

Seniors to attend colleges across state, U.S., world

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Kimberly Applewhite

First-choice school: New York University
Also applied to: UNC-CH, Columbia, Wake Forest, Brigham Young University, NC Central University, Wellesley, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Yale.
Anticipated Major: psychology, possible minor in English/American Literature
Extracurricular activities: plays piano, piccolo, flute, alto sax, member of Math Club at old school, head of 2006 Africa Fest, choreographer for the Wizard of Oz, member of several service organizations, participates in church youth group, church every day before school
Scholarships: a \$25,000 renewable scholarship to NYU, one-time award from National Achievement Corporation scholarship and Junior Miss pageant scholarship
Hardest part about high school: time management
Results: Next fall, Kim will start college at her "dream" school, NYU.

"I heard about it at my old school, but it was definitely just a dream then. I've been on their mailing list since then, so my interest in it has gradually increased over the years. NYU seemed like an excellent school for all the different fields I was interested in, so if I changed my mind while in school, I'd still be in a good place."
 Kim intends on utilizing her scholarship and the location and variety offered at NYU to pursue her future goals.
 "I want to be either a psychologist or a juvenile lawyer, so I'm going to spend time in college trying to figure out exactly what each of those entails. I plan on getting some internships through the scholars program I'm in, so I'll have some experience."

SOPHIA SULLIVAN

First-choice school: either Stanford or Princeton
Also applied to: NC State, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Arizona State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Anticipated major: Operations Research
Extracurricular activities: marching band at old high school, along with other clubs, in some plays, RLA
Scholarships: Rose-Hulman merit scholarship, Watson Scholarship and the Home-Builder's association scholarship
Hardest part of high school: "Learning how to deal with responsibility at NCSSM particularly. Learning to make lists and check them off, follow up with people, etc. And balancing my academics with exercise, free time, sleeping and any other duties was really hard."
Results: Sophia had a very specific college vision and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Indiana fit and is where she will be attending college.

"What I was looking for in a school was kind of unique. I wanted a small engineering school devoted entirely to undergraduate education, and Rose-Hulman is exactly that. When I visited, I loved the campus, the professors I met."

While Sophia had specific needs from the college she chose, she also has a very focused plan for her future.

"I would like to become an Operations Research consultant years in the future. Hard work and focus are the only things that will get me there."

BEN REINHARDT

First-choice school: none
Also applied to: Duke, State, MIT, Princeton, Caltech
Anticipated major: some kind of engineering, maybe aerospace
Extracurricular activities: Science Bowl, Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl, Ultimate Frisbee, Robotics Team, Latin Club, Research
Scholarships: none
Hardest part of high school: "Learning that life is more than just getting your homework done and sitting in your room."
Results: Ben chose to make the move across the country to attend Caltech, and will be facing many changes.

"Obviously, I won't be as close to home, especially so, since I live in Chapel Hill. I'll go home all of three times a year for spring, summer and winter breaks. I'll also probably be doing a junk load more work."
 The extreme distance away made the decision more difficult for Ben and made Caltech harder for his parents to accept.
 "I'm not exactly happy about moving to the other side of the country. Obviously my mom isn't happy about me being on the other side of the country either. [My family] just went along with whatever I chose."

DAVE SHAW

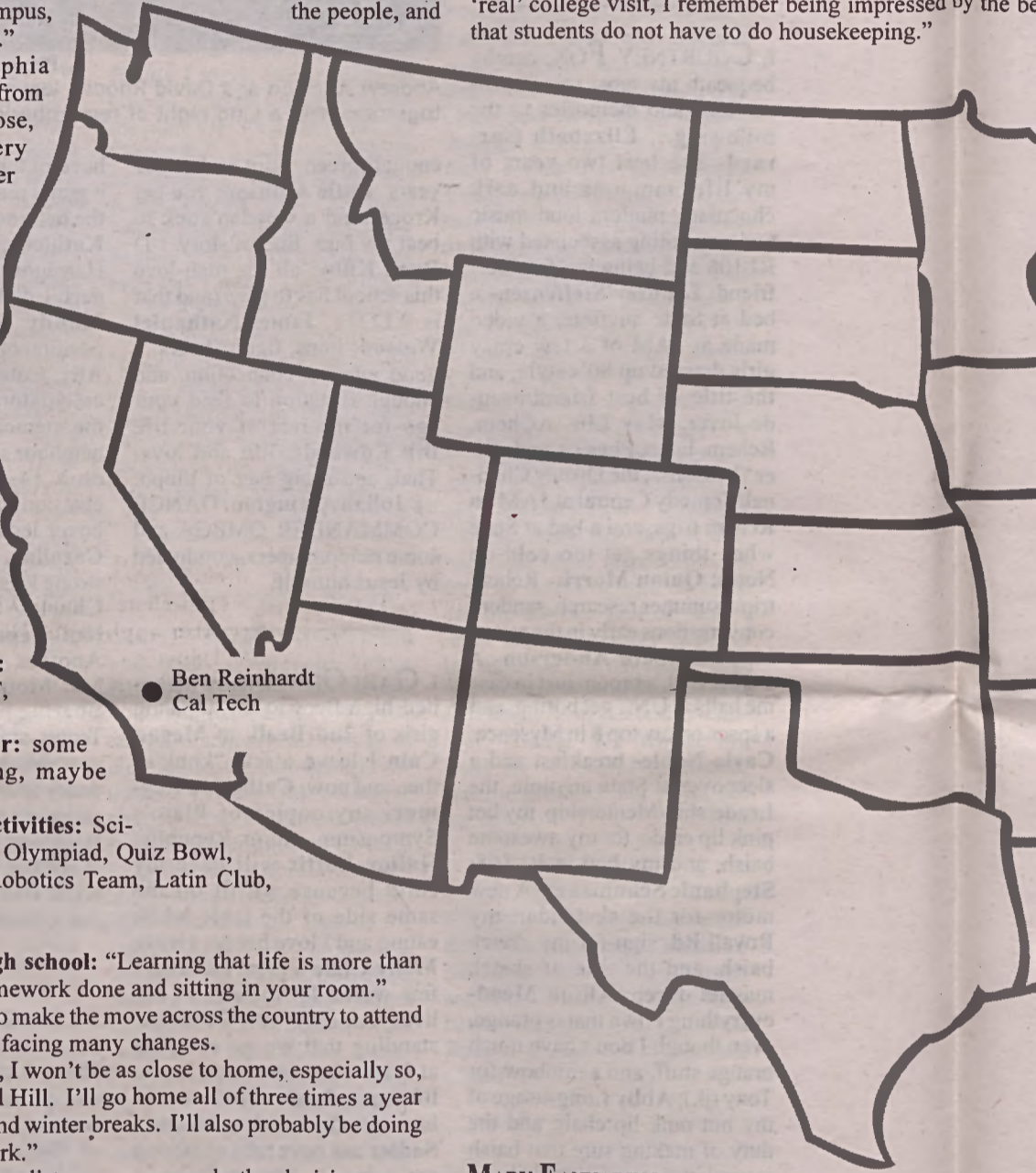
First-choice school: UNC-Asheville
Also applied to: UNC-CH, Chowan University
Anticipated major: either literature or philosophy
Extracurricular activities: varsity soccer freshman and sophomore year, IM soccer junior and senior year, started Sgt Pepper's Lonely Heart Club as a senior
Hardest part of high school: "Probably getting out of bed for the first class, whenever it may have been. There's always been the temptation to just stare at the ceiling. Finding motivation, would be my guess"
Results: Dave made the easy decision to attend UNC-A next year.

"I hear about their great humanities department, small campus size and great location and was hooked. I love the mountains, so it was an easy pick. I took a trip to campus over Thanksgiving and loved it. The town was beautiful, and the professors were actually pretty interesting."
 His choice was not as easy for his mother to accept.
 "My mom was very reluctant to let me attend because my parent's house is about 7.5 hours from Asheville, but she really thought it was pretty so she let me go."

EMME JOHNSTON

First-choice school: "I wanted to go to all of them."
Also applied to: Mount Holyoke, Barnard College, Brown College, Smith College, Wellesley College
Anticipated major: undecided major, but currently thin environmental studies, statistics or English. Minor in music
Extracurricular activities: played cello in the Triangle Orchestra, and the North Carolina Honors Orchestra as well Brevard Music Festival, started NCSSM's Music Club, pr community service activities
Scholarships: Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, Nichols STRIDE research award from Smith College and a leader
Hardest part of high school: "Learning to have 'me' time my other responsibilities that I forget to give myself time to have fun."
Results: Emme was introduced to Mount Holyoke College to attend the Mass. school next year.

"I went to a summer camp in Massachusetts the summer before and decided that it would be a good time to visit some colleges. I visited much from this first [visit to Mount Holyoke], but when I visited a 'real' college visit, I remember being impressed by the beauty of that students do not have to do housekeeping."



MARY EANNARINO

First-choice school: Davidson and Kenyon
Also applied to: Grinnell, UNC-CH, UNC-A, Connecticut College, Bryn Mawr, NYU
Anticipated major: undecided
Extracurricular activities: varsity soccer freshman and sophomore years, cross country sophomore year, involved in to Youth Council, church youth group, MPC, involved in 3 theater productions, Model UN, been a part of the Sustainability Coalition and Durham Outreach
Scholarships: Presidential Scholarship from Davidson
Hardest part of high school: "I think mostly some of the stress aspects, especially before I came here. In high school people can be really critical and unkind just because they're insecure. But I think everyone is insecure: we're all trying to figure out who we are and how we fit in."

Results: Once Dr. Miller recommended Davidson to her, Mary added the North Carolina private school to her list of colleges to apply to, and after touring chose Davidson to attend next year.
 "I went to visit in October last year, and I fell in love with the school. The campus was beautiful, the students were all friendly and really nice, and the classes I went to were really challenging and interesting."
 One thing to consider in the decision making process for Mary was the loss of the tuition grant earned by all NCSSM graduates.
 "My college isn't out of state but it is private, so I did lose my grant money. It did make it a little harder to turn down Carolina, just because it's such a good school and costs very little to NCSSM students. But I think that Davidson will be a good fit for me"