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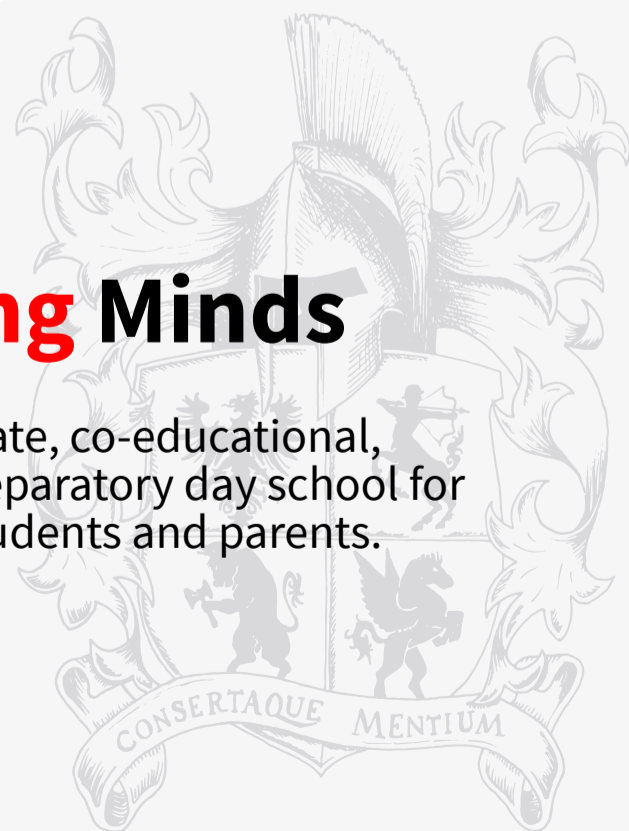
# ADMISSIONS GUIDE

## Engaging Minds

We are a private, co-educational, university preparatory day school for discerning students and parents.



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**TPS SPARTANS**



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**Call us today for more information, or to speak to a member of our admissions team!**

# The search for the right school begins with the initiative to explore.

## Introduction

Many schools talk about putting students first, but are too large to give students individual mentoring and support. That's why TPS, with its small class sizes, variety of extracurricular activities, and excellent post-secondary placement rates, has become a top option for discerning students.

We focus on the individual: there are no uniforms, classes are small, and students benefit from one-on-one attention from their teachers. The maximum class size is 16 and the school's student-teacher ratio is 1:9 — meaning nobody gets lost in the crowd.



# Principal's Message

Toronto Prep School works to sustain an environment where students of diverse backgrounds learn together in an atmosphere of acceptance, respect and appreciation for each other. We are committed to developing students who are confident and responsible and exhibit the values necessary to become effective communicators, informed and productive thinkers, self-directed learners, collaborative workers, skilled information processors and problem solvers.



**Pete Tsimikalis**  
Principal



## ✔ Value Added Education Experience

Parents are increasingly concerned about the role education will play in securing the future they want for their children. Acceptance to a prominent university is not good enough; the ability to succeed once you are there and beyond is the goal.

## ✔ Intimate Class Sizes

Our small class sizes and commitment to positive discipline play integral parts in the recognition and fostering of individual strengths. Dedicated and caring teachers challenge students to strive for excellence while encouraging social responsibility. We provide a community where achievement, character development and academics are equally important aspects of the total educational experience. Helping students develop a life-long love of learning is our ultimate goal.

## ✔ Engaging Curriculum

Our curriculum places a premium on students taking an active role in their own education. Learning by doing promotes a spirit of inquisitiveness and a deeper understanding of ideas. Talented and committed faculty members put students in the forefront and challenge them to pursue their dreams.

## ✔ Passionate Educators

Teachers who genuinely enjoy working with, and connecting with young people engage our students to take constructive risks as they develop academic and personal attributes we value. Our goal is to inspire all of our students to develop both creative and analytical skills, which are essential to successful learning, while supporting them as they accept responsibility for who they are and what kind of people they want to become. We, as educators, have a rich history of achievement to draw upon.

A great deal of information about our programs, and our calendar is at your fingertips, and I invite you to explore the Toronto Prep experience.



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# Our Mission

**A superior academic program valuing knowledge, technology, individuality & integrity**



Our mission is to prepare our students by equipping them with the academic tools and life skills needed to enter and succeed not only at the post-secondary school level, but ultimately, in their chosen career path. Given the pace of technological change and the growth of information technologies in all aspects of our lives, it is crucial that students gain mastery over these tools.

## To Fulfil our Mission

As educators we will develop the facility for learning and foster the motivation for students to continue to learn after their formal school years. We are dedicated to empowering each student to develop attitudes, skills, knowledge and the responsibility essential to successful achievement in school and society. We will challenge each student to maximize his or her effort and in so doing realize their potential. The development of a sound work ethic and effective organizational and study skills will be stressed. It is our duty to ensure that students are able to communicate clearly and effectively and to master the ever changing technologies for communication.

### We value and stress the following skills:

- ✓ Read for meaning and write for purpose;
- ✓ Locate and evaluate information;
- ✓ Manipulate numbers and interpret data; and
- ✓ Value a healthy and well-balanced lifestyle which includes physical activity, an appreciation for the arts and culture and a recognition for the importance of family, friendship and community.

## Fundamental to our Mission

At Toronto Prep School, we have the active involvement of a passionate, caring and experienced staff, proven teamwork and shared leadership, the effective management of resources, a safe and orderly learning environment and the opportunity to properly prepare each student for success. We pride ourselves in our dedication to our students, families, community, each other, our profession, and to continuous learning. We acknowledge that parents, students and teachers are seen as valued partners in layering the foundation for life-long learning. It will take all of us working toward a common goal to achieve success. At the Toronto Prep School we truly believe that,

***“It takes a village to raise a child”.***

It is with this philosophy in mind that we welcome the input of parents. Dedicated teachers, who respect, encourage, inspire, and challenge students to maximize effort, concerned, involved parents and motivated students are all fundamental to the learning and growth process.

Students at the Toronto Prep School will have more opportunities to form relationships with their teachers, which can lead them to greater academic success. Extra-help opportunities are intended to help students with any specific academic difficulty they may experience, which can allow the issue to be resolved quickly and correctly.

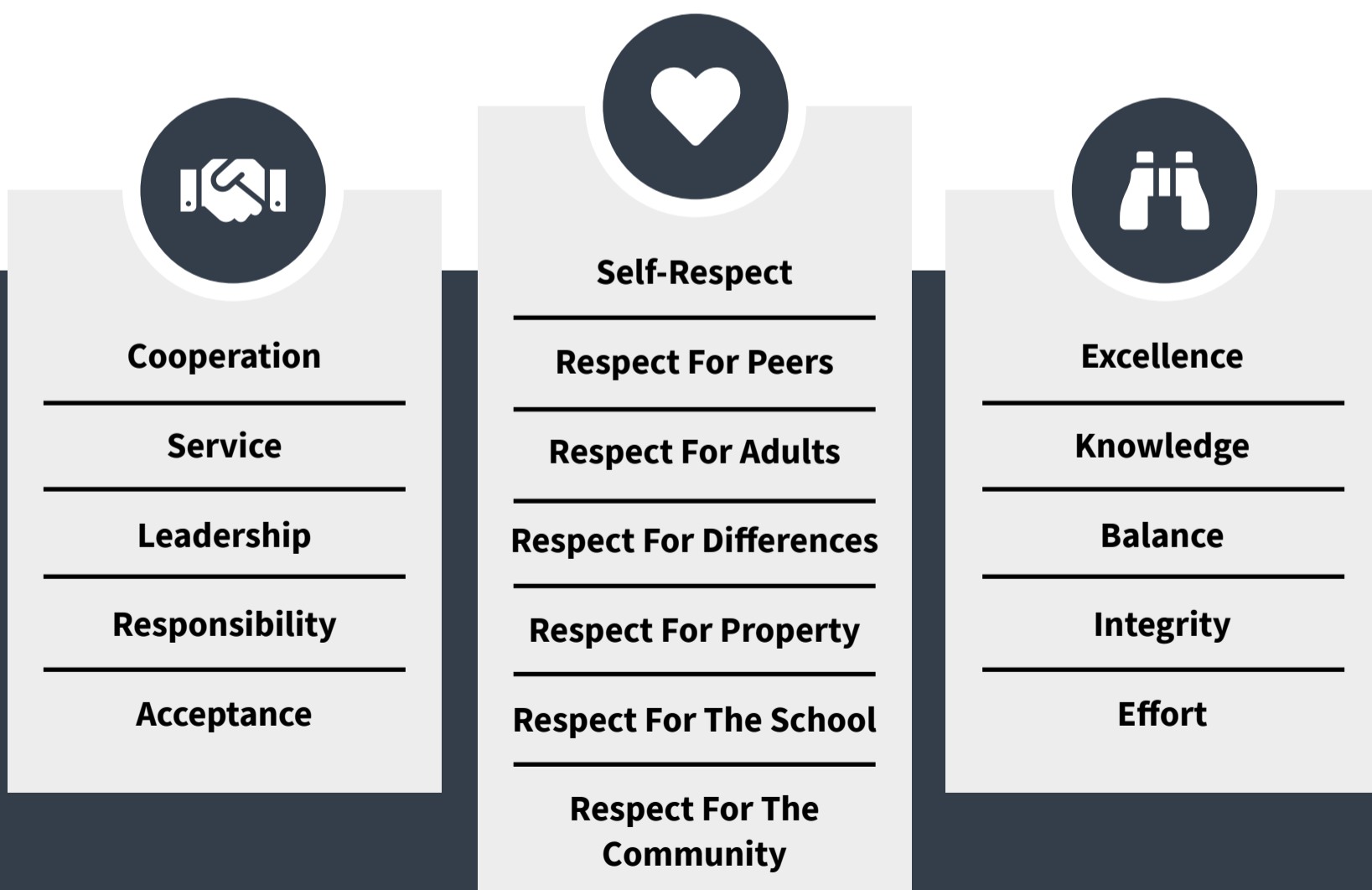
# Our Values

At the Toronto Prep School, we recognize the importance of a well-balanced education. It is expected that our students not only learn about academic subjects, but also gain knowledge about themselves and how to interact effectively with those around them. We view strong character and a core of values as integral components to all student and School endeavours.

**Our core values are guiding principles of behaviour which every member of the Toronto Prep School aspires to and is measured by.**

## Respect

Respect is the most important value at the Toronto Prep School. All other values flow outwards from this core value. Respect is the acknowledgement of importance and contains both behavioural and responsive components. Helping students develop the art of respect is a school-wide goal and is modeled by all adults at the school. This code serves as the operational glue that holds our school together. All members are expected to demonstrate the following elements of respect:



# A Proud Member of Globeducate

Globeducate is a network of more than 50 premium K-12 international schools and online programmes educating more than 25,000 students in ten different countries and on three continents. As a member of the Globeducate family, we believe that young people will only succeed in the world of tomorrow if they are prepared for the challenges they will face. The world is changing at an incredible pace, and education has to keep up with this constantly shifting environment. As educators we have the opportunity and responsibility to lay the foundations for a better future.

**Our mission is to prepare each student to become a global citizen who can shape the world.**

As well as **Educational Excellence**, our core principles are **Global Preparation**, **Excellence in Co- Curricular subjects** which help to form well-rounded individuals, and **Education in Values** – developing positive, compassionate and motivated young people.

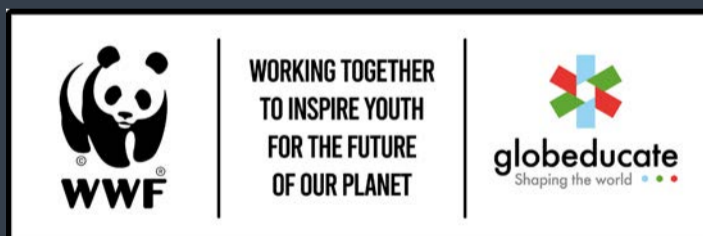
## 2030 Global Agenda

Our Globeducate Agenda underwrites the United Nations 2030 Global Sustainable Development Goals and, through our key partnerships, our global project unites our students and teachers from around the world to partake in active discussions and to make an impact on the future, shaping the world.

## Globeducate Events

Our schools offer a wide range of extra-curricular activity programmes, exchange programmes and competitions, conferences and workshops designed to develop our students' inherent skills and abilities in a positive, focused and exciting learning environment. Our official Globeducate events bring students together from all Globeducate schools and include: Olympic Games, Model United Nations, Arts Competition, Music Festival, Football Tournament and Academic Olympics.

## The First International Schools Group to Partner with WWF



Our schools are working with WWF on a number of projects with local teams as well as taking part in group-wide initiatives.

This unique partnership makes it possible to draw on the wealth of educational resources WWF have created, as well as opportunities for our teachers to take part in pilot projects in sustainability education. Our schools are leading the way in making sustainability education an intrinsic part of life in and beyond school.

## Action-based learning: Globeducate and Eco Schools



Eco-Schools is the world's largest sustainable schools programme and is active in all the countries in which Globeducate has schools.

Our commitment is for each of our students to have a chance to play their part in every school becoming a certified Eco- School. The programme involves setting up a student-led Eco-Committee and conducting an environmental review, and working to engage the whole school community in positive change.



# The TPS Experience

**Parents know that superior schools prepare children for all of life's tests — not just today's. That's why TPS students take a full load of university preparatory courses covering the liberal arts and sciences.**

A variety of course electives are an added bonus for TPS. We offer classes in Fashion Design, Art, Drama, Communication Technology, Media Arts and Computer Science in addition to all the core courses. This preparation provides students with the broad educational background and variety of problemsolving skills they'll need for their future studies. Students also benefit from a semestered curriculum, taking only four courses at a time. They balance their studies with extracurricular activities including competitive sports and fine arts.

Another TPS signature is their later start time: 10:00 a.m. Research shows later starts have positive effects on academic performance and students gain health benefits from extra sleep. Days at TPS are also structured so students can get extra help from their teachers at whatever time is best for them: in the morning before class starts, after school, or even on Saturdays.



**Enrolled students enjoy value-added perks, including a MacBook Pro that is theirs to keep and a yearly GoodLife Fitness membership**



# House System

All students and staff (except for the Principal) are allocated to Houses. Each is a member of that House for life.

The House system provides a framework for intramural, athletic, charity fundraising, and community competitions. Points are awarded for participation in all facets of school life including academic achievement, effort, good deeds, and volunteer work.

Intended to foster individual growth and create student relationships across all grade levels, houses participate in school wide contests resulting in more positive interaction between juniors and seniors and a sense of unity. Each House has a House Captain and Vice-Captain selected from the Grade 12 students. Staff members are instrumental in the organization and planning of strategy and selection of House representatives.

At the end of the school year members of the House with the most House Points are rewarded with an excursion. An annual trophy will be presented to the House with the most points and reside in their possession until the following year's competition comes to a close.



# Our Campus

**Toronto Prep School is located in the heart of midtown Toronto. Our campus is on the north east corner of Davisville Ave., and Mt. Pleasant Rd. We provide 42,750 square feet of learning over two floors. Our classrooms are bright, spacious and specifically designed to host a maximum of 16 students per class.**

We take advantage of the amenities surrounding our campus such as GoodLife Fitness, June Rowlands Park, Moore Park, and Leaside Memorial Gardens Arena.

Our off campus facilities include the Eglinton Grand where we hold our annual TPS Prom, Spirit/Sports Awards and our Arts Night, the Ontario Science Centre for our annual commencement ceremony, and Sassafras for our annual dinner dance honouring our Grade 12 graduates and their parents.

## Two Storeys of Learning

Our upper classrooms house the highschool students and visual arts department

In our lower classrooms you will find the elementary classes and theatre department





# Our Sports Teams

- Basketball
- Bowling
- Ball Hockey
- Ice Hockey
- Cross Country
- Curling
- Flag Football
- Golf
- Rugby
- Skiing
- Snowboarding
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Swimming
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Track and Field
- Volleyball

Athletics and other extra-curricular activities are a very important part of Toronto Prep and its school program, and are valued as essential components in a well-rounded education. They are available to all the students who meet eligibility requirements.



**Participate in one or more of the 20 interscholastic sports featuring 48 teams participating at various age groups!**



# The Fine Arts

Toronto Prep School has a diverse and involved arts program; from our courses in Music, Art, Fashion, and Theatre to our many art-focused extracurricular activities. TPS Students are lovers of the arts and turn out en masse to our annual Arts Night, a celebration of visual arts, multimedia installations, and musical concerts. They also love showing up to any number of our Mainstage Theatrical Performances, where they can experience a Broadway hit from the comfort of their own school.





# Clubs and Activities



**Reach for the Top**

**Robotics Club**

**SOMA (model UN)**



**Art Club**

**Math Club**

**Gardening Club**



**Investors Club**

**Tea Club**

**Trivia Club**



**Debating Society**

**Student Council**

**Jewish Culture Club**



**Music Club**

**Photography Club**

**Yearbook Club**



**Comic & Gaming Club**

**Chess Club**

**Kazoo Club**

The clubs at Toronto Prep appeal to a variety of interests and abilities. Clubs are one way for a student to extend their learning beyond the regular school day.

These clubs also serve as social mixers and allow students to meet others with similar interests. It is hoped that each student can find an outlet for expression in one or more of these organizations!

# Our Admissions Team

Meet the faces of Toronto Prep



## Fouli Tsimikalis

Vice Principal And Head Of Admissions

Fouli provides students, parents, and guardians with information regarding admissions requirements and processes. She brings over 30 years of experience in the field of private education to her administrative, teaching, and public relation duties.

 @toprepschool



## Stephanie Heidenreich

Head of Guidance

Stephanie works with high school students as they define and attain their university and scholarship goals. She brings more than 15 years of experience in Toronto's private school system as a teacher, counsellor, and administrator.

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## Adam Rosenbaum

Director of Teaching & Learning

Adam is our executive functioning specialist. He acts as a liaison between student, parents and faculty, helping to coordinate effective learning strategies. He is a dedicated educator with 15 years worth of teaching experiences across multiple countries.

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**10AM**

Our late start time helps you begin the day refreshed and ready to succeed



**16 OR LESS**

Our small class sizes mean your question will never go unanswered.



**40+**

We hand-selected the most passionate and skilled educators in every department

# A Message from Admissions

**Thank you for your interest in the Toronto Prep School. Our Admissions Office realizes the significance of a family's decision to consider an independent school and it is our goal that our admission process will be informative, constructive and a favourable experience.**

The Toronto Prep School seeks to enroll a group of diverse students. We follow an open admission policy, whereby qualified candidates are admitted without an entrance test, but rather on assessment for evidence of good character, maturity, and academic motivation. The Admission Committee evaluates each applicant on the basis of personal interview, academic record, teacher and community recommendations.

Our Admissions package, which can be downloaded or picked up at our Main Office, includes all the documentation necessary to complete the admissions process. You will also find a prepared checklist to help you organize and complete the application forms. We are pleased to learn of your interest in our school, and look forward to meeting both you and your family.

-Fouli Tsimikalis



# Admissions Process

## Process at a glance...

Online / phone request for application

Submission of completed application

Interview

Review of supporting documentation

Admissions decision

Submission of registration forms

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## Application

**01.** Our admissions process is a chance to explore. It is designed to help parents and the prospective candidate make the most informed educational decision. We strive to enable the candidate, his or her family and the School to learn as much as possible about each other in order to determine the suitability of Toronto Prep School environment for each applicant. The journey always begins and ends with the individual candidate. The process enables your family to determine if Toronto Prep School is right for you, does it meet your requirements, is it conducive to your learning style, and does it offer you the opportunity to achieve your goals and ambitions, while affording the school the opportunity to discern the compatibility of each candidate with our education philosophy and expectations. We want to discover who the candidate really is and as such, rely on a detailed application package (including a teacher and community referral, school reports, parent statement and a self assessment completed by the candidate) and an interview rather than writing an SSAT or entrance test. Once a completed application is received, the Director of Admissions will contact the candidate's parents via email or telephone to arrange an interview.



## Admissions Process continued

### Interview

- 02.** The interview is at the heart of the evaluation process for all parties and will include both the candidate and the parents, together and individually. The dialogue is a cooperative discussion where the candidate is able to communicate their aspirations, needs and wants, passions, talents, attitudes and values, the parents are able to ascertain the role the school will play in their child's development including curriculum and support programs, and the school will evaluate the candidate's academic motivation, personality, character, interests and how they learn. Through the application and interview process we will endeavour to evaluate if the candidate and Toronto Prep School are a compatible fit. The goal of Toronto Prep School is to find those students who best fit with our program and values. Students are not chosen merely by their academic qualifications, though these of course play an important part in any decision. We are looking for students who want to be a part of our dynamic community, who are concerned about the wider society and are willing to share their talents and improve their skills. We stress the importance of extra-curricular activities and place effort and character above all.

### Decision

- 03.** Admission decisions are made by the Admissions Committee, which is comprised of the Director of Admissions, the Principal, and three senior Faculty members. The Admissions Committee reviews all applications immediately following the interview process and determines if there is a need for any further information or documentation. The Committee will make a final decision within three days of the completion of the interview process. Parents will be contacted via email and a letter will be mailed to inform the candidate whether they have been accepted, wait-listed or declined. If a candidate is accepted, an acceptance offer and a registration package will be issued. If a candidate is wait-listed, he or she will be notified only if space becomes available. If a candidate is declined, no further review will take place. The candidate is welcome to reapply for the following school year.

### Registration

- 04.** For successful candidates, acceptance of the offer is acknowledged by submitting the completed registration forms and the registration fee which guarantees your space at the School. Upon completion of the registration process, a meeting will be scheduled for the student and parents with the Principal, Vice-Principal, or Guidance for course selection. Descriptions of each course can be found on the school website.

# Our Alumni



**Our Alumni are constant reminders of the success of students at TPS. We are so proud to watch our students leave the nest and become the successful, upstanding citizens that they are.**

**100% of our applicants are accepted into university. We are proud to say that many of them are also accepted into some of the most prominent programs in their chosen field.**

**Toronto Prep  
School alumni  
have gone  
on to top  
universities  
across  
Canada and  
the world,  
including  
Ivy League  
schools.**

**Princeton  
University**

Honours Bachelor of  
Science

**Parsons: The New  
School for Design**

Photography

**Dalhousie  
University**

Engineering

**University of  
Toronto**

Rotman Center of  
Commerce

**St Francis of  
Xavier University**

Aquatics Resources

**Wilfred Laurier  
Univesity**

Economics Management  
and Leadership

**University of  
Waterloo**

Mechatronics Engineering

**Humber  
College**

Acting for Film and  
Television

**Berklee College  
of Music**

Voice Performance

**Brock  
University**

Sports Management

**University of St.  
Andrews**

Studies in Medicine

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