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Questions about college from young Maine students, answered by old Maine students.

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Q: Should I go to college right out of high school or wait a little bit?

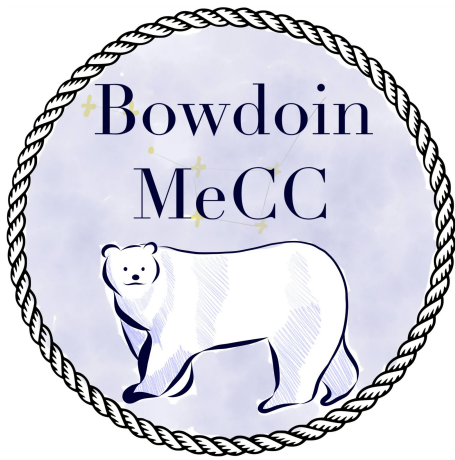
A: You can do either! I went to college right out of high school, which helped me because I could remember parts of my high school classes to help me in my college classes. Some people I know waited a little bit and learned to live by themselves first, so when they got a dorm or apartment for college they already knew how to live away from their families. And others spent time working to make some money and gain experience before starting college classes. You may choose to go to college at a different time than your friends do, and that's ok!

If you don't know what you want to do, adults in your life (parents, teachers, guidance counselors) can help you. It can also help to find someone who has your dream job— if you want to be a veterinarian, find someone who is a vet and ask to talk to them. Ask them about what their college was like, and if they waited first, ask whatever questions you have! In my experience, people are excited to show off their job and help you be excited about achieving your dreams, too!

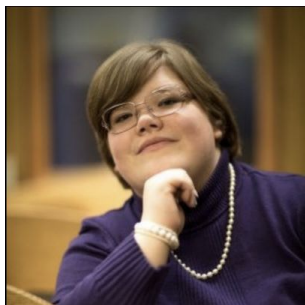
Q: What is a dean?

A: A dean is in charge of a certain aspect of a college. Most colleges have multiple deans, and each one has a different set of responsibilities. For example, the Dean of the English Department deals with all matters concerning students taking English classes and professors teaching English classes. The Dean of Students oversees lots of programs that affect student life on campus, including clubs, housing, health services, and financial aid. Each dean must make important decisions about his or her area of expertise. Deans can be a great resource for students to gain guidance and support!

–Cameron



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Q: Is there a college that I can attend to become a vet and a fashion designer and a video game designer?

A: It sounds to me like you want to go to a Liberal Arts College. My school is a liberal arts college, and we have a Pre-Vet program, and a Graphic Design program, and a Computer Science program, and lots more! There are certainly colleges out there where you can go and learn how to do all of those things. When you do decide on a college that has all of the programs you want, you can talk to an advisor at your school about what you want to major or minor in. Maybe you'll end up majoring in Computer Science, so you can design video games, and minoring in Graphic Design or Fashion Design, and taking the science classes that qualify you to go to Veterinary school. You should feel free to explore all of your interests. College shouldn't take away your options - it should open them up!

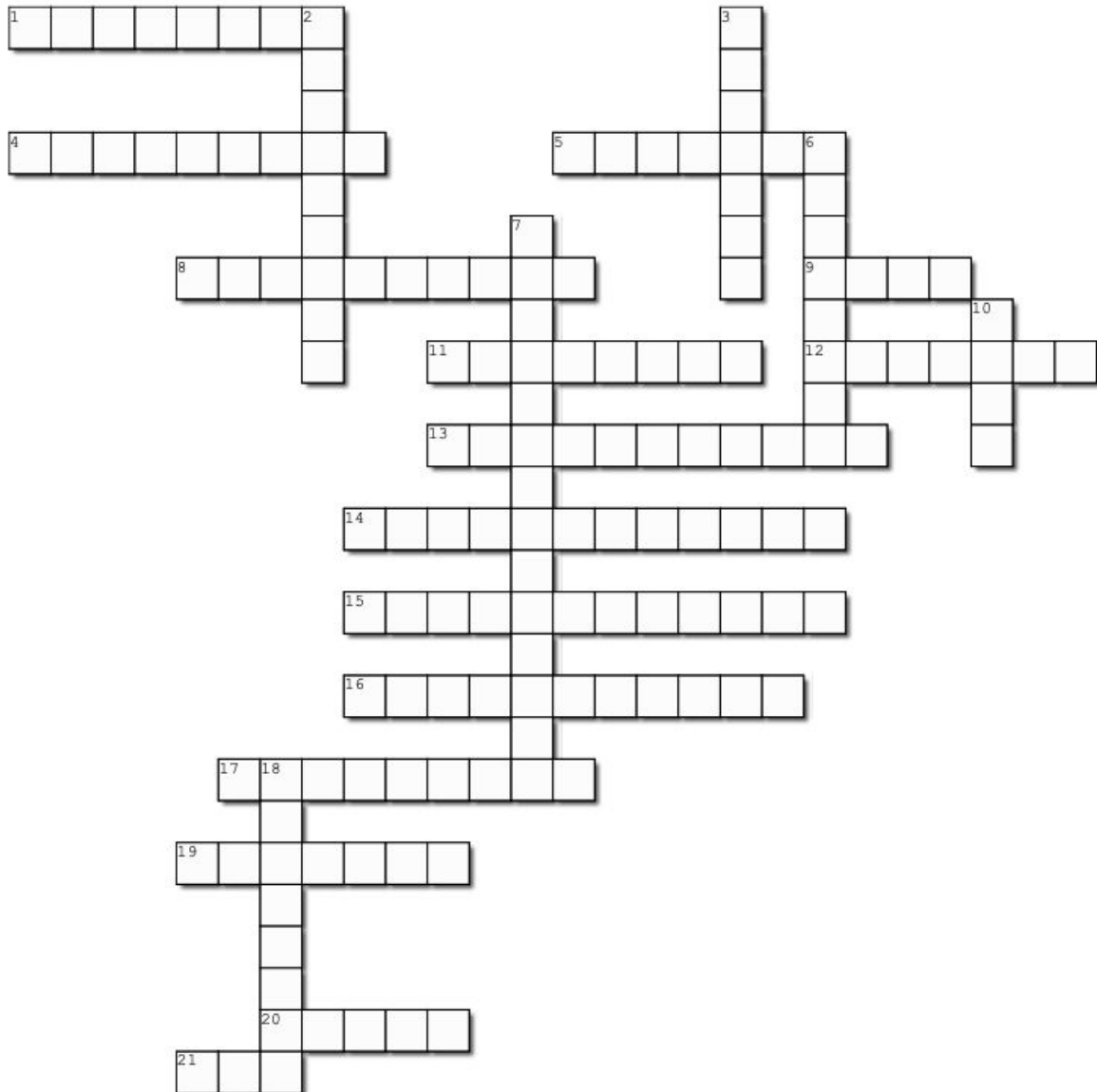
Q: Are the classes hard at college?

A: Classes are definitely different in college! In school before college, there's a lot of memorization-learning new facts. In college, there's more emphasis on applying knowledge. For example, in high school, I learned all the parts of a cell in my biology class; in college, my professor asked me to tell her how, knowing the parts of a bacteria, would I make an antibiotic to kill only some bacteria. Even though college classes can be more challenging, they are often also more fun because they allow you to not only learn about your interests, but actually do something with what you are learning— maybe through laboratory research or volunteer work. It's very exciting! That's the biggest difference that I've seen.

— Teresa

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February 2024 Crossword



Across

1. Home state of the University of Richmond
4. Best known major at UMF
5. UMFK mascot
8. Province of Dalhousie University
9. Oregon college that begins with R
11. Hometown of UMFK
12. Home state of Earlham College
13. College major to study snakes
14. Home state of Penn State University
15. A college major to design buildings
16. College of John Cena
17. City of Worcester Polytechnic Institute
19. College of _____ & Mary, VA
20. Home state of Husson University
21. School grade average, 0 - 4

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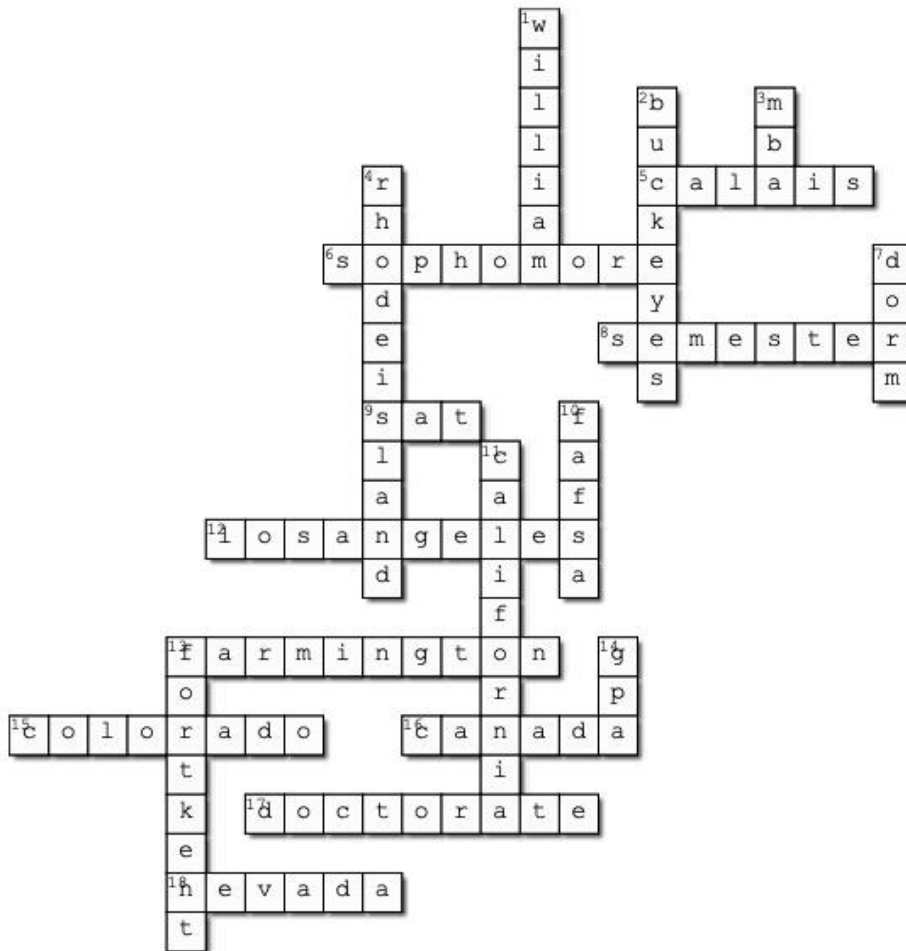
Down

2. Two-year college degree
3. Illinois and Massachusetts colleges that begins with W
6. Two year Vermont college for environmental science (Begins with S)
7. College major for a librarian
10. Unity College mascot
18. State of the Sooners

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December 2023 Crossword

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Across

5. Town where you will find Washington County Community College (**calais**)
6. Second year college student (**sophomore**)
8. Half a school year (**semester**)
9. College entrance exam (**sat**)
12. City where you would find UCLA (**losangeles**)
13. Town where you would find UMF (**farmington**)
15. Home state of the University of Denver (**colorado**)
16. Country of the University of New Brunswick (**canada**)
17. Degree beyond a masters (**doctorate**)
18. Home state of UNLV (**nevada**)

Down

1. College of _____ & Mary, VA (**william**)
2. Ohio State University mascot (**buckeyes**)
3. Advanced business degree (**mba**)
4. Home state of RISD (**rhodeisland**)
7. College residential house (**dorm**)
10. Federal form to complete if you want financial aid (**fafsa**)
11. Home state of the University of San Diego (**california**)
13. Hometown of UMFK (**fortkent**)
14. School grade average, 0 - 4 (**gpa**)