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Attending College

“Mustafa, when do you want to make an appointment regarding your college applications?” My High School counselor asked as I was walking down the hallway. “Are you available tomorrow?” I replied. “Sure, just stop by” She nodded. As I made my way back to my next class, I started to think about how fast High School went by. I was astonished. I thought back to myself, I can still remember every small detail in my first day of High School like it was yesterday.

By junior year, I started hearing questions like “where will you be applying?” or “What college do you plan on attending?” from many of my classmates. I never truly knew where I wanted to apply or attend. I had many unanswered questions for me to decide where I wanted to go. For instance, how much debt will I be in? Do I want to commute? Do I want to pursue my soccer career? What will be my major? Therefore, my answer to their question always was “Still figuring it out”. I thought to myself I had plenty of time to decide, it’s only junior year.

Before I knew it, it was senior year, I was sitting in a chair in front of my High School counselor being asked...

“Where do you intend on applying?” She asked

“I haven’t settled on a specific field or major which is conflicting with my choice of colleges” I answered

“Have you talked to your parents about it yet?” She asked

“No, I have been doing research on my own time but I haven’t come to a conclusion” I said

“I will give you till sometime next week to discuss with your parents and try to come to a conclusion” My counselor suggested

I agreed to the deal and acted upon it as soon as I got home. I sat down with my parents and presented all the questions I had that was conflicting my choice of colleges.

“I had a meeting today with my councilor regarding my college applications.” I started off saying

‘How did it go?’ My Mom quickly asked

“Well, I did not decide on anything yet because I have some unanswered questions” I replied

“What are your questions, let’s see if we can help” My Dad entering the conversation

“I cannot settle on a college because I don’t know which one would best fit my major” I blurted

“You can always go in as undecided until you figure out what you want to major in” my Dad replied

“Didn’t you say you were interested in engineering?” My Mom asked

“That was sophomore year” I quickly responded

“Well then, like your dad said, your best bet is going in undecided at first” She said agreeing with my Dad

“What’s another question holding you back from deciding?” My dad asked

“Debt, how much debt will I be in after I am done with college” I asked nervously

“Well, that will also depend on your major. How many years it will take you to finish plays a role.” He said

At this point of the conversation I realized that the questions I had were a chain. They each lead to one another.

“Have you thought about Delaware County Community College?” My Mom asked curiously.

“I have not, but I heard from some friends who plan on going that you save a lot of money by going there” I quickly responded

“Yes, that way if you pick a major and want to change it, it wouldn’t be as costly” She replied

It quickly started to add up. Attending Delaware County Community College has already solved two of my problems, debt and picking a major. I also have close friends that will be attending there too. I found it to be a great resolution towards my hesitation on my decisions.

“I wonder if they have a soccer team?” I added on curiously

“I think you need to focus more on figuring out your major as of now then playing soccer” My mom said

I haven't yet decided on if I wanted to continue playing soccer. I thought to myself that is something I need to figure out on my own instead of asking anyone for advice. I had just got done with my last season and had mixed feelings on carrying on with soccer in college. Part of me agreed with my mom. What if it takes up too much of my time and I can't balance it out with school work. I listened to my mom and indeed pushed back soccer temporarily. As I came to the conclusion that Delaware County Community College is the best option for me as it buys me time, saves me money, and is close by.