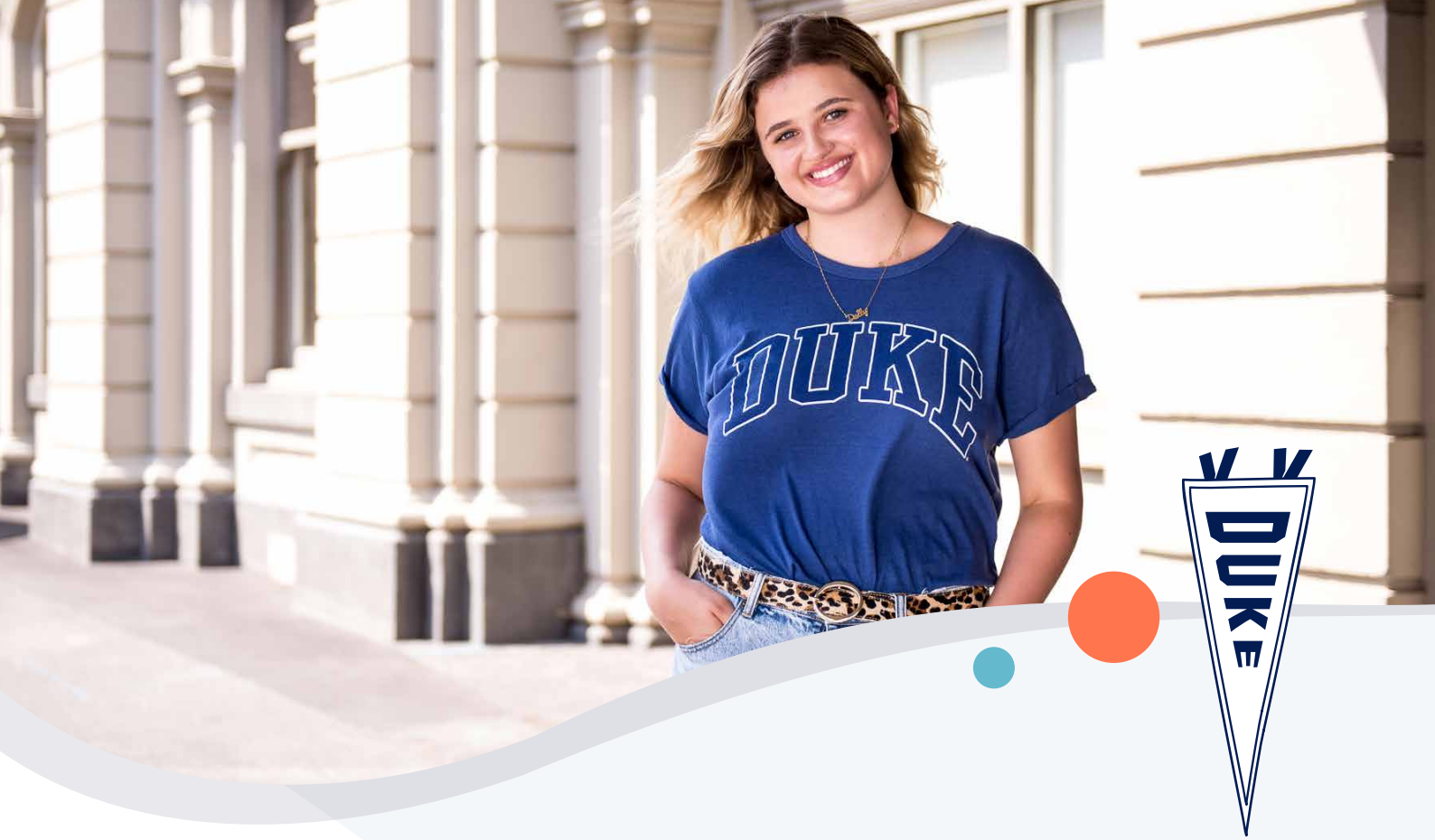


Calling All Aspiring Lawyers

Learn how Allie secured admission to Duke University with an intended major of political science

Allie's Journey

Allie has known since she was about 8-years-old that she wanted to go to a top university, "I went to school in Minnesota. We had a taste of it then, and we knew going to [a top university] would provide me with really great opportunities. My dad was really supportive so I was lucky to have my family on board."

She considered herself to be well-rounded in high school, involved in a slew of extracurriculars including the performing arts, basketball, tennis, competitive dance, and touch football, but she also remained focused on her academics. Her activities really made a difference when applying to top universities.

> **"It's hard to get recognition for your extracurriculars, so it was nice that the universities weren't taking me simply because of a number on a page, that they were looking at who I was as a person, and what I've done, my entire high school life."**

The Application Process

The application process was something Allie was not accustomed to. However, Allie felt like the process made her feel like more than just a number and gave admission officers a real glimpse into who she was as a person, especially the personal statement portion of the application.

“I think it was nice because although I did have to think hard about who I was, it was sort of like a breath of fresh air - where I could sit back and not have to think about how to solve some equations, I could just think about me. This was especially the case with writing supplement essays. I really enjoyed answering them.“

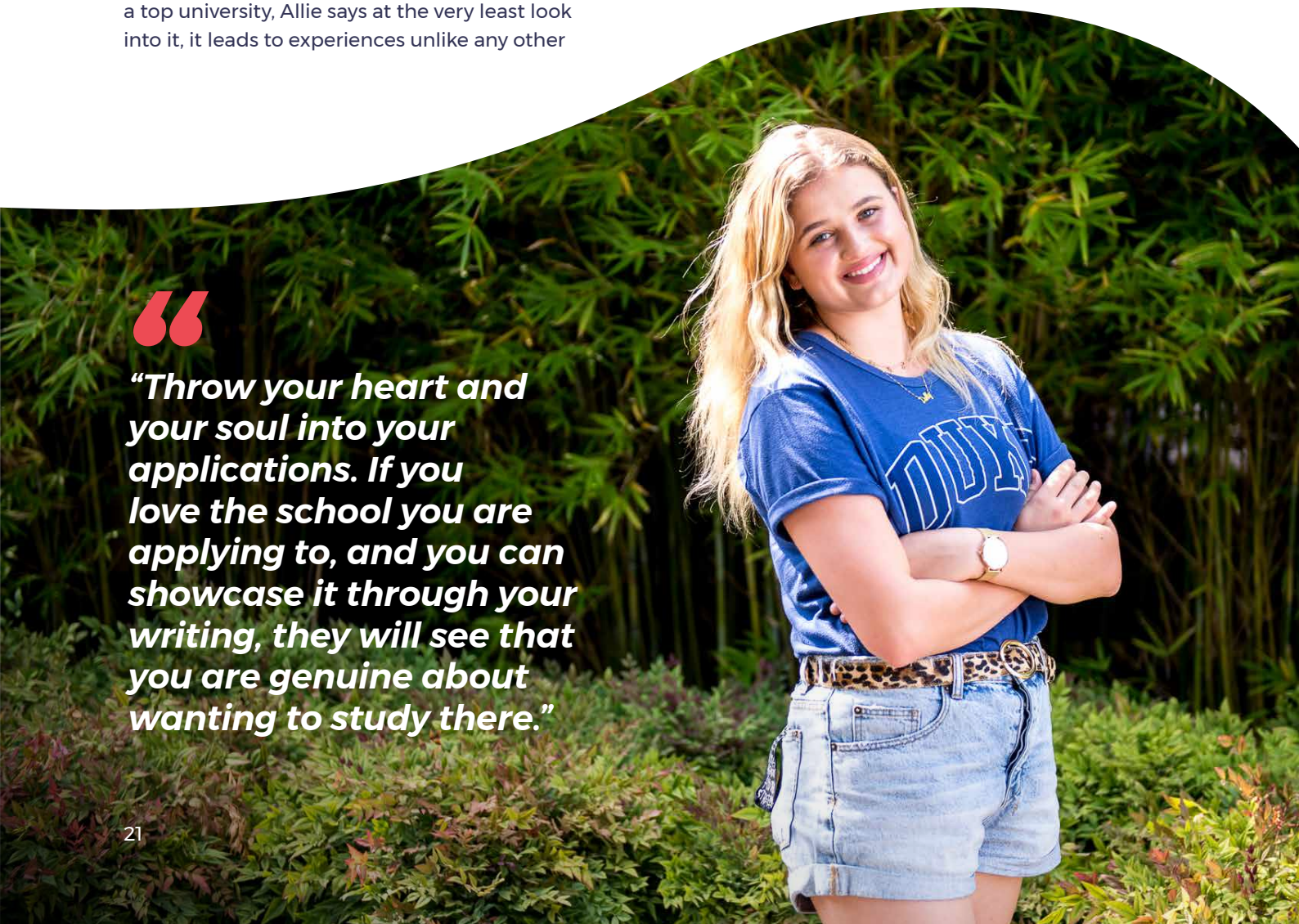
When writing your personal statement, Allie has some advice, “Throw your heart and your soul into it. If you love the school you are applying to, and you can showcase it through your writing, they will see that they are genuine about wanting to study there.”

For any student on the fence about studying at a top university, Allie says at the very least look into it, it leads to experiences unlike any other and allows you to explore your passions. It may be a challenge, but having a support team behind you definitely helps.

“The application process is a lot different than you would expect because it’s a lot about yourself... it’s not just about your academics and that is really refreshing. It makes you want to do it more because you’re showcasing who you are to someone and saying, ‘take me as I am, I want to make a difference at your college’.”

4x

At Duke University, Crimson students were 4x more likely to gain admission than the global population average.



Why Duke University

Allie knew nothing about Duke until she and her family made the trip to visit a number of university campuses. Upon touring Duke, meeting students, and learning more about what the university had to offer, she just knew that this was the university for her.

“The first time we visited, which was in April of my junior year, we actually visited lots of colleges and honestly, it sounds so cliche, but it was the minute that I walked onto Duke’s campus, I just fell in love with the school and everything it had to offer.”

Allie notes how important it is to really research your ‘dream university’ before deciding to go there.

“You can’t always commit based on ranking, because there is much more to each university than that. Everyone thinks they are the same. But they’re not. And that was a bit of a shock. From when I started dreaming about going to a top university, I suppose I imagined certain schools to be a certain way. For example, everyone talks about the whole prestige of some of the Ivies but when I went to Brown I didn’t like it, I knew it wasn’t for me.”

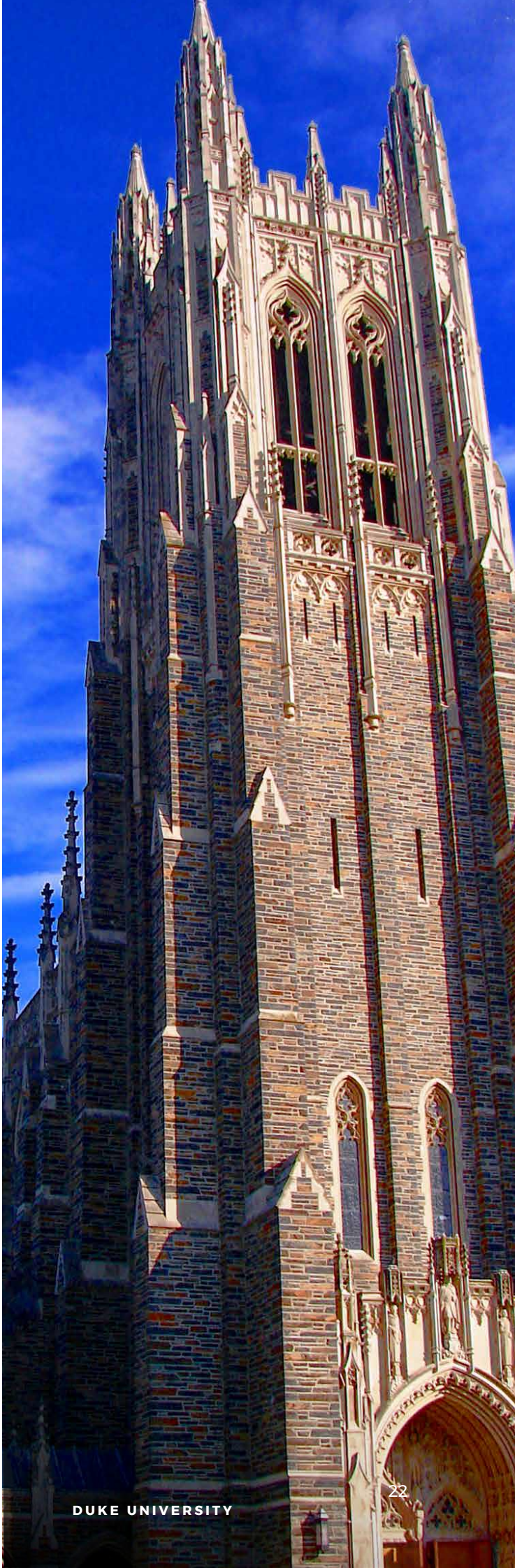


Political Science

Allie indicated interest on her application to be a political science major, and has been interested in that field for sometime. However, due to the flexibility of the university system, she is able to change if another sparks her interest. She’s already thinking to the future and pursuing a graduate degree in law.

“I think a political science major will give me a real taste - to see if law is for me. Right now it is something I am really interested in so it feels like the best fit at least to start with.”

She is looking forward to exploring other courses beyond political science, “I like the humanities too, but also want to keep up with math. I really loved math in school and I don’t want to give that up just because I want to focus on the humanities. That is really what I love about college - that there is so much breadth in course options. I can take courses simply because I want to take them and not because I have to... and complete my major at the same time.”



DUKE UNIVERSITY

How Crimson Helped Allie



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Standardized Test Tutoring

Allie has to admit that her decision to study at a top university was always somewhat set in stone. As the daughter of supportive parents who took her on campus tours in junior and senior year, Allie understood that Duke University was where she wanted to be. But once the decision was made, Allie admits how to go about it was not as crystal clear.

"We brought Crimson on board pretty early in the process and I started with my SAT tutor straight away. My tutor was amazing, she helped me pull my SAT score up a good 90 points from where I started - she was just so good."

Personal Essay Support

Beyond her SAT tutors, Allie says Crimson's support in crafting the all-important personal essay was key to her eventual success.

"My Crimson Application Mentor was so incredible. What I liked most about her was she helped me keep my essay so real. She was right in there helping me but also she maintained this slight distance from the whole process as well - as she wanted to make sure the statement was 'me'."

"My mentor helped me formulate ideas but she didn't rewrite my essay. She respected my story and I really appreciated that. There may be other services who take your essay and craft it into a version they see as 'correct', but Crimson didn't do that, they didn't want me to be lost as the applicant, and for that I was really grateful."

Moral Support

Allie explains, that beyond the SAT tutoring, leadership mentoring, and essay preparation, one of the greatest support assets Crimson provides comes in the form of their friendship and emotional investment.

"My strategist, Bryan - he and the rest of my team - I knew that they were with me, not just when the results came in but throughout the entire process. They were realistic about my goals as an applicant and what schools I should reach for and their enthusiasm was amazing."

While many students assume the Ivy League is the only option when it comes to top universities, Allie points out that Crimson looks beyond the Ivy League to help each student discover the perfect fit for them.

"Crimson doesn't tell you to apply exclusively to the Ivies. They craft a group of universities that are best for you."

Allie stresses, beyond the practical help Crimson supplies, they also provide emotional support and reassurance in an incredibly busy and often stressful senior year.

"My Crimson team lifted my confidence during a hard final year of high school. They told me I stood a good chance of getting into a school like Duke, so I felt like I had that support which really was an amazing feeling."

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