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## Choices, Choices

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doctor and while I know it's a long and difficult path, getting into a good college is the first step in the right direction." Chu's aspirations capture much of the sentiment of incoming seniors - that college is a necessary stepping stone to success.

Picking a college seems to be tantamount to defining someone's entire future, but we have to realize that there are always more options, and for young adults, college is not a matter of life and death. As a rising senior myself, I've been overwhelmed with flyers, pamphlets, and emails from a variety of colleges. With literally thousands of colleges from which teens can choose, it's easy to get lost in a mass of indecision. Coupled with the dozens of majors to pick, coming to a consensus could seem practically impossible. However, it's important to remember that millions of seniors make these decisions year by year, and no matter what the outcome, everything works out.

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Come senior year, the question on most students' minds (and on most parents' lips) is, "Where do you want to go to college?" For most seniors, college is one of the most important decisions they have ever encountered in their lives so far. As newly graduated teens prepare to enter college and rising seniors nervously begin planning their applications, many are worried about the difficult choices that lie ahead. College is undoubtedly a new and different experience, and sometimes it can be difficult to let go and embrace the future.

Rachel Breen, a graduate of Miramonte High School, says, "I'm glad the intensive college application process is over, but I'm still a little nervous about moving across the continent. It will definitely be a new and different experience!" Breen will be attending The Juilliard School in New York City, a much different environment from the Bay Area. Nevertheless, she's excited to have a fresh start on the East Coast.

The fear of rejection plays an unnerving and stressful part of the application process. It's never great to face failure, and when a college says no, it can seem like a devastating declaration of not being good enough. However, the college process is not a categorization of one's self-worth. Colleges have their own reasons when picking one person over another, and rejection can never be taken personally.

Senior Avan Chu admits, "I'm really nervous about the entire college process. I want to be a

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