

Introduction:

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Narrator:

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them, and I think that you know the one thing that my high school did teach me that I think has been really important during my time here at Santa Clara is knowing how to fail and come to terms with failure, not feel like that failure was defining in who I was in that moment.

j:

Alright Nathan, how about you?

Nathan Metzger:

support systems, being able to only come home maybe two or three times a year, I knew it was going to be a transition, but I kind of think I had my mind set on Boston just because a lot of my

burner. But then, I remember I came for an acceptance night at Santa Clara where I got to stay in a residence hall, I got to take a class, and I instantly met a student that was also in the same boat as I, and we were kind of just talking about the different types of schools we were looking at and why we were interested in Santa Clara, and I think that that weekend really helped me

the idea of going to a private school, I went to public school my whole life, I thought there were

happy to be close by. My mom was I think the only mom in my entire friend group who was disappointed that I was staying so close to home. S

j:

Alonzo, how did you navigate your decision process, you know as you got down to your short list of college options?

Alonzo Bilips:

One was in Boston, and it was like a medium sized school, and they recruited me for baseball,

degrees with a 10 degree wind-chill on a Sunday morning, and we hop in a cab and the cab

-guide was really nice but there was just this lack of welcoming energy that I was missing from the

another red flag, and actually the following weekend my dad and I came up for preview day at Santa Clara. As we walked around, everyone had smiles on their faces, it was sunny that day which made it better, so it was all around just a better experience and I could find myself fitting into the school.

j:

Okay okay, so speaking of touring the campus, I know that there are palm trees and cool architecture, rose gardens and all that good stuff, but in addition to all that, what were the other first impressions that you had when you stepped on this campus?

Nathan Metzger:

I think something that I noticed at Santa Clara that seemed like a small thing at the time was

out to me because at a lot of other universities I had walked around, that was a common thing. I think the reason that stuck out to me was because it seems like a really small thing, but when

