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KAS brings global opportunities to Kaohsiung and southern Taiwan, by inspiring excellent holistic learning in a nurturing environment. We embrace collaboration, creativity and professionalism as we model a balanced learning environment. We have a strong commitment to professional development which aligns with schoolwide and personal learning goals.

Kaohsiung American School moved into its beautiful, purpose-built campus buildings in 2015/2016. We are recognized as the premier international school in southern Taiwan. We currently enroll 770 students from 40+ countries, although most of our students share Taiwanese heritage and Mandarin as a first language. The High School enrolls 260+ students and includes 35+ full or part time faculty members. All our students are multilingual learners.

College Counselor

As a College Counselor at KAS, you will play a pivotal role in helping our students make informed decisions about their academic and career paths. In the 9th and 10th grades, the emphasis is navigating the transition to high school, understanding learning styles, exploring interests, and delving into potential career paths. In the 11th and 12th grades, the work focuses extensively on the comprehensive college application process.

Our College Counseling program is growing from 1.5 to three full time professionals in July 2024. The counseling team will take on academic advising and other 'college readiness' roles and activities to support students in grades 9–12. The key responsibilities are in development as our team grows.

We look for faculty members with a learning mindset, "can do" approach to teaching and learning, a sense of humor, and a desire to contribute to innovation and improvement as a team player. Additionally, our team is seeking faculty who share a commitment to engaging in a diverse professional community that is growing in its DEIJ principles and practices.

Key Responsibilities for the College Counseling Team (in development):

- Academic and Career Advising: Provide personalized academic and career guidance to students, helping them set and achieve their educational and professional goals.
- College Preparation: Assist students in selecting appropriate courses, extracurricular activities, and enrichment opportunities to enhance their college applications.
- Internship and Summer Program Guidance: Liaising with our Future Leader Program (FLP) and Service Learning leaders to identify and recommend internship opportunities, summer programs, and extracurricular activities that align with students' interests and career aspirations.

- College Visits: Organize international college visits to expose students to a wide variety of higher education institutions.
- College Application Support: Guide students through the college application process, including essay writing, interview preparation, and scholarship applications.
- Parent and Student Workshops: Organize and conduct workshops and information sessions for both students and parents on college and career planning.
- Alumni Coordination: Work in collaboration with the Future Leaders Program Director to facilitate communication and outreach to graduates for events, networking, and mentorship opportunities for KAS students.
- Standardized Testing: Oversee the administration of standardized exams for students, which may include PSAT, SAT, and/or Advanced Placement assessments.
- Maintain Records: Keep detailed records of each student's progress, interests, and goals to track their academic and career development.

Preferred qualifications include:

- A Bachelor's degree in counseling, education, or a related field (Master's degree preferred).
- Previous experience in college or career counseling, preferably in an international school or selective university setting.
- Strong knowledge of American, European, and Australian higher education institutions, application processes, and admission requirements.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills in writing, speaking and presenting.
- Ability to work collaboratively with students, parents, and faculty.
- Demonstrated strengths as a self-starter who can contribute to a growing, innovative program.
- Familiarity with standardized tests and resources for test preparation.
- Fluency in English; fluency in Mandarin is a plus.
- Has life experiences that demonstrate, among other things, a growth mindset, versatility, adaptability and resilience.

Mission

KAS challenges students to achieve academic excellence and prepares them to be balanced individuals, independent learners, and global citizens.

Vision

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KAS Dragon Learners are...

Inquirers	Knowledgeable
Thinkers	Communicators
Principled	Open minded
Caring	Risk Takers

Balanced Reflective

Five things you should know about KAS

Belonging	We are an inclusive and supportive learning community embracing the diversity of people, thoughts and experiences.
Personalized Learning	We cultivate joyful learning that leads to life-long innovation and the pursuit of passions in and beyond the classroom.
Stewardship	We partner with and serve communities in southern Taiwan and around the globe.
Wellbeing	We promote social, emotional, intellectual and physical wellbeing for ourselves and others.
Excellence	We strive for our personal and collective best in every aspect of our facilities and programs.

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