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Dear Ms. Kenny:

The three schools I discussed were Temple University, The George Washington University, and the University of South Florida. I decided to research Temple because it is one of my top choices for college. My dad is an alumni and taught at Temple, so he wants me to go there. Since he is so affiliated with the school, I have been around the campus since I was a kid. I really like how it is in a city and the buildings are really nice. I feel like cities have so much to offer, that it really makes college fun to be in one. It is also very affordable which is a very big factor when choosing colleges. I feel like I can easily get into Temple and probably even get money for my academics. I chose The George Washington University because I really like the city of DC, and it isn't too far away. I think that I might be able to get into The George Washington University which is why I chose it as the only school in DC I'm considering. I was also looking for medium- large colleges and The George Washington University has 26,000 students, so they are quite big. However, since I would be lucky to get in, I'm not sure if I would get any money, so I probably couldn't afford to go there anyway. Lastly, I chose University of South Florida because I would like to go to school in Florida. As with all the others, it is a large school in an urban area. There are some good beaches near the University of South Florida as well as it being warm. I really hate the cold, so I was looking for a school that was much warmer than here. University of South Florida is the only school I'm looking at in Florida because it is the most affordable. I went on a tour over spring break and really liked the feel of their campus, so I wanted to research them more.

I know that I am a person who likes variety. I also really like being able to walk places. Since we live so close to Philadelphia, I am in the city a lot. I really enjoy the variety and the ability to walk that cities offer me. Therefore, I know that I am not going to go to college in the suburbs. The Myers Briggs test said that I should go to a friendly, non competitive school. I toured USF and Temple and all of the students I saw were really nice and were really into cooperation. I don't want to go to a super selective or Ivy League school because I don't think it would fit my personality. Temple and USF are not very competitive which is nice. I would like to make lots of friends in college and I think going to a bigger school makes it easier. I would also really like to meet all different kinds of people. The suburbs are a little bit bland sometimes, but city schools like Temple, USF, and GW are all very diverse. The values survey said that I enjoy aesthetics and friends. Florida is a really pretty state and I think that I would be really happy if I could sit outside all year round underneath palm trees. I am also a really big fan of Cherry Blossom Trees, and DC has a lot of them. It sounds shallow, but I feel so much happier when it is warm and

pretty outside. I knew I wanted to go somewhere where I can meet a lot of new people and be really nice outside. I chose all my colleges primarily because of where they're located.

All three schools seem like they have pretty good programs for getting students jobs after graduation. If I am in the business school, Temple's business school has one of the highest job placement rates which would really start my career. The George Washington University seems more competitive, so I feel like it might have a slightly less relaxed and cooperative environment as I know that Temple and USF have. Temple is a school I would like to attend because I love Philadelphia and their campus. I really like the price of Temple as well, especially since I feel like I would probably get some money just because of my grades. The distance is also really nice because if I want a home cooked meal, I can come home and get one easily. There are definitely benefits to having my parents close. The George Washington University is far, but still less than a day away. I know I like the city of Washington DC, so I think I would enjoy being there. However, I don't know if I could even get accepted and even if I did, I know I couldn't afford it. It would be nice to go there, but logistically, I don't think it would work. USF is very far, so it would be hard to get home often. I think that being that far would force me to become independent, so I don't necessarily think being far away is that bad. USF is also very affordable, even for out of state. Depending on how much money I get, it could end up being the same amount as Temple. I think going to college so far away would be a really fun experience, and I could really see myself liking it there. The only questions I have left about the colleges is their study abroad programs. I might be interested in doing one just for the experience and I would like to know where they have programs to. I have already visited Temple and USF, but if I were to visit the George Washington University, I would want to see the layout of their campus, if it is directly in the city, and a dorm. At the tours for Temple and USF, they showed most of the campus and a dorm. USF actually had an entire dorm tour after the college tour and I thought it was really useful. Dorms are really important because I feel like I am going to spend a lot of time in mine.

Respectfully,  
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