

How many colleges did you apply to?

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Woah.

Yeah, I applied to a lot.



[laughs] I'm not going to ask you to name all of them, but what was your top choice?

Emory. Emory and Rice.

Emory because it's close to home?

Yeah, close to home, and it's also really sexy. [laughs]

I was also going to apply to Emory. I lived ten minutes away from there. And why was Emory your top choice?

Because it was close to home, and I thought that it was the only school I was able to get into, realistically. So that's why it was my top choice.

And why did you end up choosing Dartmouth? You can be as honest as you'd like.

I don't know, like – also, it was Questbridge. I had no choice but to go to Dartmouth because they matched me here, but. You know. If I had a choice I wouldn't be going here – just kidding. I'm just kidding. I love Dartmouth.

And how much did your race or identity factor into your college choices and how did it shape your application?

My race? I mean, I applied as a psychology major, and the reason why I'm doing psychology is for the East Asian community and the stigma against – the mental health issues in that community. So just

being Asian and going through those issues helped me shape my major, which helped me shape how I applied to college. The content of my college application. But I don't think my being Asian really affected how... *(she trailed off here)*

⑥ ② That's cool. It didn't really affect me much either. And how much do you know about the end of affirmative action last year, and what are your feelings on it?

I think I got in because of affirmative action [laughs] even though I'm Asian, I feel like I got in because of affirmative action, so I don't know. At first I was against it - sorry. Wait. No, what was I saying? At first, I was really sad that it ended. That's what I meant to say. And... I kind of just forgot about it. Because I already got in, so, yeah, I don't have a stance on it, I guess.

Similarly, how do you feel about Dartmouth reinstating the standardized test requirement?



I don't really agree with it, just because the requirement part seems problematic to me. I feel like they were fine doing tests preferred, not required. A lot of people have niche situations that prevent them from taking the test, so having it required just really lowers the amount of applications being submitted. I do agree that your scores could reflect how you do in college in the future, but I don't think everyone has the ability to even take a test. And that's just me. I hear a lot of international points of views, so I just think there's so many specific situations. Like, why make it required?

And where are you from? You can answer this however you'd like.

I'm from Florida. I lived in Florida my entire life, but I moved to Georgia two years ago.

And did your parents attend college in the US?

No, they didn't attend college at all. Or high school or middle school.

So first gen?



Yeah, I'm first gen.

And do you feel your identity – and this is whatever you think is important to you – has impacted you significantly at Dartmouth? And can you name a specific occasion if so?

For sure. I think my identity as an FGLI [first generation low income student] has shaped my community a lot. I was involved in FYSEP at the beginning of the year [First Year Summer Experience Program for FGLI students], and I really got to hear everyone's identity and how they feel on this campus too, and I think that... wait. Let me think. [pause]

Yeah, I don't think I'd be where I am right now if it wasn't for my identity, I'm not going to lie. I think being Asian and FGLI has formed my communities. So I guess it's impacted me because I have a really specific community that is similar to me. And name a specific occasion? Hm. I'm involved in Agape, and Agape is a Christian, like Asian club, and they made me fit in well because they're also Asian and Christian. So I guess my identity is shaped by how I join clubs. Like KSA [Korean Student Association] and Korean people.

