



Cambridge students at top universities

Stanford University a big hit for Chris

Former Cambridge AICE student Christopher Hanson, now studying at Stanford University in California, USA talks to CIE about what the Cambridge program means to him.

Christopher graduated in 2007 from Bay High School which is located in Panama City, Florida, USA. He participated in Bay High School's Cambridge AICE programme, and received a Cambridge Scholar Award for his performance in his examinations. He is now studying for a Bachelor's degree in Biology and Natural Sciences at Stanford University in California.

Chris describes how the Cambridge programme of study had changed his life.

'The Cambridge AICE programme at Bay High School offered a challenging, engaging curriculum. My high school experience would have been completely flat without it. I took comfort in the fact that I was taking upper-level coursework, knowing that I was being prepared for a university curriculum. When I finished the programme, I felt legitimately prepared for college.

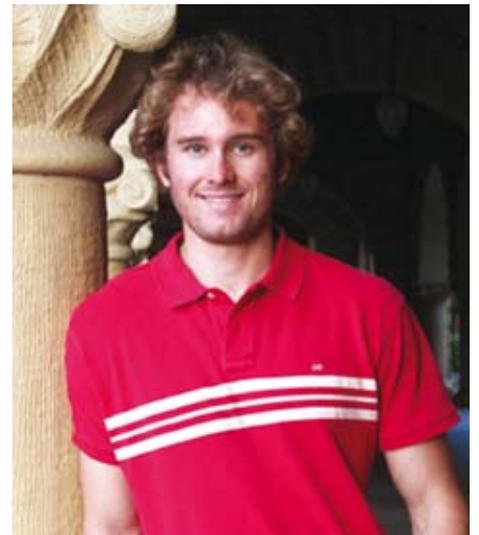
'I enjoyed learning in small classes and being taught by passionate, highly motivated teachers. The personal guidance and advice offered by the course coordinator proved invaluable. I also really enjoyed the Cambridge

textbooks – especially the biology textbook. They were lightweight, concise and visually stimulating.

'When I visited Stanford as a prospective student, I know those who spoke to me at the university were impressed with the fact that I was doing the Cambridge AICE programme, and I know it's a programme that is viewed favourably.

'The advisor at Stanford said: "Oh, hey – you're part of the Cambridge AICE programme? I actually just got out of a board meeting where we discussed that. Yes, we know what it is. We recognise it as a very strong programme."

'I would not have been admitted to Stanford without having studied with an advanced programme like Cambridge AICE and it thoroughly prepared me for life at Stanford. I took Cambridge International AS Level Biology, and I have since had a very successful career in the biological and natural sciences at Stanford. The same applies with Mathematics and English. I only wish I could have taken more AS and A Levels, in order to be even more prepared for other college subjects.



'I can't recommend the Cambridge programme highly enough. It got me into one of the top universities in the world and in the US. A brilliant programme, fantastic teachers and a lot of hard work have given me a wonderful head start, and I am grateful to Cambridge for that.'