



Bill and Sandra

California University

ParentStats

Hometown: Boston, Massachusetts

Child's name: Brandon

Child's year in school: Sophomore

What had the biggest impact on your child's decision to attend their school?

When we visited California University, we were welcomed with open arms. The faculty seemed to have a genuine concern for our son's future. The class sizes were small, and we knew he would be receiving individual attention. All of those things impacted his decision.

How involved were you in your child's college search process?

We accompanied our son on all of his campus visits, and he also asked our opinions on which schools would be our first choice. We discussed everything as a family, however the final decision was all his.

How involved were you in securing financial aid for your child's education?

Besides answering a few of his financial questions, Brandon has really taken the lead on finding and applying for scholarships. Every night at dinner, he would report on which scholarships he had applied for that day.

What was the most difficult part of the college search process?

The most difficult and frustrating part of the college search process was navigating through the many different requirements. Each school is different, and one incorrect submission could delay the process.

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Do you have any advice for parents of high school students who are considering going to your child's school?

Pay the school a visit, and come prepared with a list of questions you may want to ask professors, faculty, and students. Give your son or daughter your honest opinion, but allow him or her to ultimately make the final decision.

What are your child's plans after graduation?

Brandon plans to continue his education by attending graduate school.