



Launch to College Program

Our Philosophy

Common perspectives students and society often share:		Wildewood's perspectives on the same issues:
1. <i>From Students:</i> What's done is done. What will be will be. I can't do much about it now.	➔	You are <i>just</i> getting started, and <u>this process</u> is <i>very much</i> in your control. <i>The story you shape is in your control.</i> (Let's play with Legos for a minute!)
2. <i>From Society:</i> You have to get into the best college that you possibly can.	➔	Aim to discover the <u>right</u> college for you. What do you love? What do you want to avoid? What <u>feelings</u> do certain places give you?
3. <i>From Students:</i> I have to know what I want to do with my life.	➔	You need only take the first step towards a path that excites you. The longer path will reveal itself along the way.
4. <i>From Society:</i> Imagine that moment that you post your decision on social media.	➔	Imagine a moment in your first year when things get hard. You'll want to know you're fundamentally in the right place.
5. <i>From Society:</i> Which college you attend is the most important decision you'll ever make.	➔	How you choose to embrace <i>learning</i> is what will determine your happiness in life long after college.
6. <i>From Society:</i> This process is going to be painful.	➔	This process can be unbelievably fun and fulfilling.
7. <i>From Society:</i> This process will reveal who you are.	➔	This process will help you discover who you are. " <i>We write to discover what we think.</i> " ~Joan Didion
8. <i>From Students:</i> My parents / guardians / family members are going to annoy me with lots of demands.	➔	They are the people who know you best and support you the most. If you push them away, who is left?

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9. <i>From Students:</i> AI can save me if I don't want to write.	➔	AI is like a knife: you can use it to cook or use it to kill. Be very careful about which way you are using it.
10. <i>From Some College Counselors:</i> For a lot of money, we will make sure you get everything done.	➔	For much less money, we will empower you to understand and control the process. We will hold you accountable, but we will <i>not</i> micromanage you.
11. <i>From Society:</i> The adults handle the money.	➔	When you're very lucky, that's true. And you're an adult now, so you're part of that.
12. <i>From Students:</i> I need a ton of help.	➔	You need the <i>right</i> support because the power is already within you. And you need three things: (1) time, (2) a system (including a calendar), (3) access to experience.