The Diversity of Applications Fall 2016

The fall months have been hectic for twenty-one students who are on track to submit applications in this cycle. We have students applying to law schools, MSW programs, MBAs and other Masters and PhD programs in a variety of disciplines. As in previous years, prospective students are representative of various campuses across California and also demonstrate the diversity of our state’s population. This cohort of GPP-associated applicants is 28% African American, 32% White, 24% Latino/a, and 16% Asian. Many applications will need to be submitted before Christmas break but some deadlines extend into 2017. We will begin to hear about acceptances in the early spring and given our past success rates, we know there will be many!
GOOD NEWS

Justin Waterman has taken a job as a consultant at Ernst & Young following the completion of his MBA from USC in Spring 2017.

Articles for Academic Journals

Although the primary mission of the Guardian Professions Program has been to increase the numbers of former foster youth working on advanced degrees, the successful accomplishment of this goal has also involved research. We are now working on two scholarly articles to be submitted for publication in academic journals. The first article will detail the implementation of the program model, theories of mentoring and coaching and policy recommendations for replication. The second article will focus on research we have conducted with GPP participants and how the program has benefited their futures. Our interactions with students, university personnel and the wider foster care community has provided a large amount of qualitative data that we are now assessing and analyzing. Carlos Andrés Barragán, who will complete his PhD in anthropology at UC Davis in December 2016, is collaborating with Dr. Sylvia Sensiper, the GPP Director, on both of the articles.

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Case Handbook

GPP teaching cases and facilitator guides have been collated into one complete text. Available at the Getting Prepared for Graduate School website in early 2017, the handbook includes the academic journeys of twelve of our successful students. It will be distributed under a Creative Commons license. (CC BY--NCNC).