

NEXT STEP STRESS

SENIOR MIA WIBBENS LOOKS FORWARD TO COLLEGE, DESPITE ALL THE PRESSURE

College looms around the corner for many seniors: the next part of their educational journey, and the beginning of their adulthood. College is the next step for many seniors and this can be extremely stressful with pressure from parents, expectations, and the idea that it will decide the rest of their lives.

“I was very stressed and lost on what to do and there was a scare that I wouldn’t get it done on time,” senior Mia Wibbens said.

One of the most stressful parts of the college experience can be the search, as things could be extremely overwhelming.

“Just narrowing down the colleges I was considering was stressful,” Wibbens said. “I didn’t want to close any doors or overlook an opportunity that might have been great for me.”

Seniors all across the country may be pressured to consider what they want to do with their lives, something not everyone

has figured out.

“The most challenging part of my college research has been trying to figure out a lot of it myself and figure out what I need to do so that I do it right,” Wibbens said.

Unfortunately, Wibben’s majors didn’t help her narrow her search.

“My major hasn’t really affected my college look and whatnot. Psychology and medicine are pretty easy majors and all schools carry it so it wasn’t a hard factor for me,” Wibbens said.

Another aspect of college decisions can be the distance from family.

“I applied to those two schools (CSU and CU Boulder) because they are in-state and not too far away from home. My sister went to CSU and loved it and I’ve always wanted to go but then I also fell in love with Boulder and its campus,” Wibbens said.

Even after narrowing down

the search, applications are still challenging.

“I’d say the college essay is the most stressful part of anything college-related that I’ve had to deal with. Just figuring out what I wanted to use and talk about stressed me out more than anything else,” Wibbens said.

Although college may be stressful, it’s the next step for many people’s lives and a source of excitement for a lot of seniors.

“I’m actually really looking forward to going to college. More and more it’s becoming appealing and I’m excited to kind of begin that new chapter of my life. College gives you a home away from home and allows you to meet like-minded people so I’m incredibly eager to experience that,” Wibbens said.

College can be challenging a time for seniors taking that next step in their higher education. But with all the stress, pressure, and planning, seniors can still look forward to college.

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1 **S** **T** **E** **P** Contact your school counselor about college application requirements. This involves test scores, information about transcripts, and even scholarship opportunities.

2 **S** **T** **E** **P** Use the information from your counselor to narrow down your options. Take into account your potential majors, cost, and and place when applying. When narrowing your search, make sure to research the colleges you might attend.

3 **S** **T** **E** **P** Apply to the colleges you’ve researched. Use the Common App that your counselor will set you up with and fill out all questions, prompts, and information the application asks you for.

CHICAGO TO COLORADO

LILY TECU’S FIRST YEAR AT CASTLE VIEW

There are endless brand new faces this year at Castle View, one being Lily Tecu. She has moved here from Chicago and has had to adjust to not only the new school, but to living in Colorado.

One challenge Tecu faced was adjusting to new people and learning about the students here. Tecu said this school was a lot cleaner than her old school, but the pods are very confusing. One thing that helped her with finding her way was the people around the school.

“I met a lot of people on the first day so I had people to hang out with,” Tecu said.

Tecu thinks that it was very easy to settle into the school because of how welcoming people were.

Although Tecu likes the sports program from her old

school better, she still has a great time playing with her new team.

“It’s a lot different than my old school because tennis was in the fall, not the spring so I was able to play all summer,” Tecu said.

The tennis schedule at her old school was different, and so was her schedule for her classes.

“We had all of our classes in one day. It wasn’t like the block schedule,” Tecu said.

Although she has had to adjust to a ton of new material at Castle View, Tecu now has had time to find her way around the school and has made many friends. She has adjusted to the different schedule, and the new hockey season.

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