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College research paper

I have made the decision that after high school I will be attending Tompkins Cortland Community College (TC3). After I receive my associate's degree in Criminal Justice from TC3, I plan on attending another four year school for at least two more years. I have not decided which colleges I will be applying to at that point. I have a good idea of a couple schools, but have not made a decision completely. Three of the main schools I will be looking to apply to after TC3 are the schools of SUNY Fredonia, Mansfield University and Le Moyne College. I am planning on getting a degree in the field of Criminal Justice and I have done enough research to know that all of these schools have classes in that field, although some are much cheaper than others. SUNY schools are cheaper in price than Mansfield or Le Moyne. I plan on going to TC3 because it's the cheapest way to get my associate's degree. In this paper I will explain the differences between the schools I am debating over and several facts about the campus life for all three.

Aside from going to college for Criminal Justice, I plan on playing baseball, since it is my favorite sport and I excel at it. All of the schools I am currently looking at support baseball in their athletic programs. The first school for playing baseball, as well as taking criminal justice

classes, that I was looking at was Le Moyne University in Syracuse, New York. According to the athletic home page of their website, they have quite a great athletic program:

Le Moyne College boasts one of the strongest intercollegiate athletic programs in the region. Supporting 17 sports (eight men and nine women), Le Moyne has claimed numerous conference titles and earned NCAA Tournament berths competing at the highest levels while producing countless All-Conference and All-American performers.

Le Moyne also includes several club teams as well as intramural programs. Over 75% of students at the school play sports since it is a great way to make new friends and fit in. This means that I will most certainly, one way or another, play baseball and/or another sport at Le Moyne if I choose to attend there.

This college also offers a great criminal justice program to its students. In the opening line to the “Criminology” section of Le Moyne’s website, it states, “The criminology major aims to develop students to a point of learning that leaves them well prepared for their future career goals.” This surely indicates that the school plans on well educating its students. This is something that I look for in a college that I would plan on attending.

Another college that I was debating on attending besides Le Moyne is SUNY Fredonia. Fredonia is a great college and I have heard a lot of great things about it, since my brother went there for an entire four years to get his bachelor’s degree in teaching. Even though he went for teaching, he tells me a lot of great things that he has heard about their criminal justice program. After doing a little searching on the website for Fredonia, I came across a page called,

“Criminal Justice Bachelor of Arts Degree.” On this page, it states several things that a student would experience if they were to study in this department at this college. The opening statement says, “The Bachelor of Arts degree program in Criminal Justice is an interdisciplinary curriculum that offers broad based knowledge of crime and delinquency, criminal law and procedure, police science and security, and the juvenile justice system.” These are the main topics involved in the field of Criminal Justice. This is a huge part of the profession that everyone should know if they plan on being an officer. There was not much to read about specifically about athletics or baseball, but I have heard many great things from my older brother. However, in the “Campus Life” section of the site, it states the following,

The Williams Center provides students, staff, faculty, and the local community a location to participate in various social, academic, and culturally diverse activities. Events held in the Williams Center include, but are not limited to: lectures, banquets, comedians, and music performances. The building provides meeting space for campus organizations and is home to The Spot Game Room and the Campus Grind Coffeehouse.

This would offer me several different opportunities to make new friends and to just relax after a long hard day of baseball practice or studying. This center is a place that every college should have so that its students may interact with each other.

Last but not least, is my number one choice that I am planning on attending after I graduate from Newfield. This is the college of TC3. I have done a lot of looking into this college. I know a lot about it already and I know a lot about its classes and athletics. I also did some

research on the Web, though. While researching this college online I came across the “Academics” page and it said:

TC3 offers associate degrees and certificates in 41 program areas. Some of these programs are occupationally-oriented, designed to provide the skills you need to enter the job market immediately upon graduation. Other programs are designed to provide the first two years of study toward a bachelor’s degree at a four-year college or university.

This made me think that this school really must care about its students. This school would make me ready to go out into the world and get a job right out of college. This makes me really interested in going to school there. Now the TC3 baseball coach also showed interest in me coming and being a pitcher for him in the fall of next year after I graduate. This highly interests me in attending the school also. The school is much accelerated in the athletics department. One great thing that is shown on “Wikipedia” is that, “Dozens of former TC3 student-athletes have gone on to play at four-year institutions, often earning scholarships.” This is something that I only dream of doing. I hope to become an even better baseball player at TC3 and earn myself a scholarship to another great school to play baseball and be noticed.

Although I have many choices of colleges that I would like to go to, I am most certain about attending TC3 due to my financial situation. I think it’s a great start to getting a good education and being noticed for my athletic ability as well. I will still be applying to the other colleges and making it my duty to find out more about them and deciding whether I want to go there after TC3 or not.

