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For over fifty years, Dean Leonard Satterwhite has served as a leader in the world of college admissions, most notably at our nation's most highly selective colleges and universities. The list of schools where Dean Satterwhite has worked, in both an admissions and financial aid capacity, dates back to the early 1970s when he, as Assistant Director of Admissions at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, counseled students and their families on the college admissions and financial aid processes. Since his time at Vanderbilt, Dean Satterwhite has served in senior admissions roles at Davidson College, Rhodes College, Amherst College, Colorado College, Duke University, and Washington and Lee University.

Dean Satterwhite's leadership responsibilities have included the hiring, promotion, and assignment of admissions officer staff, as well as the oversight of an admissions and financial aid office budget of approximately 10 million dollars. Dean Satterwhite has reviewed and evaluated undergraduate applications for admission that number into the thousands. Additionally, Dean Satterwhite has been responsible for the recruitment and admission of Division 1 student-athletes in over 25 sports, including Lacrosse, Rowing, Soccer, Fencing, Baseball, and Wrestling.

During Dean Satterwhite's 50-year career in college admissions, he has visited public and private high schools in all fifty states, as well as schools outside the U.S. borders. Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts, Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, Harvard Westlake in California, and the Greenhill School in Texas represent a select sample of secondary schools where Dean Satterwhite has been a guest speaker.

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As a first generation college attendee, Dean Satterwhite earned undergraduate and master's degrees from Vanderbilt University. He has been a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) since 1975. And in 1999, Dean Satterwhite served as President of the Southern Association for College Admission Counseling (SACAC).

In 2021, Dean Satterwhite received The John A. "Jack" Blackburn Award for Ethics in College Admissions. Additionally, in 2022, Dean Satterwhite was the recipient of the Larry West Leadership Award, the highest award given by the Southern Association of College Admission Counseling in recognition of an admissions professional's outstanding contributions to the admission counseling profession, leadership within the profession, and dedication to the students for whom the admission counseling profession serves.

With an inviting smile and a wonderfully kind-spirit, Dean Leonard Satterwhite's wisdom, depth of experience, and insight into the inner workings of the college admissions and financial aid processes is unmatched.

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