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Dear Ms. Kenny,

In my college search I decided to conduct research on three colleges that I am interested in: Boston University, University of Pittsburgh, and Rutgers New Brunswick. In these schools, I found that they had a relatively high amount of students, which is something that I really hope for as I consider myself a social person who likes to be around other people. Because of this, many of these schools also have a lot of things to do as part of the university's student life. I also picked these schools because they are all in the Northeast, a region I absolutely love as it is where I have grown up all of my life and it is close to home so the commute back for holidays and family reunions will not be a hassle. Additionally, these schools, especially Rutgers, are extremely diverse which is a value that I feel is important in my choice of university. The academics again at these schools can too be at a higher level, especially BU which seems to be the most challenging of the three for me to get into, just as the competition is so high for the academics alone.

Depending on how I feel my senior year depends if I will go into these colleges with a declared or undecided major. Though, all three of these schools that I researched have multiple classes that I have found myself interested in, and all have a pre-law route and an engineering school, which may be something that I may consider as possible career and major paths. I would first want to try a variety of courses my freshman year, as I want to make sure I know of my interests and try new things before I make a huge decision like declaring my major.

When it comes to finance, it would seem that I could afford both Pitt and Rutgers, but BU will be more difficult to attend due to the extremely high tuition rate. Our options for these schools will require loans to be taken out and I will have to look at different options for scholarships in order to be able to both afford this school and limit my student loans coming out of college.

In getting accepted to these schools, I have found that BU I can consider to be a reach/on my level school and I would consider both Rutgers and Pitt to be more of safety schools. This is because BU is a very competitive school that has a smaller number of students which means a smaller number of spots. BU requires both a high GPA and high test scores in order to get in there is also a lower acceptance rate into this school, than all of the others. Also to get into these schools, two of the three is a part of the common application. All three schools also require an essay as part of the application and only one of the three school considers a student's class rank as part of getting admitted into the school.

Between now and application time for these schools, I must certainly study for the SATs and get a high score. I must also try to keep my grades as high as possible to help elevate my GPA. Too, I should conduct lots more research of these colleges and others that I may be interested to see what what schools are realistic for me to get into. I should also start forming

better relationships with certain teachers so that they can write good letters of recommendation, which gives me a better chance at getting into the schools of my choice.

As part of my goals and dreams, I aspire to be a person of influence who can make a change in society. As long as these schools can help me earn an education and establish cool connections with other influential figures, I will be happy. Through college I would also want to have new experiences and make new friends, and as a goal I would want to grow as a person. According to some of my personality tests, I am an extrovert who stimulates and helps others, while still in a position where I can lead others, these values have influenced my decisions to choose these large, and well-known colleges which are sure to allow me to utilize my personality traits through different clubs and groups.

Sincerely yours,

Student
Margaret Allen