

Why is attending college important to you? This is a question most students are probably asked when applying to college. Of course, I believe that one of the main reasons is to get an education. From junior high to high school, to college, education has always been such an important thing. Learning and being knowledgeable has always been important to me. How does the human body work, how did America become one of the centerpieces of the world's history, how to find the square root of pie, all these different wonders and points of curiosity running through my head constantly amazed me. I always thought I am going go to college and get a job with my education. Maybe I would learn about Anatomy to be a doctor, or physics and calculus to be an engineer. I told myself that no matter what I learned, I would use it to be successful in some way shape, or form.

However, as I've grown and become more familiar with the college concept, I now understand that going to college is so much more than just getting an education and paving the way for my future. Going to college is also about developing character and finding yourself in the game we play called life. Maybe you're the type of person to surround yourself with friends who are interested in sports, or maybe friends who are interested in performing arts, going to college helps you find your clique, find you your people. The people who may very well end up being your friends for life. College helps you find your interests in life like art, music, or whatever it is that catches your attention. In addition to getting an education, developing character, and finding yourself, college is important to me because it shows that I can break the stereotypical boundaries put in place for me because of the color of my skin. The narrative that African-American people don't attend college and barely graduate high school, is not a narrative that I want to be written for my life. Going to college is important to me because it sets a tone that African Americans, especially males, like myself are just as capable of attending college and being successful as non-people of color. I get to pave my own future instead of the future that society has paved for me, and that is why attending college is so important to me.