications. By using your software to streamline the application process and your strategy counseling to improve her chances of school acceptance, we were delighted to find her offered admittance to several very fine schools.

We would have never known of the University of San Diego except for your recommendation. As a private school we would have never considered it a viable financial possibility. Your encouragement prompted Valerie to apply and she was accepted! In addition, USD offered her a financial aid package for her freshmen year that makes it more affordable than our local junior college! Valerie received **\$39,058 in grants and scholarships**, which will amount to over **\$156,000 in free money** by the time she graduates! We are certain that there could not have been a better outcome!

Valerie has worked hard for a very long time to achieve academic success in school. ***We are convinced that the professional knowledge, skills and guidance that you and your very capable staff at National College Planners offered us made a crucial difference in making her college planning a success and her dreams of attending the perfect school a reality.***

You have helped make a wonderful change in Valerie's life in a way we could not have done ourselves.

Thank you very much,

The Thorngren Family

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