

Jeffrey Neill

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Biography

Jeff is presently the Director of College Counseling at Graded - The American School in São Paulo in São Paulo, Brazil, where he is beginning his first year. This academic year (2021-22) represents his twenty-first in education, and, although he has served in many capacities throughout his career, he has always been involved in college counseling. Jeff routinely speaks and consults around the globe, supporting both students and colleagues, and sharing his passion for helping students to realize their best selves and potential.

Jeff has served at six schools on four continents. Prior to Graded, he served as a comprehensive counselor and head of student support services at the International School of Dakar in Senegal for two years. Previous to that, Jeff was the Director of College Counseling at Taipei American School in Taiwan for three years. His time at TAS initiated his experience in working at international schools outside of the US as Jeff had previously worked at three different boarding schools in the USA. He served as Director of College Counseling and Institutional Research at Western Reserve Academy in Ohio for four years, as a college counselor and English teacher, among other duties, at Northfield Mount Hermon in Massachusetts for seven years, and in various capacities at the Salisbury School in Connecticut for four years.

A native of New England in the USA, Jeff attended Northfield Mount Hermon for high school and then completed his undergraduate degree at Bowdoin College in Maine in international relations and the German language. He then completed his master's degree in English at Middlebury College's Breadloaf School of English. Finally, he expects to complete his doctorate from Northeastern University in Curriculum, Teaching, Learning, and Leadership before the end of 2021 with his dissertation focusing on global citizenship. Jeff is an avid sports fan and voracious reader. In his free time, he loves traveling and spending time with his family: his wife, Annie, who is an elementary school counselor; his daughter, Stella, who is in fifth grade; his son, Chase, who is in third grade; and, last but not least, his two dogs, Snoop and Kaya.

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