

# UB&MS NEWSLETTER

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## **Making the Decision: Selecting the College for You**

By now, most seniors have received notices from the different universities they applied to. I hope most responses received to date are letters of admissions. Perhaps some of you have been admitted to as many as four or five Universities. How do you go about selecting the right school for you? After all, your decision will affect the next four or five years of your life. Where you decide to go to college is one of the most important decisions you will ever make in your young adult life. Do not take it lightly and do not make uneducated decisions. You need to think about it and talk about it with your family, counselors, and UB staff.

Before making that big decision, think about what you want out of your college experience. Do you want to go to a big school with a large student population? Do you want to live in big city like Los Angeles, San Diego, or San Francisco? On the other hand, can you see yourself living in a smaller town like Davis, Sonoma, or San Luis Obispo? Does the college need to be close to home or do you want to be as far away as possible? Remember there are advantages and disadvantages to choosing any school. Think about what is most important to you.

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Sometimes students select a school based on the schools name or reputation. While academic reputation is certainly important, it should not be the only factor you consider. Will you survive at that school? Are you in the major that you want to be or does that school even offer the major? If you have not yet declared a major, how difficult will it be to get into the major? Keep in mind that there are some majors at some universities that are impacted and extremely challenging to get into. You do not want to end up at a University studying something you are not interested in. Sometimes it may come down to what is most important to you—the school or the major. Ideally, you will be studying the major of your choice at the school of your choice. It is not always that simple.

Finally, do not select a school only because your parents, friends, and counselors want you to go there. Of course, you want to consider what they want, but you will be the one spending the next four or five years of your life in college. You need to talk to them about why the school you select is the best for you. Unfortunately, sometimes it comes down to what school you and your family can afford. Compare financial aid offers and decide which one is best for you and your family.

The bottom line is to think about it and compare each school. Give it serious thought and then make an educated decision. Remember the deadline for notifying the universities of your decision in most cases is May 1.

-UB STAFF

## Dear Students,

We are often faced with life's ups and downs. We are faced to deal with trials and tribulations. In the poem you are about to read written by Maya Angelou is to inspire those that when faced with trials and tribulations to remember that you will rise above. As students we are faced with the pure pressure to do things that we don't want to do. We are put down for not having the right clothes at school or being smart enough to perform well in class. This poem is for those students that need inspiration to know that you overcome and that its okay to say no.

Maya Angelou  
You may write me down in history  
With your bitter, twisted lies,  
You may trod me in the very dirt  
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?  
Why are you beset with gloom?  
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells  
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,  
With the certainty of tides,  
Just like hopes springing high,  
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?  
Bowed head and lowered eyes?  
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,  
Weakened by my soulful cries?

Does my haughtiness offend you?  
Don't you take it awful hard  
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines  
Diggin' in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words,  
You may cut me with your eyes,  
You may kill me with your hatefulness,  
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?  
Does it come as a surprise  
That I dance like I've got diamonds  
At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame  
I rise  
Up from a past that's rooted in pain  
I rise  
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide  
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide  
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear  
I rise  
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear  
I rise  
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,  
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.  
I rise  
I rise  
I rise.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**If any students have any announcements or shout outs that they would like to submit for the newsletter just email me at [vpabon@berkeley.edu](mailto:vpabon@berkeley.edu) I wish all the seniors the best in their first year of college. Do not forget about your Upward Bound staff who has always been there for you. For the rest of you, hopefully we'll be seeing you this summer. Take care everyone!!!**

**-Vanessa Pabon**

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# Calendar of Events



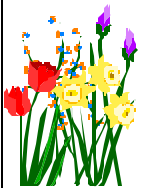
Saturday College  
 May 1<sup>st</sup>- 102 Moffit  
 May 8<sup>th</sup>- 102 Moffit



May 5<sup>th</sup>- Cinco De Mayo







Class of 2004 Senior Banquet  
 Silver Dragon on May 27<sup>th</sup>



Lei Day- Holiday in Hawaii

# May

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