

English Transcript for *EducationUSA Interview Part 4*

>> We're back with Jarred Butto, Program Officer for EducationUSA. And Jarred, we want to get a couple last pieces of advice from you. >> Sure. >> First, are there any aspects of the U.S. university admission process that EducationUSA cannot help a student with? >> The Your Five Steps to U.S. Study is a comprehensive resource that walks students through every aspect of the application process, and it's, it's mapped across a timeline that's in sync with the admissions calendar for U.S. colleges and universities. So it takes students from start to finish. And keeps them on track with, with their application in terms of timing. What is important to remember is that the EducationUSA advising network uses a do-it-yourself model. And so while advisors provide support and guidance, they don't make decisions for students. We think that students are best served when they make informed decisions for themselves. And so a student shouldn't expect an EducationUSA advisor to tell them which college or university they should apply to. They shouldn't expect them to complete their application for them, or write their admissions essay. Our advisors provide support on all of those aspects, but again it's a do-it-yourself model. And we think that's what's best for students, and what's best for U.S. colleges and universities. And ultimately help us to accomplish our public diplomacy goal of strengthening ties between students and people in the U.S. and students and people in other parts of the world. >> At what point in the application process, should students seek out help from EducationUSA, and is it ever too late? >> The answer is that it's never too late to seek assistance from the EducationUSA network. And our advisors work with students in all phases of the process. And a student can, can access and engage with our network at any point. Some students contact us just as they're beginning to think about study in the U.S., and some students get in touch with an EducationUSA advisor much later in the process with a specific question. And all of that engagement is very welcome, and our advisors are prepared to work with students during any part of the process. So no, it's never too late for a student to get in touch with our network. >> On the flip side, is it ever too early [LAUGH] to, to contact an education USA office? >> I think by the same token, it's never really too early. Our network is, is designed to help students access undergraduate, graduate, English as a Second Language, and short term study abroad programs. But, I think it's a, it's a wise thing for students to be thinking about opportunities to study outside their own country, and to study at U.S. colleges and universities very early in their academic career. so, it's never, it's never too early and it's never too late to engage with EducationUSA. >> Jarred, based on your experience, is there a piece of advice, that you can share, with the international students out there? >> I think the most important message that I want to communicate to the students joining us for this course, is that studying in the U.S. is easier than you think. U.S. colleges and universities are eager to recruit international students, because of the benefits that they bring to their campuses and their communities and the benefits to the international students themselves. And the U.S. Department of State and the EducationUSA network also feel strongly and believe that educational experiences and exchanges are a great way to build stronger ties between people in the U.S. and other parts of the world. >> Jarred, final question. How can students who are interested in connecting with EducationUSA make that connection? >> The best way to engage with our network and the best first step in engaging with our network is to visit our website. And to find an advising center closest to you. And online you can use the find an advising center near you tool, and, and get contact information for our advisors and, and address of the physical advising center location

and and guidance on how and when to contact them. >> Jarred we want to thank you for taking the time to be here and for answering these questions. And for helping the students out there. >> Thank you Erick. It's been a pleasure to be here and this has been a great opportunity to help students learn more about this resource, the EducationUSA network that is available to them. >> Alright. And students, we will be posting contact information for EducationUSA on the course site. [BLANK_AUDIO]