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It is the time of year when admissions statistics for the top colleges in the United States are released. These highly selective schools admit just 5 to 25 percent of their applicants. Some schools not in the Ivy League have acceptance rates that are even lower than schools in the Ivy League.

The Ivy League consists of Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Dartmouth, Penn, Brown, Columbia and Princeton. Other highly selective schools include Stanford, Caltech, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), University of Chicago, Duke University, Northwestern University, and all the U.S. military academies among others.

Every year, Skyline has students admitted to programs in these top schools. This proves Skyline’s impressive track record of getting students to the next level of education at two and four year colleges and universities. Past Skyline students have had great success at these universities, with many making the Dean’s List and graduating with advanced degrees.

There is no written formula to get into these universities. Even 4.0 students with top SAT scores are tested by the ins and outs of the application. The essays, the extracurricular activities, the community service and recommendations. And once all that is finished, achieved, and submitted, there are still no guarantees.

The unpredictable nature of Ivy League admissions offices puts terror into applicants for the 3-4 months that they anxiously wait for admissions decisions.

Out of 42,487 applications, just 1,402 high school seniors were accepted to Stanford’s Class of 2019. MIT offered admission to just 1,467 students out of 18,306 applicants. Cornell was slightly higher at 6,234 applicants accepted out of 41,907 who applied.

This year, Skyline students were admitted to top universities. Below, we made a list of these students with the universities they were accepted to. Be sure to congratulate them on their great accomplishment.

Damon Anderson: University of California, Berkeley
Ashmi Chakraborty: University of California, Berkeley
Niyathi Chakrapani: University of Pennsylvania, University of California, Berkeley
Alexa Christianson: University of California, Los Angeles
Geneva Ecola: Harvey Mudd College
Rianna Eduljee: University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business
Emily Feng: Northwestern University
Justin Hong: University of California, Los Angeles
Amabel Jeon: Wesleyan University
Courtney Kay: University of Southern California
David Kim: Kenyon College
Kelly Lin: Vanderbilt University
Tommy Lin: University of California, Berkeley, Washington University (St. Louis)
Aishwarya Mandya: Carnegie Mellon University, University of Southern California
University of California, Los Angeles
Karishma Mandya: Cornell University and University of California, Berkeley, University of California, Los Angeles
Arjun Narayan: University of Southern California, University of California, Berkeley
Cornell University
Hari Rajan: Duke University
Carly Rosenbaum: Washington University (St. Louis)
Cameron Saffle: University of California, Berkeley
Brian Shih: University of California, Los Angeles
Nikhil Shyamkumar: U.S. Military Academy at West Point
Shreenu Sivakumar: University of Southern California
Vaiva Snapkanskaite: Stanford University
Kelli Sullivan: Colorado College
Swapna Vasudevan: University of California, Los Angeles, University of California, Berkeley
Victor Xu: University of California, Berkeley
Jasmine Ye: U.S. Naval Academy
Justin Zhong: University of California, Berkeley
Jack Yang: University of California, Berkeley

Photo of Cornell University campus grounds.