

Bradshaw College Consulting®

ACCELERATE

Leadership Program

America's leading colleges are no longer just looking for students with great grades and top test scores. They are looking for students who **make the most of the opportunities and resources** around them— students who make a **real and meaningful impact** in their community and in our world.



ACCELERATE is a private 20-week leadership course with two goals:

1. Develop the **techniques, skills, and confidence** you need to be a stand out leader in high school
2. Provide coaching as you use these skills to **start or run your own student organization** to stand out success

All of our consultants are Harvard students who have combined their experiences with the best leadership resources available to create a program specifically for you.

If you're dreaming big about what you can accomplish in high school, then you're ready for a private Bradshaw College Consultant to help you become the **leader you want to be** and make the **impact you want to make**. Colleges are looking for extraordinary leaders. With us, that's just what you'll be.

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How the ACCELERATE program works...

- ◆ Be paired with your own Bradshaw College Consultant according to your interests, goals, and learning style
- ◆ With your consultant, begin developing your own organization to make the impact you want to make
- ◆ Meet once every two weeks for 20-weeks for 2 hours, working around your needs and schedule
- ◆ Each session is divided equally between learning leadership skills through our 10-course program and developing your organization

How we'll **ACCELERATE** your...

Leadership Skills
(1st hour of each session)

- ◆ **10-course program** developed by Harvard students covering everything they wish they knew about **leadership in high school**
- ◆ Includes: Public speaking, running meetings, time-management, delegating, giving presentations, managing others, interviewing, using Excel effectively, working with adults, and more

Student Organization
(2nd hour of each session)

- ◆ **Private coaching** as you develop and lead **your own organization**
- ◆ Includes: developing your vision and goals, forming a strong membership base, building community support, running for leadership positions, planning effective events, ensuring its long-term success, and more

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Why We Made the *ACCELERATE* Program

When we began developing a leadership program specifically for high school students, we asked ourselves one simple question: **What do we wish we knew about leadership in high school?** The skills we've learned in high school, college, and our extracurricular lives are the reason we are where we are. Public speaking, running meetings, interviewing, managing others— there's so much you end up learning; we imagined just how powerful it would be to **know it all up front.**

This led us to develop a leadership program in which we **combine our experience** leading organizations in high school and at Harvard **with all the resources available to us.** These are characteristics we see among students here at Harvard. We weren't shy in borrowing from others when they had good ideas— whether that was friends, other students, materials from Harvard Business School, online resources, classes at Harvard, or other student groups. We then distilled all this into a 10-course program that lets you get **all the answers** in the most effective way possible. These are not just skills that will help you get into college. These are skills that make you a leader in life. If we had a little brother or sister about to enter high school, these are the lessons we'd want to equip them with. These are the lessons it takes to become a **stand-out leader.**

We then thought about how **hard it can be** to run your own organization, much less start one from the ground up. To go from a great idea to a large, well-funded organization making a **real impact** in your community can be a daunting task. We decided that it's not just enough to have all the leadership tools in your toolkit; you've got to **know how to use them.** That's why we provide 1-on-1 coaching to help you take your organization from its idea to its ideal.

Think big. We're going to be with you every step of the way.

Mike O'Leary, Harvard '12
Graham Topol, Harvard '14

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GRAHAM TOPOL HARVARD COLLEGE, 2014



Graham, a sophomore at Harvard University, concentrates in Economics. At Harvard, Graham is on the executive board for Winthrop House, a contributing editor for the Harvard College Investment Magazine, an officer of the Harvard College Stock Picker Club, a test grader for the Economics department, a member of both the men's club soccer team and the Aikido Club.

He graduated top of his class from the Ethical Culture Fieldston School in the Bronx. While at Fieldston he was Founder, President, and CEO of the Student Managed Investment Portfolio, obtaining \$10,000 at its founding. He was also the President and Lead Attorney of the Mock Trial Team, as well as the President and Head Delegate of the Model UN team. Graham was a four sport varsity athlete in soccer, swimming, hockey and golf. He served as captain for both his soccer and golf teams, the latter of which earned him two First Team All Ivy League accolades.

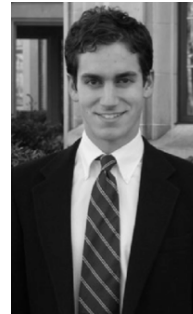
Graham was admitted to Harvard, Yale, Columbia, University of Pennsylvania (Vagelos Program), Amherst, Williams, and Duke among others.

Graham spent this past summer studying Renaissance art history and Corporate Risk Management in Venice, Italy. He has also interned with the Quantitative Strategies Group at Morgan Stanley for the past three years.

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MICHAEL O'LEARY HARVARD COLLEGE, 2012



A senior at Harvard University, Mike concentrates in Philosophy with a secondary concentration in Economics. At Harvard, Mike is a Phineus W. Sprague scholar, a case-team leader with the Harvard College Consulting Group, and captain of the men's club lacrosse team.

He graduated from New Canaan High School of New Canaan, CT with highest honors. While there, he was editor of his school's art and literary magazine, first chair saxophone in the All-New England Concert Band, and a tri-sport varsity athlete—winning two state-championships with his football team and captaining his wrestling team. Each spring Mike participated in a 10-day service project rebuilding homes and churches in Mississippi, Illinois, California and Alabama.

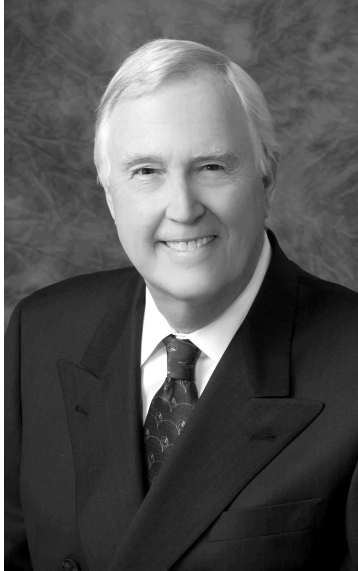
Admitted to Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Duke, Georgetown and several others, his college essay "Crossing the Rubicon? Child's Play" is published by St. Martin's Press. In the spring of 2011, he studied global health with the International Honors Program in Sao Paulo, Brazil; Hanoi, Vietnam; and Bushbuckridge, South Africa.

This past summer Mike was an Associate Consultant Intern with the global strategy consulting firm Bain & Company in New York City. Following graduation, he will be joining Bain Capital, the private equity firm, as an Analyst in Boston.

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GERALD BRADSHAW FOUNDER



Gerald Bradshaw spent nearly 15 years interviewing students for admission to Harvard College before he founded Bradshaw College Consulting. As an alumni interviewer he gained tremendous insight into the admissions process at Harvard as well as at other top-tier colleges and universities.

His consulting business focuses on working with students and their families in the rigorous and confusing college admissions process.

Bradshaw earned double Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Political Science and Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. He graduated in three years with Distinction in General Scholarship.

He was admitted to the law schools of Harvard, Yale, The University of Pennsylvania and Stanford. He attended Harvard Law School and left to start an investment and advisory firm overseas. He lived for many years in England and Africa before returning to America.

Bradshaw is a member of the Harvard Club of Chicago and served for several years on the Schools Committee interviewing applicants to Harvard. He has consulted with hundreds of students globally, assisting them with information regarding the importance of preparation for the college applications and admissions process.

He has written for a variety of publications, including the Wall Street Journal and Aviation Week & Space Technology and has served on the educational issues board of advisors for several newspapers. He writes the internationally syndicated column "Educated Advice."

A dynamic speaker and free-lance writer, he speaks at events across the country. Bradshaw's goal is to ensure that his audience understands that "a college of choice is a realistic option" for everyone. He has earned a reputation as a compassionate and dedicated coach that a student can count on when seeking advice about college admissions.

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