



The CollegeBound Network is the host and creators of the weekly #CollegeBound chat, held each Monday on Twitter from 4-5 p.m. EST. This is the transcript from July 26, 2010:

*What I Learned from My College Mistakes - College can be the best four years of your life, but that doesn't mean that they are perfect. Come chat with us as we dish on some of the mistakes we've made and, yes, downright dumb things we've done in college--and learn why we're better for the experience.*

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**CollegeSurfing:** RT [@CollegeBoundNet](#): This week on [#CollegeBound](#) chat: "What I Learned from My College Mistakes." Who's in? <http://bit.ly/b7jzo8> 7:49 pm

**campusbound:** Looking forward to the CollegeBound chat - but, meeting with a great family at 4 - so - may not be able to make comments. [#CollegeBound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet:** [@campusbound](#) Nice! Will be great to have you even as a lurker today. :) [#CollegeBound](#)

**DawnPapandrea:** Ooh, sounds fun! RT [@TheWriteWoman](#): Meet me at 4:00 for [#CollegeBound](#) chat: "What I Learned from My College Mistakes." Could be juicy!

**Russell\_Golowin:** RT [@CollegeSurfing](#): RT [@CollegeBoundNet](#): This week on [#CollegeBound](#) chat: "What I Learned from My College Mistakes." <http://bit.ly/b7jzo8>

**SuzanneShaffer:** RT [@akilbello](#): this chat should be 9 hrs RT [@CollegeBoundNet](#): This wk on [#CollegeBound](#) chat: "What I Learned from My College Mistakes" <http://bit.ly/b7jzo8>

**SuzanneShaffer:** [@CollegeBoundNet](#) This will be an exhaustive list--I imagine there are TONS of lessons out there [#collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet:** I'm Barbara--went to UG at Wagner College & grad at Emerson College. [#collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet:** [@SuzanneShaffer](#) This is why we use a hashtag--if you remember something later, just add to our convo! [#collegebound](#)

[SuzanneShaffer](#): Didn't go to college, but do my kids count? Daughter-Bentley and Emerson, son-Suffolk [#collegebound](#)

[CollegeSurfing](#): [@CollegeBoundNet](#) I'm Dawn. Went to St. John's undergrad, NYU grad. [#collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): [@SuzanneShaffer](#) Of course! [#collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): [@SuzanneShaffer](#) Oh, she and I have something in common. I have my MFA from Emerson. [#collegebound](#)

[campusbound](#): Fuji from Campus Bound. Graduated from Norwich University [#CollegeBound](#)

[SuzanneShaffer](#): [@CollegeBoundNet](#) What was your grad major at Emerson? [#collegebound](#)

[cappexcom](#): Hi, I'm Sarah from Cappex - I went to Michigan State University [#collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): Feel free to join us at any time, folks. Lurkers are welcome, as are latecomers. [#collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): Welcome everyone! Glad to see you all. [#collegebound](#)

[SuzanneShaffer](#): Happy to be here. Always enjoy these chats--great take-away information every time! [#collegebound](#)

[GenerationSUNY](#): Hi [#collegebound](#)! I'm GenerationSUNY, representing the FINE institution that is [#SUNY](#)! This is my first time, take it easy on me

[CollegeBoundNet](#): We'll be discussing a lot of topics today in relation to our own college experience, or those of your children. [#collegebound](#)

[CollegeSurfing](#): [@Russell\\_Golowin](#) Thanks for the RT -- hope you'll join us in progress! [#collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): [@GenerationSUNY](#) Yay! You're here! [#collegebound](#)

[CollegeSurfing](#): [@GenerationSUNY](#) Welcome SUNY! Lots of family/friends have graced your halls. :-)  
[#collegebound](#)

[SuzanneShaffer](#): [@NSlayton](#) [@TauhidChappell](#) [@KevinLoker](#) [@joshuadfishman](#) [@fsufashiongirl](#) If you are free, join us now for [#collegebound](#) chat!

**CollegeBoundNet:** @[SuzanneShaffer](#) Creative Writing. #[collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet:** OK, first question. Q1: 1. WHERE DID YOU GO TO COLLEGE? LOOKING BACK, WAS THAT THE BEST SCHOOL FOR YOU? #[collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet:** @[CollegeBoundNet](#) Wow, I numbered that three times. Sorry. #[collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet:** #[collegebound](#) 8:07 pm **CollegeSurfing:** RT @[CollegeBoundNet](#): OK, first question. Q1: 1. WHERE DID YOU GO TO COLLEGE? LOOKING BACK, WAS THAT THE BEST SCHOOL FOR YOU? #[collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet:** I went to Wagner, and though it wasn't my first choice at the time, it turned out to be the BEST choice for me. #[collegebound](#)

**SuzanneShaffer:** @[CollegeBoundNet](#) My daughter made the best UG choice (with my help!), my son should have stayed in Texas (less debt) #[collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet:** @[rlibby01](#) Hi there! Welcome! #[collegebound](#)

**CollegeSurfing:** @[CollegeBoundNet](#) Q1: St. John's -- perfect for me because I had a full scholarship. ;- ) Regret not dorming, though. #[collegebound](#)

**cappexcom:** Q1: I went to Michigan State University - it ended up being perfect. Loved the campus, great programs, great friends. #[collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet:** @[SuzanneShaffer](#) Yes, staying in state has its tuition perks. #[collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet:** @[CollegeSurfing](#) Good point about dorming. #[collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet:** @[SuzanneShaffer](#) IMC!!! #[collegebound](#) 8:09 pm **FSUfashiongirl:** Q1: I went to Florida State because it has a great fashion program, fashion organizations & it was covered by Bright Futures #[collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet:** Wagner was in my hometown of Staten Island, but I dorned anyway. My scholarship covered it--great experience. #[collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet:** @[FSUfashiongirl](#) Tell us about Bright Futures... #[collegebound](#)

**CollegeSurfing:** @[FSUfashiongirl](#) All excellent reasons! Plus good football, too, right? #[collegebound](#)

[SuzanneShaffer](#): RT @CollegeSurfing: Q1: St. Johns -- perfect for me because I had a full scholarship. ;-) Regret not dorming, though. #collegebound 8:10 pm

[CollegeBoundNet](#): Okay, even though we chose the "right" school, not everything is perfect. We'll get to those stories soon. #collegebound

[CollegeBoundNet](#): Q 2. PEOPLE SAY: "COLLEGE IS THE BEST FOUR YEARS OF YOUR LIFE." DOES ANYONE THINK THIS IDEA PUTS STRESS ON COLLEGE STUDENTS? #collegebound

[SuzanneShaffer](#): @FSUfashiongirl That Bright Futures scholarship in Florida sure is great isn't it? #collegebound

[FSUfashiongirl](#): Most Florida residents get Bright Futures scholarship based on high school GPA & SAT/ACT score. It can only be used in Florida #collegebound

[FSUfashiongirl](#): @SuzanneShaffer Yes, very great! :) #collegebound

[CollegeBoundNet](#): @FSUfashiongirl Wow--very nice. I wonder how many states have something like that. #collegebound

[SuzanneShaffer](#): @CollegeBoundNet darn near killed her--she was the only one of the people she started with that finished it in 18 months. #collegebound

[CollegeBoundNet](#): @SuzanneShaffer Sounds familiar... #collegebound

[cappexcom](#): RT @FSUfashiongirl: Most Florida residents get Bright Futures scholarship based on high school GPA & SAT/ACT score. #collegebound

[SuzanneShaffer](#): Not many RT @CollegeBoundNet: @FSUfashiongirl Wow--very nice. I wonder how many states have something like that. #collegebound

[CollegeBoundNet](#): For me, I hope that college wasn't my best four years. I've got a whole lot of life left! #collegebound

[CollegeSurfing](#): Q2: Not so much stress as preconceived notions of what the college experience should be. When really, it's what you make it. #collegebound

[irodriguez826](#): RT @CollegeBoundNet: OK, first question. Q1: 1. WHERE DID YOU GO TO COLLEGE? LOOKING BACK, WAS THAT THE BEST SCHOOL FOR YOU? #collegebound

[melissagoldman](#): RT @FSUfashiongirl: Most Florida residents get Bright Futures scholarship based on high school GPA & SAT/ACT score. It can only be used in Florida #collegebound

**JessicaBonifant:** @CollegeBoundNet I can totally see that, especially if you aren't enjoying it for some reason #collegebound

**CollegeBoundNet:** @melissagoldman Hi there! Another new face #collegebound

**FSUfashiongirl:** Q2: It reminds students how short college is & to appreciate every moment. Work hard but have fun while it lasts #collegebound

**CollegeBoundNet:** @JessicaBonifant I think some students think that if it's not Animal House/Old School/etc., something is wrong. #collegebound

**SuzanneShaffer:** @CollegeBoundNet: Q 2. College is stressful period...anticipation of good times can help relieve some of the stress #collegebound

**cappexcom:** Q2: Can definitely be added pressure, but each student experiences it in their own way. Everyone will have diff experience #collegebound

**CollegeSurfing:** @cappexcom Exactly! That's what I was saying, only you said it better. :- ) #collegebound

**CollegeBoundNet:** Q3. WHAT?S THE ONE CLASS/ACTIVITY YOU REGRET NOT TAKING/PARTICIPATING IN DURING COLLEGE? #collegebound

**CollegeSurfing:** @CollegeBoundNet @JessicaBonifant Thank God it wasn't that for me. LOL #collegebound

**CollegeSurfing:** RT @CollegeBoundNet: Q3. WHAT?S THE ONE CLASS/ACTIVITY YOU REGRET NOT TAKING/PARTICIPATING IN DURING COLLEGE? #collegebound

**SuzanneShaffer:** RT @CollegeBoundNet: Q3. WHAT?S THE ONE CLASS/ACTIVITY YOU REGRET NOT TAKING/PARTICIPATING IN DURING COLLEGE? #collegebound

**CollegeSurfing:** Q3: I wish I would have studied abroad. It wasn't all that common when I went to school. #collegebound

**CollegeBoundNet:** I regret not hanging with my sorority sisters more. I see many now, but we were much more carefree back then. #collegebound

**JessicaBonifant:** @CollegeBoundNet Yes! I think it pressures students to get involved in things they don't enjoy #collegebound

**CollegeBoundNet:** @CollegeSurfing I still kick myself now for not studying abroad. #collegebound

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: For those who commute to campus, study abroad is a great option to get the "away" experience. [#collegebound](#)

**[GenerationSUNY](#)**: @[CollegeboundNet](#) Weren't we also told that High School was going to be the best 4 years of our lives? [#collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[GenerationSUNY](#) Excellent point there. [#collegebound](#)

**[SuzanneShaffer](#)**: My daughter LOVED her study abroad exp. RT @[CollegeBoundNet](#): @[CollegeSurfing](#) I still kick myself now for not studying abroad. [#collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[cappexcom](#) Where did you study? [#collegebound](#)

**[cappexcom](#)**: Q3: That I would have gone to more on-campus activities. They may seem dorky but you'll miss them later! [#collegebound](#)

**[FSUfashiongirl](#)**: RT @[SuzanneShaffer](#): @[CollegeBoundNet](#) Q3-I think many regret not being more active on campus in activities and FREE events [#collegebound](#)

**[SuzanneShaffer](#)**: Yes we were! RT @[GenerationSUNY](#) Weren't we also told that High School was going to be the best 4 years of our lives? [#collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[cappexcom](#) Yes! Free movie night! Now that movies are a ridiculous amount of \$\$\$ [#collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: I know I regret not taking part more in the social scene. For a sorority girl, I was very shy. [#collegebound](#)

**[cappexcom](#)**: @[CollegeBoundNet](#) I studied in Italy and France - mostly at the American University of Rome. It was a great experience [#collegebound](#)

**[CollegeSurfing](#)**: @[cappexcom](#) Very true! I didn't take advantage until senior year. [#collegebound](#)

**[JessicaBonifant](#)**: Me too! I played a sport so I could never go RT @[CollegeSurfing](#) I still kick myself now for not studying abroad. [#collegebound](#)

**[SuzanneShaffer](#)**: @[CollegeBoundNet](#) Q3-My daughter went to free concerts, free Red Sox games, free plays [#collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[JessicaBonifant](#) Ohh, you student athletes had CRAZY schedules! [#collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: I envy city students. They get to live in an expensive city with lots of perks. #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: Q4. LET'S TALK MAJORS. IF YOU KNEW THEN WHAT YOU KNEW NOW, WHAT WOULD YOUR MAJOR BE? #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeSurfing](#)**: @[CollegeBoundNet](#) I went to a lot of cool events as a journalism grad student at NYU -- best "classroom" in the world! #[collegebound](#)

**[SuzanneShaffer](#)**: @[CollegeSurfing](#) She studied in Paris and London--and the best part was I got to visit her! #[collegebound](#)

**[JessicaBonifant](#)**: @[CollegeBoundNet](#) Yes indeed, part of me loves the experience I gained and part of me wishes I had a less structured experience #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[CollegeSurfing](#) Ahhh, Greenwich Village. #[collegebound](#)

**[megs0124](#)**: Late but I made it! Had a surprise visitor. Hope I didn't miss much! #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[JessicaBonifant](#) What sport did you play? #[collegebound](#)

**[SuzanneShaffer](#)**: @[CollegeBoundNet](#) Q4-I think both my kids would have changed theirs #[collegebound](#)

**[SuzanneShaffer](#)**: @[CollegeBoundNet](#) Q4-I think both my kids would have changed theirs #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[megs0124](#) Hi! We are talking about classes/activities you missed out on. Now moving on to majors. #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[SuzanneShaffer](#) From what to what? Did they consider it a mistake? #[collegebound](#)

**[cappexcom](#)**: Q4: I probably would have stuck to the same school (Comm. Arts) but would have taken more specialized classes #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeSurfing](#)**: @[SuzanneShaffer](#) You're a good (and smart!) mom! :- ) #[collegebound](#)

**[megs0124](#)**: @[CollegeBoundNet](#) Great! Thanks for the heads up. #[collegebound](#)

**[SuzanneShaffer](#)**: That is so true! RT @[CollegeBoundNet](#): I envy city students. They get to live in an expensive city with lots of perks. #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: I knew someone who regretted not studying to be an "er" or an "or"-lawyer, teacher, doctor, etc. [#collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: I love the liberal arts, but for some, it can be too liberal--not enough structure. [#collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: Of course, no degree is a "mistake," though some study paths might be a bit misguided. [#collegebound](#)

**[megs0124](#)**: Q4: I may have gotten more involved in some student activities/jobs: Been an RA or tour guide. [#collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: [@JessicaBonifant](#) Good time to have no responsibilities...LOL. [#collegebound](#)

**[CollegeSurfing](#)**: [@CollegeBoundNet](#) Q4: Law school... that would be my fantasy career track, but I was a happy English major. [#collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: [@megs0124](#) My younger cousin was an RA. Best thing for him. It made him so mature and responsible. [#collegebound](#)

**[megs0124](#)**: I was an English Major and don't regret it. I'd have possibly double-majored in psychology or something. [#collegebound](#)

**[tcmassie](#)**: RT [@CollegeSurfing](#) I still kick myself now for not studying abroad. MT [#collegebound](#) | 40% of [#Marist](#) students study abroad.

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: I was English and Theatre. Would have loved to pick up more foreign language. [#collegebound](#)

**[NMayr88](#)**: RT [@tcmassie](#): RT [@CollegeSurfing](#) I still kick myself now for not studying abroad. MT [#collegebound](#) | 40% of [#Marist](#) students study abroad.

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: [@tcmassie](#) That is an impressive percentage! [#collegebound](#)

**[CollegeSurfing](#)**: [@megs0124](#) Ooh, criminal psychology -- now there's a cool major! [#IwatchtoomuchTV](#) [#collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: [@tcmassie](#) You must have great advisers so that students aren't just going abroad to go abroad... [#collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: I'm still intrigued by the law profession. [#collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: Let's move on to something juicy now... [#collegebound](#)

[cappexcom](#): @[megs0124](#) I'm amazed at the people who can double major - I don't think I could have done it! #[collegebound](#)

[megs0124](#): @[CollegeSurfing](#) We have more and more students going that route here at @[WCU](#). Its not an official major but we have courses. #[collegebound](#)

[CollegeSurfing](#): @[CollegeBoundNet](#) Yes! #[collegebound](#)

[megs0124](#): RT @[CollegeBoundNet](#): @[tcmassie](#) You must have great advisers so that students aren't just going abroad to go abroad... #[collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): @[cappexcom](#) You have to double-dip courses... #[collegebound](#)

[CollegeSurfing](#): RT @[CollegeBoundNet](#): Q5. WHAT IS THE SCARIEST MOMENT YOU HAD IN COLLEGE? #[collegebound](#)

[megs0124](#): @[cappexcom](#) Students need to understand the dedication involved. Plus, if you want to get out in 4 yrs. Might be a problem. #[collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): Also, knowing what you know now, could you have avoided it? #[collegebound](#)

[cappexcom](#): @[CollegeBoundNet](#) That's true, two majors that are closely related may be easier. But still tough :) #[collegebound](#)

[SuzanneShaffer](#): Awe thanks! RT @[CollegeSurfing](#) @[SuzanneShaffer](#) You're a good (and smart!) mom! :- ) #[collegebound](#)

[megs0124](#): RT @[CollegeSurfing](#): RT @[CollegeBoundNet](#): Q5. WHAT IS THE SCARIEST MOMENT YOU HAD IN COLLEGE? #[collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): @[megs0124](#) Yes. It always helps if the double major feeds into each other. Mine did. #[collegebound](#)

[SuzanneShaffer](#): RT @[CollegeBoundNet](#): Q5. WHAT IS THE SCARIEST MOMENT YOU HAD IN COLLEGE? #[collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): I didn't do any kind of drugs, so when I first came in contact with them, it scared me. #[collegebound](#)

[tcmassie](#): @[CollegeSurfing](#) You can take one of my study abroad courses: spring break in Israel/Jordan or summer in Greece/Turkey. #[collegebound](#) #[Marist](#)

**GenerationSUNY:** @collegeboundnet That's easy; There were 2: 1st day and day you realized you had to leave, couldn't stay forever #collegebound

**CollegeBoundNet:** @tcmassie Don't tempt me! Would love love love to see Greece and Turkey. #collegebound

**SuzanneShaffer:** Q5-Scariest moment for me as a parent was when my daughter wanted to drop out--yikes #collegebound

**CollegeSurfing:** Q5: OK, not that exciting, but I was locked out of some courses, and I thought it would push my grad date back. Worked it out. #collegebound

**CollegeBoundNet:** @megs0124 Wow! Cool. #collegebound

**SuzanneShaffer:** RT @GenerationSUNY Thats easy; There were 2: 1st day and day you realized you had to leave, couldnt stay forever #collegebound

**cappexcom:** Agree! RT @GenerationSUNY: @collegeboundnet That's easy; There were 2: 1st day and day you realized you had to leave #collegebound

**megs0124:** @tcmassie Very true. Students can get the international experience without studying overseas. Great experience. #collegebound

**CollegeBoundNet:** I had a friend who realized she didn't want to teach during her senior year student teaching. SCARY! #collegebound

**CollegeSurfing:** @tcmassie Sounds amazing... don't think I can pull my son out of 1st grade, though. ;-) #collegebound

**CollegeBoundNet:** @GenerationSUNY Yup. Very scary. My last week of college, I would break out into hives/sweat each day. #collegebound

**megs0124:** @CollegeBoundNet Mine was right before I started my internship my senior year. I had already switched from elem edu to HS edu. #collegebound

**SuzanneShaffer:** RT @CollegeBoundNet: I had a friend who realized she didnt want to teach during her senior year student teaching. SCARY! #collegebound

**cappexcom:** Q5: Was 6 credits short of graduating on time - talked to my adivsor and was able to use some random classes for pre-recs #collegebound

**CollegeBoundNet:** @megs0124 Ah, so you just switched within the major? #collegebound

**CollegeBoundNet:** @cappexcom I knew someone who was ONE credit shy. She was able to walk, but how does that happen? #collegebound

**CollegeSurfing:** @cappexcom Lucky that worked out... whew! #collegebound

**megs0124:** I first went from Elem. Edu to HS edu. Dropped the edu part completely at the end of my Junior year. Changed to English Lit. #collegebound

**SuzanneShaffer:** @CollegeBoundNet If they are just a few credits short they let them walk, and then they have to complete those courses #collegebound

**CollegeBoundNet:** Q6. MOST OF US HAVE MATURED SINCE COLLEGE. WHAT IS ONE THING THAT YOU ARE GLAD YOU LEFT BEHIND? #collegebound

**CollegeBoundNet:** @megs0124 gotcha. #collegebound

**CollegeBoundNet:** @SuzanneShaffer Right. But I couldn't believe--how do you forget about 1 credit? #collegebound

**megs0124:** @CollegeBoundNet It was difficult dropping the edu part. All I thought I wanted to do was teach. I just do it differently now. #collegebound

**cappexcom:** @CollegeSurfing That was one problem with not declaring a major until soph. year! Good to talk before you give up hope tho #collegebound

**CollegeSurfing:** RT @CollegeBoundNet: Q6. MOST OF US HAVE MATURED SINCE COLLEGE. WHAT IS ONE THING THAT YOU ARE GLAD YOU LEFT BEHIND? #collegebound

**cappexcom:** @CollegeBoundNet That does seem crazy! You would think they could wave ONE credit #collegebound

**IvyEyesEditing:** Hi folks! #collegebound

**CollegeBoundNet:** @cappexcom Yeah--I think she took a computer class or something. I was so angry at her and her advisor--lol. #collegebound

**CollegeBoundNet:** @IvyEyesEditing Hi there! Long time, no tweet. #collegebound

**IvyEyesEditing:** I'm glad to have left my youth behind ;) #collegebound

**studentfortune:** RT @CollegeSurfing: RT @CollegeBoundNet: Q6. MOST OF US HAVE MATURED SINCE COLLEGE. WHAT IS ONE THING THAT YOU ARE GLAD YOU LEFT BEHIND? #collegebound

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[studentfortune](#) Hi there! #[collegebound](#)

**[SuzanneShaffer](#)**: RT @[CollegeBoundNet](#): Q6. MOST OF US HAVE MATURED SINCE COLLEGE. WHAT IS ONE THING THAT YOU ARE GLAD YOU LEFT BEHIND? #[collegebound](#)

**[IvyEyesEditing](#)**: For many colleges, general liberal arts=so loosely connected to real world careers, major meant little for most at Yale #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeSurfing](#)**: Side note... nice to see some new (and old) faces joining in today. The more the merrier! #[collegebound](#)

**[SheldonWordNerd](#)**: @[CollegeBoundNet](#) Hey tweeple! Just got a minute but it isn't Monday without #[collegebound](#) :)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[SheldonWordNerd](#) Hey! Our fave word nerd is here! #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: I know I have traded ramen noodles for sushi rolls... #[collegebound](#)

**[cappexcom](#)**: Q6: A house with 5 other girls :) #[collegebound](#)

**[SuzanneShaffer](#)**: Q6-I would hope they leave behind the insecurities and the fear of failure--college is a tremendous accomplishment #[collegebound](#)

**[SuzanneShaffer](#)**: RT @[SheldonWordNerd](#): @[CollegeBoundNet](#) Hey tweeple! Just got a minute but it isnt Monday without #[collegebound](#) :) #[collegebound](#)

**[megs0124](#)**: Me too! RT @[CollegeBoundNet](#): I know I have traded ramen noodles for sushi rolls... #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[cappexcom](#) Eek--how many bathrooms #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeSurfing](#)**: Q6: I'm glad I left behind my horrible sleeping patterns. Although having kids brought them back! #[collegebound](#)

**[SheldonWordNerd](#)**: @[CollegeBoundNet](#) I better be the fave word nerd...since I think I'm the only word nerd! #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[CollegeSurfing](#) I do not miss all-nighters. #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[SheldonWordNerd](#) LOL. #[collegebound](#)

**[SuzanneShaffer](#)**: HAHA! RT @[CollegeSurfing](#): Q6: Im glad I left behind my horrible sleeping patterns. Although having kids brought them back! #[collegebound](#)

[megs0124](#): RT @[SuzanneShaffer](#): Q6-I would hope they leave behind the insecurities and the fear of failure--college is a tremendous accomplishment #[collegebound](#)

[cappexcom](#): @[CollegeBoundNet](#) There were two - so I guess it could have been worse! #[collegebound](#)

[GenerationSUNY](#): @[collegeboundnet](#) Glad I left behind my ignorance about the world. Oh and that haircut I had when I started. #[collegebound](#)

[CollegeSurfing](#): @[CollegeBoundNet](#) I still love Ramen noodles, though. Really, I do. #[collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): @[CollegeSurfing](#) They are tasty... #[collegebound](#)

[cappexcom](#): @[CollegeSurfing](#) I do too! And easy mac - I guess I'm still a college kid at heart! #[collegebound](#)

[SheldonWordNerd](#): I'll second that on the ramen! Makes me shudder now :) Actually just bad eating habits in general have gone by the wayside #[collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): For me, I've enjoyed seeing the "wild ones" grow up. Who's married, who's got kids. Funny how things turn out. #[collegebound](#)

[SuzanneShaffer](#): RT @[GenerationSUNY](#): @[collegeboundnet](#) Glad I left behind my ignorance about the world. Oh & that haircut I had when I started. #[collegebound](#)

[CollegeSurfing](#): @[cappexcom](#) Mmmmm.... #[collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): I'm also glad I left my bushy eyebrows behind in college. I've discovered waxing/threading. Whew! #[collegebound](#)

[SuzanneShaffer](#): Who doesn't love easy mac? RT @[cappexcom](#): @[CollegeSurfing](#) I do too! And easy mac - I guess I'm still a college kid at heart! #[collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): @[IvyEyesEditing](#) Untoasted pop tarts! Now there's a blast from the past! #[collegebound](#)

[SheldonWordNerd](#): Just remembered my summer of living on ramen, mac & cheese and apple cinnamon cheerios! #[collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): Anyone have any nicknames they'd rather live down? #[collegebound](#)

[IvyEyesEditing](#): Ha! I know. Shudder. @[CollegeBoundNet](#) #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[SheldonWordNerd](#) CARB OVERLOAD! #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeSurfing](#)**: @[CollegeBoundNet](#) Wouldn't you like to know! LOL #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: We called this guy Belushi in college. He looked like him in Animal House. Yet he managed to graduate in 4 years. Amazing. #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[CollegeSurfing](#) OK--so maybe that's an off-Twitter convo. LOL. #[collegebound](#)

**[SheldonWordNerd](#)**: Not mine, but my best guy friend...who I will always be "Blade" to me :) #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[IvyEyesEditing](#) Ha! I say "y'all" sometimes, but I've always lived in the Northeast. #[collegebound](#)

**[SuzanneShaffer](#)**: @[IvyEyesEditing](#) My daughter faced that same heckling--a Texas in a Boston college. #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: OK--moving on. #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: Q7. HOW LONG AFTER HS DID YOU GO TO COLLEGE? SHOULD YOU HAVE WAITED? #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[SheldonWordNerd](#) Sounds very soap opera-ish. #[collegebound](#)

**[megs0124](#)**: I won't miss having the lack of privacy. I love my townhouse and a bedroom/bathroom to myself. Plus, I can have pets now! #[collegebound](#)

**[SuzanneShaffer](#)**: RT @[CollegeBoundNet](#): Q7. HOW LONG AFTER HS DID YOU GO TO COLLEGE? SHOULD YOU HAVE WAITED? #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[megs0124](#) I'm getting a dog this fall--can't WAIT. #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeSurfing](#)**: RT @[CollegeBoundNet](#): Q7. HOW LONG AFTER HS DID YOU GO TO COLLEGE? SHOULD YOU HAVE WAITED? #[collegebound](#)

**[CollegeBoundNet](#)**: @[IvyEyesEditing](#) Except for my affinity for South Park. I sort of left that behind. :) #[collegebound](#)

**[SuzanneShaffer](#)**: Q7-My daughter went straight out of high school, my son after the Marines (both were good timing) #[collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): I went straight to college after HS, and straight to grad after college. Could have waited a bit for GS, fine for UG. [#collegebound](#)

[megs0124](#): Q7: I went the fall after I graduated from HS. I think it depends on the student for what works best. [#collegebound](#)

[SheldonWordNerd](#): Went right after HS and it was the right thing. HAD to get out of town! [#collegebound](#)

[CollegeSurfing](#): Q7: The idea of a gap year is definitely catching on like wildfire... but back in '94, everyone went straight on. [#collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): @[megs0124](#) Yes, esp. now with gap year options. But that's for another chat. [#collegebound](#)

[megs0124](#): @[CollegeBoundNet](#) Enjoy the dog. I have a dog and a cat and couldn't live without them! [#collegebound](#)

[SuzanneShaffer](#): Doesn't EVERY Texan?? RT @[SheldonWordNerd](#): Went right after HS and it was the right thing. HAD to get out of town! [#collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): @[SuzanneShaffer](#) But I thought Texans loved Texas! [#collegebound](#)

[CollegeSurfing](#): @[CollegeBoundNet](#) I'll second that... But it would have been hard to swing grad w/ kids. Hence, why I respect adult students! [#collegebound](#)

[megs0124](#): Students need to do what's best for them. Whether it is to go to the Comm College first, or take time off. It varies. [#collegebound](#)

[IvyEyesEditing](#): I think deferring hinges on many factors--but many students find it really clarifying after high intensity HS. [#collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): @[CollegeSurfing](#) I knew someone in a nursing PhD program with an infant. She was my hero. [#collegebound](#)

[megs0124](#): RT @[IvyEyesEditing](#): I think deferring hinges on many factors--but many students find it really clarifying after high intensity HS. [#collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): @[Naenny44](#) Yes! Get going on those! We can help... [#collegebound](#)

[SheldonWordNerd](#): @[SuzanneShaffer](#) Waco was fine for kids, but you couldn't pay me to live there again. \*hickville\*) [#collegebound](#)

[SuzanneShaffer](#): They love it but can't wait to leave it ! RT [@CollegeBoundNet](#):  
[@SuzanneShaffer](#) But I thought Texans loved Texas! [#collegebound](#)

[cappexcom](#): Q7: I went right after HS - I knew a few who went to comm. college before finishing at a 4 year. That worked for them [#collegebound](#)

[SuzanneShaffer](#): HAHA! RT [@SheldonWordNerd](#): [@SuzanneShaffer](#) Waco was fine for kids, but you couldnt pay me to live there again. \*hickville\*) [#collegebound](#)

[megs0124](#): [@SheldonWordNerd](#) [@SuzanneShaffer](#) Sounds like my hometown!  
[#collegebound](#)

[IvyEyesEditing](#): Ha! Spent time in Waco for Odyssey of the Mind State Finals ;) It's very....flat? [@SheldonWordNerd](#) [@SuzanneShaffer](#) [#collegebound](#)

[SheldonWordNerd](#): [@CollegeBoundNet](#) I do love Texas...just certain parts of it :)  
[#collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): This has been fun, but time for last question... [#collegebound](#)

[CollegeBoundNet](#): [@SheldonWordNerd](#) I'm dying to visit Austin. [#collegebound](#)

[IvyEyesEditing](#): Agreed. It gets better with more distance ;) [@SheldonWordNerd](#)  
[#collegebound](#)

[SheldonWordNerd](#): [@IvyEyesEditing](#) Ha! That's about right actually! It's the place to stop between Dallas and Austin to get gas :) [#collegebound](#)

[SuzanneShaffer](#): Dallas, Austin, SA-that's it for me RT [@SheldonWordNerd](#):  
[@CollegeBoundNet](#) I do love Texas...just certain parts of it :) [#collegebound](#)

[SheldonWordNerd](#): [@CollegeBoundNet](#) You MUST! Austin is very cool. My brother is there and I love to visit. Great food, drinks and music. [#collegebound](#)

[SuzanneShaffer](#): Stop there often--don't stay RT [@SheldonWordNerd](#): Its the place to stop between Dallas and Austin to get gas :) [#collegebound](#)

[IvyEyesEditing](#): I think experiential learning is so important...I might have actually ignored certain advice. Ha! [#collegebound](#)

[SheldonWordNerd](#): [@SuzanneShaffer](#) I'm with you. Love SA so much! Best childhood memories there :) [#collegebound](#)

**CollegeSurfing**: Gotta run... it's been fun as always chatting with you all! 'Til next week...  
[#collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet**: @IvyEyesEditing Me too. [#collegebound](#)

**CollegeSurfing**: Stop by <http://www.collegesurfing.com/blog> to say hi! [#collegebound](#)

**megs0124**: @CollegeSurfing Have a good evening! [#collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet**: @CollegeSurfing Thanks! See ya! [#collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet**: OK-continue the convo, but feel free to tweet out a link to your site/school/blog [#collegebound](#)

**IvyEyesEditing**: Use 1st yr to 'explore' & discover what interests you. I took that advice to the extreme. Knew I wouldn't love biochem. [#collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet**: BTW, we're also on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/collegeboundnetwork> [#collegebound](#)

**SheldonWordNerd**: @CollegeBoundNet Don't pick your major early. Wish I hadn't settled so quickly, because I might have done something different [#collegebound](#)

**SuzanneShaffer**: We all do RT @IvyEyesEditing: I think experiential learning is so important...I might have actually ignored certain advice.Ha! [#collegebound](#)

**cappexcom**: Thanks for another great chat! [#collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet**: Chat is officially over, but feel free to keep on using the hashtag [#collegebound](#)

**SheldonWordNerd**: Sorry to have hijacked the convo with Texas! [#collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet**: @SheldonWordNerd No you didn't! LOL [#collegebound](#)

**SuzanneShaffer**: Thanks for another awesome chat...now back to work at <http://www.parentscountdowntocollegecoach.com> [#collegebound](#)

**megs0124**: @WCU is on twitter (@WCU and @WCUadmission) and Facebook: Facebook.com/WesternCarolinaUniversity. [#collegebound](#)

**CollegeBoundNet**: It's always great talking with you all. Until next Monday...  
[#collegebound](#)

[SuzanneShaffer](#): That's why this convo is so much fun--we go off on tangents :>) RT  
[@CollegeBoundNet](#): [@SheldonWordNerd](#) No you didnt! LOL [#collegebound](#)

[SheldonWordNerd](#): [@CollegeBoundNet](#) I'm just a Texas nerd :) Have a great week!  
[#collegebound](#)

[megs0124](#): Have a Happy Monday Evening, everyone! [#collegebound](#)

[GenerationSUNY](#): [@CollegeBoundNet](#) Thanks everyone, this was fuN! Visit us at  
[@generationSUNY](#) [#collegebound](#)

[SheldonWordNerd](#): Vocab prep at Word-Nerd.com - check it out! [#collegebound](#)

[TauhidChappell](#): [@SuzanneShaffer](#) Ah crud! Sorry I missed it! [#collegebound](#)

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