

Why College is Important to Me  
by Laura Hart

Higher education following high school has always been a goal of mine. When I was a child, I never dreamed of being a ballerina or an artist, but rather a scientist, an occupation that I knew would require higher learning. I have spent over half my life researching colleges, almost every major available, and why certain universities are the institutions that are best suited to my interests. College is not only a dream for me, but also a tool that can lead me to success in the future. With college, I will be able to make my dreams reality, grow as an individual, and also better my community.

Science is my favorite subject and my refuge at school. I love its paradox; it is predictable yet at the same time inestimable. The opportunity of going to college and becoming a scientist is invaluable to me. The decision to attend college was one of the most vital decisions of my life. Attending college will allow me to provide for my future family and me as well. Universities represent more than schools to me; these institutions are chances of a happy, healthy life in the future.

I believe that college will allow me to grow as an individual. New surroundings, a wider variety of people, and an elevated system of learning will allow me to prepare myself for later life. Moving to a new area and living on a college campus in another environment will provide a new perspective of learning that I have not experienced before. Well-equipped laboratories and classrooms will allow me to achieve both new levels of interest and accomplishment in my educational conquests. Intramural sports and campus organizations will allow me to grow socially as well.

I believe that I will be a successful, contributing member of society following my completion of college and earning a degree in microbiology or some other form of science. I plan to use my major to find cures for genetic diseases. I truly believe that I will be able to positively benefit society in this manner. Without attending an institution of higher learning, I will not be able to complete what I consider to be my mission in life. I feel that I have found my calling, and college will definitely allow me

to pursue my goals.

To me, college represents the rest of my life. It represents all the classes I have spent hours studying for, every sports practice I have attended and also every student council or club meeting in which I have voiced my opinion. I view college as the culmination of my efforts, the zenith in which I hope to excel. College is more than the institution itself; it is the manifestation of my fear of failure and at the same time my dream of success. As a high school junior, I look forward to continuing my education. College is priceless to me in its ability to change my life.