

Author helps students with grad school worries

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For many, the process of getting into college is a grueling long haul that takes time, organization and extreme patience.

After four years of college, many students begin to decide whether or not they would like to further their education. There should be a considerable amount of time and focus put into your graduate school application.

"For law school, it was really stressful. There was a lot of paperwork to do and deadlines to keep up with. I wouldn't have changed anything I have done, except maybe actually going to an advisor, I kind of took it upon myself to do everything," said Maria Valdivieso, grad student, Elizabeth, N.J.

Many problems can come about when faced with the application process. "Many students make mistakes while filling out application forms without realizing they are doing anything wrong. The most common problem is students mistakenly think that it only takes a couple of hours to fill out an application form," said Sarah Brown Tesolin of Proto Press Publications, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

"Incomplete forms or inaccurate information on the forms make a very bad first impression and so it is critically important that you be organized and take the time required to do a thorough job."

Tesolin works with Dr. Dave G. Mumby, Ph.D. Dr Mumby, the author of "Graduate School: Winning Strategies for Getting In With or Without Excellent Grades."

The book touches upon the issues people face when not going about applying to school the right way.

"I wrote the book because when I became a student advisor and graduate supervisor myself, I realized that students I came into contact with had the same misconceptions that I had when I was applying to grad school and that there was really very little information out there to help students through the process," said Dr. Mumby, Cold Lake, Alberta, Canada.

Mumby's book can be purchased online at www.mygraduateschool.com. "Make sure you have a longer-term career plan in mind before applying to grad or professional school. Once this is established, find the right programs that best fit your career goals.

Not only will this information help you get into the right program, but it will also make you more convinced that indeed the next several years of hard work and commitment to pursue an advanced area degree are worthwhile right from the beginning," said Mumby.

This advice can make the difference as to whether or not there will be an acceptance letter in your mailbox.

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