

## Personal Profile

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During my college search, I decided that I wanted to attend a relatively small school. I also wanted to find an establishment where the faculty were genuinely concerned with the well being of their students. After visiting and attending an orientation session, I realized that Fairmont fit that build. I was amazed at how much the staff took an interest in my success.

Since starting my classes, the one thing that was completely unexpected was the level of comfort I feel in class. In high school, it almost seemed as though teachers tried to scare students into thinking that college would be an immensely difficult experience. Upon arriving, I have found that my professors do everything they can to make it an enjoyable experience.

I have had only positive experiences with the honors program. As an honors student, I have access to honors classes, which should be taken advantage of if possible. I was able to take an honors introductory psychology course with fifteen other people, as opposed to a general course with around eighty other students. The honors program is also into social activities. There are constantly parties, meetings, and evening trips into Fairmont. If nothing else, honors is a great way to meet new people.

I have found my honors courses here very different than those I had in high school. At Fairmont, the professors give their students more academic freedoms. Essentially, they treat us like honors students. In high school, on the other hand, many teachers seemed to interpret honors as a course in which they were obligated to assign a larger workload.

This may not necessarily be the best piece of advice I have to offer, but it is the advice that I personally would have benefitted from the most. That is that you should not begin a college search with any prejudicial ideas about a college. You have to go to them and be sure to talk to at least one student there, and a few staff members if possible.