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Emily Haynes, ready for a new challenge

by Charity Winters



For an 18 year old girl who spent some of high school at a boarding school in West Virginia, has already traveled the United States, visited France and Kenya, and will soon be off to China and Japan, choosing the right college is like picking the next destination for another adventure. Emily Haynes has few fears about her next big trip and is simply looking forward to the new experiences and freedom that college will have to offer. Her plan is to attend either the University of Montana at Missoula or the University of Minnesota at Twin Cities (she has already been accepted to both). She is ambitiously considering a double major in accounting with political science. And if not a double major, “definitely” a minor in something!

Emily has been a Seldovia kid since she was 5 years old, when her family moved here from Missoula, Montana. When I asked if she liked growing up in Seldovia, she responded with a lot of enthusiasm, remembering the long summer days of riding bikes until 10 at night and other such activities that kids love. Her favorite thing about Seldovia has always been the “freedom of having everything whenever you want...hiking, swimming, fishing, kayaking...” Also, not having to worry about the boogie man around the corner.

It was these types of things that made Emily decide to come back to Susan B. English to finish up her high school years. For the first few years she tried something different by attending a boarding school called Mount De Chantal Visitation Academy in West Virginia. But this really wasn't

as exciting as Emily had hoped. “No one really did anything... we stayed in the school, watching TV, sleeping, eating – it got boring.” Now, she still roams around town with her friends but she also finds time to play on the basketball team (volleyball, in the spring), volunteer as a lifeguard, play the piano, and read a good book every once in a while.

Emily felt that her biggest challenge this year was simply being content with life and trying to decide what to do with the rest of it! Her biggest fear for the future was making the mistake of picking the wrong college and finding herself in a place she didn't like. She'll also miss the security of the safe little town of Seldovia – even though that hasn't held her back from trying to go to college near a bigger city and that she sees herself working in a city 5 years down the road. Emily isn't planning on being a small-town girl forever. She says she'll miss her friends the most out of anything but in the end, she's ready for a new challenge.



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