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Curriculum Vita

Charlotte Klaar, Ph D, a Certified Educational Planner, is a nationally recognized leader in the independent educational consulting industry. Dr. Klaar was awarded the Steven R. Antonoff Award for Professional Achievement, which was created to recognize an Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA) professional who has distinguished him or herself by their outstanding contributions to the profession of independent educational consulting.

Throughout her career, Dr. Klaar founded two successful college planning companies, and:

- Is an Adjunct Professor In the College Counseling Certificate program at UCLA Extension teaching the “Business of Educational Consulting” and “Counseling the College Bound Student.”
- Formerly taught in the Certificate in Independent Educational Consulting at UC-Irvine.
- Taught at Assumption College’s Master’s in School Counseling Program.
- Served as an instructor in IECA’s Summer Training Institute (formerly Practices and Principles Training Institute) for more than 12 years

Director and Founder – Klaar College Consulting, LLC 2004 – Present

I founded my second college planning company when I moved to Frederick, Maryland. At Klaar College Consulting, I used my expertise to guide students to college success. Every one of the students I worked with went on to attend a college that was a good fit and match for both their grades and personality, and most graduated with their bachelor’s degrees.

In 2017 I created the College Smarts – “How to Get into College and Pay for It” online program as a cost-effective alternative to personal consulting.

Additionally, I partner with local facilities, libraries and colleges to host both complimentary and paid college planning seminars.

I work with students and clients both in person and virtually from Maine to St. Thomas USVI via Skype, Zoom and Google Hangouts.

Accredited independent facilitator with Parenting the Love and Logic Way October 2019 – Present

I offer this six-session parenting course, which was developed by the Love and Logic Institute, to help parents find specific answers and actions for some of those difficult moments in child rearing. These simple techniques are effective with all children, from toddlers to teens.

Director and Founder – College Consulting Services 1995 – 2004

Developed the first professional college planning company in Central Massachusetts. In this role I educated the community about the value of professional educational planners, and how we can provide the personalized guidance that over-whelmed school-based counselors cannot.

During these years, I worked with approximately 350 students, all of whom were accepted into college, and I heard many heart-warming success stories.

Prior Work History

- Administrative Operations Manager with the IBM Corporation. I successfully managed many administrative functions and supervised up to 18 staff members.
- Taught in New Jersey, Maryland and Massachusetts as both a contract and regular substitute teacher.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy - Capella University - General Psychology
Master of Science - Johns Hopkins University - Interdisciplinary Science Studies
Teaching Certificate - William Paterson University –
Certified to teach in New Jersey and Maryland
Bachelor of Arts - University of State of New York

Certifications

Trained to administer and interpret: the Holland Self-Directed Search (SDS), the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and the Strong Interest Inventory (SII).

Professional Affiliations

- Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA)
- Higher Education Consultants Association (HECA)
- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
- American Institute of Certified Educational Planners
- Southern Association for College Admission Counseling
- National College Advocacy Group (NCAG)
- National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC)
- York County Regional Chamber of Commerce

Volunteer Service

- Volunteered for the Independent Educational Consultants Association in many capacities, including:
 - *Twice served as Chair of the IECA Institute.*
 - *Board Member*
 - *Board Development Committee Chair (two terms)*
 - *Mentor to new consultants*
 - *Strategic Planning Committee Chair (2015), Member (2010)*
 - *Served on various task forces and committees both as a member and as chair over the last 21 years.*
- Volunteered in the service of children for many years in multiple capacities, such as:
 - *PTA Officer - NJ, MD, MA*

- *Girl Scout Community Chairman for Packanack Lake - NJ*
- *Co-Chair Algonquin Regional H.S. School Council – MA*

- Volunteered in local parish:
 - *CCD Teacher – NJ*
 - *Women’s Club Treasurer – MA*
 - *Eucharistic Minister – MA, MD*
 - *Lector – MD*
 - *Liturgy Committee Chair – MD*
 - *Fund Raiser – MA (raised in excess of \$900,000)*

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