

Why College Is Important to Me

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Imagine a vast room filled with shelves of jars. No jar possesses the same contents. The jars vary in size, shape, and color. Every day, I would walk through that room studying the jars. Each time there was an event in my life, I would label a couple of them. Eventually, all the jars in the room would be labeled and one day I would reach the end of the room to find a door once hidden behind a curtain. I would open it only to find a whole other room filled with more unlabeled jars. Everything about this room is larger in size including the jars. I then set out on the same journey to label the jars again. Rooms represent the phases of my life. The jars symbolize pieces of my knowledge and character while the labeling process illustrates my discovery of those aspects of myself. And the moment I open that door, I start a new phase of my life: college.

The new room, as mentioned before, has new jars. But many of those jars will have similar shapes and colors as those in the previous room. With what I had already learned, I am able to label those jars that look familiar to me. This is because I have experienced similar things in my life that help me do that. Whether those experiences were successes or mistakes doesn't matter. Every moment I've encountered allows me to label the jars I find in the new room, even if the size has increased for that particular aspect. College is another chance to gain experiences that will help me when I enter another room of my life.

I understand college as an opportunity to dig deeper into the aspects of my personality, a chance for me to fully explore the nooks and crannies of myself. Many new experiences will take place during college. These new experiences will help me label more of the jars in my room. And when I come across similar ones, I'll know what to label them. As I grow older, I will change. My character and personality will adapt. However, thanks to my previous adventures and the ones I will have in college, I'm able to label and dive deeper into knowing the contents of my personality jars. College is the next step in life and

in my own personal development: a chance for me to grow, to experience new things, and to understand myself in my own unique way.