Graduating Students’ Responses to open ended Questions

The Spring 2008 graduating students were asked:

Would you recommend Keene State College to a high school student? Why and Why Not?

Their responses have been analyzed for content and arranged into categorical themes. Please note that student responses are presented as they were written – corrections have been made on minor spelling errors, but no attempt has been made to correct grammar. Also, students often addressed more than one aspect of their Keene State experience. These responses have been unraveled and included in more than one category. The following table of contents lists the categorical themes, which are presented in the order of their prevalence in the students’ responses. A sampling of student comments follows which is also broken down by theme.

Students were able to speak to both why they would, and why they would not recommend KSC. Of the 921 students participating in the survey, Eighty-nine percent responded positively to this question, while 60% shared a negative comment.

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<td>The amount of work that the college has done to make itself better is amazing and I hope they continue to grow, and build on what they already have.</td>
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<td>Very cliquey campus.</td>
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<td>It has a great community feel making it easier 'leaving the nest’.</td>
<td>Some people act like college is high school part 2. There’s really nothing to do here except drink and hang out. real boring environment.</td>
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<td>Of course! KSC provided me with a small intimate setting in order to discover what to do with my life. Of course, it’s still all up in the air as of yet.</td>
<td>If you are looking for the elite status of being able to say that you went to a private ivy-league school, you will not get it here. Keene is too down-to-earth for that.</td>
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<td>It to me, has a college campus lifestyle without the negative aspects of going to a large city.</td>
<td>If they were not into the small town atmosphere, it may not be the right school for them.</td>
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<td>Keene State has a very positive vibe.</td>
<td>There isn’t much focus on academics and many times can be an apathetic atmosphere for learning. It is easy to focus more on what you’re doing on the weekend nights rather than the school work that you have during the week.</td>
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<td>Has that New England charm.</td>
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<td>Keene State College provided me with a great learning environment, which supported both healthy study habits and stable friend relationships.</td>
<td>A lot of people lose sight of what’s important when they discover the fun of partying and drinking.</td>
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<td>Offers many of the same opportunities as a large university, however has the feel of a small New England college.</td>
<td>Also, activities should probably be centered more on student interests than whoever seems like the best “deal”.</td>
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<td>The small classes and laid back nature of the community make it very comfortable for students to learn and thrive especially for those who need a relaxed learning environment.</td>
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<td>Keene represents a solid balance of academic course work and rejuvenating activities that are a must for a great college experience.</td>
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<td>Yes, because of the intimate atmosphere and the academic, social, and community opportunities that they offer to students.</td>
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<td>In a heartbeat. I learned from every moment I have been here, good and bad, and think that it is extremely under-rated. Your opinion is truly valued here and I can be myself.</td>
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<td>There is a great atmosphere. The scholastics and facilities seem to be improving and the future is promising for other students.</td>
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<td>Greek life is to intense</td>
<td>Too much partying. It’s gotten a reputation for being a party school and the former “Teaching school” can’t shake it.</td>
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<td>No place to really go if you are a freshman or sophomore. The school is very strict with alcohol, and the police treat the students with disrespect and break up every party.</td>
<td>The only thing that I will say that I didn’t like about Keene is that unless you’re 21, there isn’t a whole lot to do off campus that doesn’t require the use of a car.</td>
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<td>but I find the campus to be, in a big way, a party campus with beer-guzzling Thursday nights embodying the weekend</td>
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Location

- I think the location and size of the school really sets it apart from other colleges.
- I would recommend Keene State College to someone in my High school, because I think it is the perfect distance from home. It isn’t too far or too close.
- If you like New Hampshire, then Keene is for you because it has all of the best parts of NH in one place.
- the town of Keene is also great for college students and easily walk able for those who don’t have cars.
- Pumpkinfest!
- Keene is also in a great location that is accessible to many great door activities one may be interested in doing. I am 100% happy with my decision to have spent the last 4 years of my life here.
- Keene State College is located in a beautiful area, everything a college student could need is within walking distance.
- Plenty of off campus housing for upperclassmen.
- Keene is also a quaint town with cute shops up and down main street and pumpkinfest is great time!
- The town is affordable for most college students to live comfortably with lots of job opportunity.
- Great school located in center of what is best about New England
- yes, first off the location is perfect. its in the heart of new hampshire and makes it a great place to be active with the outdoors as well as close to fun cities such as boston.

Location

- Small Town, not much to do.
- I would tell a student that if they lived as far away from Keene State College as I did they might want to find a college closer to home or move to Keene. I spent four hours a day in my car traveling, which did not allow me to participate in extra curricular activities or use the resources that Keene State College offered. I think due to the long commute I did not get as much out of Keene State College as I could have if I lived closer.
- Too small, not enough culture, shopping, musical events, festivals, etc... Too simple of a town to be a college town. Boring.
- No, because Keene is secluded from other larger cities, so there is not much to do outside of campus life. That was my only drawback.
- The only reason I would not recommend Keene State College is the location. Personally, I am a city person and often, I found that I got bored easily.
- The location and the Keene "townies" have a counter effect on the college.
- Keene is a black hole.
- To small of a school I got sick of it after the first couple years with the same scenery the same things to do it got old.
• It has all of the things a college town has to offer and if you want to get away, there are many natural surroundings you can escape to.
• Also, the location of the school is wonderful where one has the option of shopping, dining, and just the luxury of wondering the pleasant streets of Keene with all the plaza’s it offers.
• Its a great place to find yourself because its so far from everything and you’re isolated
• Yes, because it is a beautiful location. I am still very glad that I came here. Pumpkin Fest is so worth it!

Size
• The campus is just small enough so you don’t feel like your lost in a sea of students and just big enough so you don’t feel like you know everyone.
• Also the small community allows you to form friendships more easily than would be possible at a larger school.
• great teacher to student ratio where I felt I got more one on one attention from teachers then maybe in a larger university type setting.
• Keene is a very quaint college that has small classes (for now, hopefully with the increase of freshmen this won’t change drastically) that I love because you get individual attention
• Furthermore, I found it very convenient to be within walking distance to every building on campus.
• I believe Keene State College is a great school for kid coming right out of high school because it is not a very large school, but yet at the same time you get the great college experience.
• Nice, small town environment with a good school that is constantly growing and becoming larger and better as an institution.
• I would recommend Keene State College to a high school student because it is a small school in which one is able to stand out and engage in many different activities.
• Because this school was perfect for me. It is small in size if you meet a person it is likely that you will see them again.
• As you progress in the academic system the class sizes reduce dramatically (5-10).
• Most definitely. These have been an incredible 4 years. I brag about Keene whenever I’m home. The campus isn’t too big and it’s nice to walk around and see familiar faces.
• I would recommend this school to a high school student.

• I would not recommend Keene if someone was looking for a big more anonymous school.
• Small school is similar to high school social structure, good for some bad for some. Individual must take it upon themself to experience learning, but that’s true anywhere.
• Because it’s so small, after two years I feel like I’ve done everything there is to do here.
• the small campus size is slowly deteriorating into a larger hustle and bustle campus.
• Too small for a large scale world
• Keene is a relatively small school, and that’s not always ideal for some people.
• it may be to big for your liking
• Because it is a small college and if you are looking for a big campus with lots of things to do this would not be the right school for you.
• It’s a small school. There are small classes and you recognize people all the time. If you’re looking for being part of a huge campus this isn’t the place to go.
• It is not a huge campus. If you’re looking for something big then Keene is probably not the best place to look.
• There may be more opportunities available at a bigger university regarding things like clubs and sports as well as library resources and hours of operation.
• Keene is a small school and some students are looking for something bigger. For me however, it was the perfect fit.
• not a small college anymore, growing very fast
The school just built allot of new buildings but it still isn’t really big like UNH and the classes aren’t huge.

- Yes because it is a smaller college which allows for stronger professor/student relations and it is an easier transition from High School to College.

Beautiful Campus

- The campus is beautiful in every season and a great place to hang out. It’s also easy to walk from one end to the other in a small amount of time and find all the buildings you are looking for.
- Plus the campus is beautiful and very well-maintained!
- The campus is beautiful and intimate, and basically brand new
- The campus itself is always well kept. It is a pleasure to walk through from building to building. Learning and living within the KSC community has been a wonderful experience.

Weather

- It’s cold here in the winter.
- In the winter we froze and in the summer we melted quite literally.
- Harsh winters
- There is a lot of snow
- There is a long winter in New Hampshire.
- New England winters
- I wouldn’t recommend this school to people who don’t like the cold or snow

Academics

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General Academics

- Of course, I found Keene State a challenging and engaging experience
- Because the school has a good academic program that offers much classroom discussion and hand on opportunities
- It is a great school to get a broad knowledge of everything
- Keene State College is a high-level academic institution.
- Keene State did a very good job of providing me with a general education
- If you want a challenging and rewarding education this is the place to be.
- I would recommend Keene State College to a high school student who is considering a quality higher education, within the sanctity of a respected institution.
- The academics are constantly improving and evolving with every incoming class
- Yes, as a state school I feel that it has offered a solid education
- I absolutely loved my experience at KSC. It was everything I dreamed college would be and the campus has a lot to offer no matter what your interest may be.
- I would indeed recommend Keene State College to a high school student for the quality of academics that they offer here
- Academically, Keene State is a great college, that seems to improve all the time.
- KSC challenged me to think and encouraged me to further my life career.

- They will be a need for some expansion in the programs offered to entice students in the technical fields to attend.
- Find KSC to be very average and lacking in critical and analytical thinking on the whole.
- Because KSC has very little to do with academic achievement and more to do with how the school can suck as much money out of you as possible.
- Academic wise I have not learned much more then I would if I never came here and that is sad considering I spent upwards of 70,000 dollars.
- Some of the course offerings are limited and many times the reading is limited to text books instead of important objectively written literature.
- Additionally, while I feel the science programs are academically strong at KSC, the lack of research opportunities was an impediment towards getting into graduate/medical school.
- I feel that the school focuses on basic learning and may not provide future students with specific skills and knowledge.
- I would have really enjoyed a co-op type experience like at schools such as northeastern
- The classes are inconsistent when taught by different professors. I didn’t like the way one class would have to do more or less work to receive the same credits.
- I wouldn’t recommend KSC to a student looking for a very challenging program. Keene is a school that helps students educate themselves without being overwhelmed by academic pressure.
• Lots of opportunity to do research.
• because of the research that is going on in different departments
• workload is not overwhelming
• Pursuing an education in a field that you feel strongly will be time consuming, fun, and well-worth all of your efforts. It really pays off when graduation is rolling around and you begin to realize how much you learned and experienced in such a short per
• This question is a very weighty question. I would recommend Keene State in terms of sheer academics.
• I would recommend it to aspiring journalists because it gives a broad sense of how you’re going to have to deal with anything you face in the field in the real world. A very global program that I would recommend to anyone.
• yes, this school has a great way of providing challenging courses on top of a wide social network with a variety of people.
• The school offers a diverse curriculum,
• I would recommend Keene State College to a student that may or may not know exactly what they are looking to pursue a career in because the liberal arts program can help you figure out what interests you the most.
• KSC offers a good place to develop interests and accrue a broad liberal education.
• It is very student-oriented and provides a well-rounded education.
• A liberal arts school allows people to understand more about what’s going on in the world around them, not just give them the tools to do a specific job like some schools.
• Yes I would. I transferred to Keene half way through my sophomore year and I am so happy I did it. The academic and social aspects were beyond my expectations. I’m so happy to be a Keene State graduate.

• If I could change anything it would be in making more languages available for study.
• Some of the programs are a little disorganized and it’s frustrating when requirements are thrown at you in the last few months of one’s college career.
• My only concern about this college is for the non-education majors, since it is primarily an education school.
• If you’re not interested in a Education degree be prepared that the school is focused towards education; make sure before enrolling that you are comfortable being in a department that is not the focus of most attention.
• I hope with the new changes that have been made to the curriculum, especially the education department that the courses will be more beneficial and students will be given the proper help to work out their schedule.
• It is challenging to still become certified in another state aside from NH.
• Keene state didn’t challenge me to think, it challenged my to waste my time keeping busy. Busy work and life enriching skills are very different and one of the two won’t be found at KSC.
• There is a limited variety of majors but if Keene State offers what one is looking for, then it is a good place to be however, it would be amenable to have more choices or specializations within majors.
• I do not see this style of learning as conducive to the facilitation of professional excellence. An apprenticeship program would be far more helpful.
**Major Programs**

Students frequently stated that their decision to recommend or Not recommend KSC would depend on what the prospective student was planning to study. The following table summarizes those departments that were specifically mentioned in the comments. Many students were more generic in the response not naming specific departments.

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- Think very highly of the education program and feel like I am leaving Keene with a great background in education, better than what others might be getting at Uconn etc.
- Safety is a strong field for the future
- I would also recommend certain programs at KSC to students- specifically the Management and Safety programs. They are both very career oriented and provide valuable practical knowledge and skills,
- I would recommend this college because in the specific area of mathematics the teachers behind this area are very devoted to the success of their students so they will do whatever they can to help you pass the class.
- They prepare you well for teaching in New Hampshire and provide you with a great deal of information about tests. There are multiple opportunities to find jobs for after graduation here on campus. Education majors graduate WITH teacher certification, an
- I really enjoyed being able to construct an individualized major.
- Keene State College has supported my enthusiasm in teaching
- Also being a Management major the required courses gave me a great overview of management as a whole and didn’t make me focus on one part of the degree unless I wanted
- Keene State College does not offer extensive graduate programs and research opportunities outside of the education major.
- The management department is not in depth at all. There are so few electives to choose from and the most of the classes offered are pretty basic.
- However for those entering education, my second major (BS in) I wouldn’t recommend it because there is not enough emphasis on discipline or even time in the classroom.
- They are not many Spanish major students and as such some of the required courses are not offered every semester which makes it hard, especially as a transfer student, to fit them all in.
- The school is small and as a management major I would have liked to have concentrations within the major to go further into different aspects of the degree.
- No, being a Business major, I don’t believe Keene State College has a strong Business department, I believe internships should be a program requirement for Students in all fields just as student teaching is a requirement for education major.
- Because the environmental studies department (or lack thereof) exists in a bubble of rigid radicalism.
to. KSC allowed me to make the decisions for myself.

- Yes I would, depending on what they wanted to do for a major. I feel that in my degree in Theatre and Dance I was constantly pushed to create better work and given the opportunities to show my work as well as teach. I have grown a lot as a dancer and choreographer through this program and would recommend it to anyone pursuing a career in dance.

- Yes, I would recommend Keene State College to a high school student, because there is a diverse selection of fields to study. I believe that once you know what you want to do, you will find a mentor that will guide you along to where you are suppose to go.

- Even though the management department at Keene State is on the smaller side, without concentrations, I feel the department as a whole has a lot to offer. From what I hear of other departments, such as education, Keene State is a great place to pursue an education.

- For a student wanting to pursue Journalism I would highly recommend coming to KSC, because the opportunities to write and become involved with newspapers are huge here.

- Broad range of degrees and programs good for high school students coming to Keene State with an undecided major.

Service Learning

- This school allows for many opportunities and (especially if going into education) gives you a headstart in getting a job by making students participate in so much service learning.

- There’s something for everyone who wants to contribute and be involved in the community.

- Through Keene I have been able to be involved in so many community experiences that I couldn’t get at a large University.

- Provides a wealth of service learning which helps you apply real life skills in your field of study.

- I would highly recommend KSC to a high school student interested in majoring in education. KSC does a lot of prepare a student for their student teaching experience.

- I have participated in around 100 community service hours since I came to KSC. It has been the main reason I have morals, self values and a mission and goals with my life.

- Great student teaching opportunity

- Offers great ways to be involved and give back to the community.

General Education

- I would not recommend Keene State College for any student seeking a degree in dance, as the program is not as intense as a dedicated dancer might like.

- I do not recommend this college for a psychology degree. The psychology professors are extremely great but they do not offer anything to get your foot in the door in the field and neglect to tell you need to go to grad school until you’re too far in the program.

- I disliked the ESEC program here. I don’t feel like I was prepared for teaching until I got to methods and then it felt like everything was being crammed in at once.

- The only complaint I have about Keene State College is that I wish the college offered more classes to students that will help with their future. It is difficult being a Communication major and there not be classes that offer or teach editorial, web page.

- My major of Architecture I had minimal direction on what classes to take and how to be prepared for the real world which is my main concern.

- The music dep. needs to become more involved with the “education” part and focus less on the “performing” for Music Ed. majors!

- As an education major, I felt that the program does not stand up to the reputation that it has made for itself. Not enough time is spent in the classroom, and the classes are repetitive.

- I believe that there needs to be more ESEC program needs to be completely segregated. (ie, elementary and secondary should be separate for all 4 years of college)
- I believe that KSC has helped me develop as a future teacher in great ways. The amount of opportunities of working in a classroom, hands on with students is amazing. I learned so much more by being in a classroom and observing another teacher and being involved in their class, I wouldn’t have the knowledge and experience that I do if I had not had that opportunity.

- Great internships to choose from

- The nutrition program also gave me many opportunities to work within the community, helping educate people about different nutrition topics. I got a great education and a lot of experience in and out of the classroom.

**Study Abroad**

- The study abroad program at KSC was very helpful in making it possible for me to study away…. which was the best decision I have made in my life.

- I had the opportunity to study in a different country for 5 months. All of this would not be possible if I had attended another school.

- I strongly recommend KSC to a high school student, particularly for the people who want to study abroad

**Courses**

- They also have an interesting load of courses which benefits the expansion of mind, knowledge, and learning.

- There are also a lot of interesting courses offered, some that you can take just for fun.

- I have learned a lot through my courses

- Keene State College allowed me to take a wide variety of courses that I didn’t think I would take.

- All of the courses here are really beneficial

- The classes offered at Keene State are very broad.

- I would recommend Keene State to high school students because I believe that whether or not you know what you want to do with your life in the future, Keene offers great classes

- The classes are challenging.

- Yes, I would recommend Keene State College to other high school students because my four years here were great. I loved the classes and the teachers that I had.

- KSC offers a broad range of courses, there are many core classes from which to choose, so students can explore many avenues and try new things.

**Admissions Standards**

- Needs to be more selective of students. I feel that the current state of the administration at this college has lost sight of what is important. They continue to accept students who have no business in a college and have no interest in academia. People who are dregs on society are rewarded at keene state not punished, it seems that the college cares little or is unaware with how tarnished the keene state reputation has become. I feel that my degrees shrink in value on a daily basis

**4 Credit Transition**

- During my four years some ambiguity has arose in different situations. Mostly due to the transition to the four credit system. I had to take three classes which I didn’t need to graduate, which could have been used for classes which would have furthered my career knowledge.

- The school should stick to one system when it comes to classes and credits. It was a bit confusing the past few years.

- The recent change in the credit system has reduced the total number of classes available per semester, along with a ‘dumbing down’ of information taught. Most professors do not teach for the full hour and three quarters.

- I was an architecture major. During my stay at KSC, they changed the credit system to 4 credits and the entire architecture system at the same time. I received zero guidance through this all and had no idea what classes I would then need to graduate….. I believe the school did not prepare for these changes what so ever.

**Personal and Intellectual Growth**

**Growth and Development**

- The social atmosphere is a great place for growth and development,

- Yes...I thought my experience at KSC was extremely rewarding and eye opening at the same time.
• Yes, I would definitely recommend KSC to a high school student because Keene changed my life.
• When I first came to Keene State College, I was confused on where I was going in life. In four short years I have been transformed from a follower to a leader on campus. From Student Government, to the Equinox I have gained experience and gratitude for my accomplishments.
• Yes, it is a life changing experience. Students leave Keene feeling a sense of pride and knowing that all their hard work payed off in the end, and they have many fond memories to bring with us out into the world.
• Yes, I would recommend KSC to a high school student because I feel that the college was wonderful and really made me grow as a person and a student.
• I would recommend Keene State College to a high school student because Keene offers students the ability to look within themselves. Upon this introspection, students are able to truly evaluate what they would like to do in the future.
• Yes, I would recommend Keene State College to a high school student. KSC is able to make students realize their full potentials as individuals.
• Keene State College has been a wonderful and exciting step in my life journey.
• It is a great place for high school students to begin to spread their wings as an individual.
• Yes, Keene State College has provided me with some of the most defining moments of my life. It has allowed me to grow as an individual.
• It is a great place for a student to grow comfortably and make important life decisions.
• I have learned a lot and I have grown a lot and for that I could never manage to replace this experience with something else!
• Keene State has the feeling of home, a place to settle in a learn, to learn about yourself, and the greater community that you live in. It’s a place to start a greater path of meaning while incorporating standards that will apply anywhere you want to go.

**Academic and Social Development**

• Fosters a great learning environment that helped me on my path to higher education.
• with many opportunities to grow and develop academically and personally.
• Yes, Keene State College is a great place to grow both socially and academically.
• I very much enjoyed the time I have spent learning and socializing here.
• Keene State is one of the best places to learn and grow
• You learn a lot about people and real world skills through your social life experience
• Yes, My experience at Keene State has allowed me to find confidence in my skills by applying them in course work and in the community which will greatly benefit me in the future.
• I have learned so much about myself through my experience at KSC and believe that Keene State was the perfect choice for me and anyone else who wants to learn a little more about a particular subject area, living in the real world, and themselves.
• Yes, Keene State College is a great place for an 18-year-old to find him/herself. When I came to Keene State I was looking for a second chance in life. I had made many mistakes in my past, but Keene State forgave me for them and let me mature into the adult that I am now.
• I’ve become a better person and a better student by coming to Keene State and I know incoming students will experience the same thing.
• I would recommend Keene State College to high school students because Keene State College has given me a great experience and has helped me grow in my academic field!
• Because it provided the opportunity for a great mix of both social and academic situations that one could benefit from.
• If there is one thing I appreciate the most after these four years it’s being able to think more critically about things, and that is really important to me.
• I would, Keene State was a wonderful place for someone like me. I was an alright student before I came but, I wasn’t secure in my academic abilities. After throwing myself into different classes, talking to teachers, making use of tutors and the writing center. I learned that I don’t always need to do things on my own;
• Yes. Because my education here at Keene State College has grown greatly over the past four years.
• Definitely. Yes I would recommend KSC to a high school student. KSC comes highly recommended from me as it helped me to excel in many areas. My biggest accomplishments have been in the athletic field of soccer, track, and cross country as well as becoming a certified Elementary Education Teacher.

**Life Skills**
• Definitely prepares you for the world in a well-rounded way
• I feel confident that I’m prepared to enter the “real world”.
• Keene State has prepared me for the real world. And, I’m going to miss it very much.
• Yes, the experience has been wonderful and the college has prepared me for life outside of school.
• Think that Keene has done a great job to prepare me for my next step and feel that I am ready to enter “the real world
• The college prepares one for the future they encounter after graduating. It is very involved with what’s happening in

**Comfort with future**
• Some of the degrees you graduate with do not prepare you for immediate employment, and this should be thought about prior to entering the field.
• Not sure if I’m fully prepared for life after college.
• Because other schools have a better rate of getting jobs right out of college
• Could have been better prepared however to enter the field of psychology
• Not sure how well this college has prepared me for my future career
• I don’t feel that this school is necessarily the best for
the nation and in the world.

- Part of me doesn’t want to leave, but another part is ready to take on ‘real-life’, and KSC helped me with that.
- I’m walking away proud to say my education at this college was definitely worth it and I feel confident in my future.
- It also provides a good platform to move onto graduate school from
- Yes, It allows you the time to develop into a person and not an academic graduate who is not prepared for the world. My stay at KSC has shown me the real world through many of classes, allowing me to work with many different people.

Career Preparedness

- I also would especially recommend KSC to anyone pursuing a career in education because I feel totally prepared to start my career.
- Helped me get on track with a career that I am excited to begin after graduation.
- Overall, I feel as though KSC has given me a huge opportunity for future career growth.
- Yes, because the school did prepare me for most of the obstacles that I will encounter in my field of study. I do not know about the other majors, but I do know that safety program helped me grow and realize what I want to do in my future.
- KSC has taught me to be a responsible and well rounded individual. I feel confident that I am prepared to pursue a job with the education I have received.
- The education program has prepared me for working right out of school.

Faculty

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<td>The education professors really care about their students and want to make sure the future teachers of America will be the best they can be.</td>
<td>There is little cultural diversity in the faculty, in the history and language departments, and very little embrace of the global world.</td>
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<td>Faculty genuinely cared about the welfare of the students, their studies, and their lives after Keene State College. I don’t have much experience with other institutions but I can say that my faculty would be a hard group to beat on the chemistry playing field and in the arena of providing individual career support. A+.</td>
<td>Some of the teachers don’t have a good learning curve with getting used to their methods of teaching</td>
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<td>Keene State College has a faculty body built on positivity, and moving forward concerning the school in general as well as with an individual student.</td>
<td>Some of the teachers aren’t the most understanding and do not explain assignments well.</td>
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<td>Yes. I like the way the Education faculty at Keene State are so helpful with anything that you need. The faculty at Keene State are always available through email or by phone. I also like the way they take commuters needs into preparing students for medical school.</td>
<td>Some of the faculty is not driven to make their students smarter or more informed. Some just want you to go through the motions.</td>
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<td>I’m a senior. I will be done with school this year. I have paid thousands of dollars out of my own pocket to make it happen. I don’t feel I’m leaving college having learned nearly enough. I don’t feel I’ve gotten out of it what I’ve put into it. I feel that much of my coursework is irrelevant to whatever career I may enter.</td>
<td>Also the quality of the professors that provide courses for the freshman students are not as knowledgeable as the professors who teach the more advanced courses this causes a student to wonder if they choose the wrong school and then they miss out on having good professors later on.</td>
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mind when weather conditions prevail.

- I loved that my professors knew my name and that I was able to speak to them on a personal level about my academics.
- KSC’s professors are wonderful resources and great people to work with to further education.
- The faculty at KSC is very friendly and helpful. Having an advisor for my specific major was a huge asset for me as a student. Advisors/professors are able to meet with their students individually which helps guide students throughout their college career.
- The faculty and staff treat you like adults and equals. Also, the professors teach in many different ways, they do not just lecture all the time.
- My advisor was very involved, helpful and supportive of me and my work. She also opened up more then one amazing opportunity for me.
- Some teachers want to make smarter and more informed students, by giving students critical thinking tools along with the capacity to understand what their looking at.
- All of the faculty that I have encountered during my studies were a delight to learn from. They embrace creativity and challenge their students in doing so.
- They have really pushed me to learn and grow, and find my own style.
- Faculty and staff rally behind students that want to learn and further their passion for their subject. Faculty are supportive and advocates for the learning process which at KSC is the process of becoming a better person through the knowledge and skills.
- Yes. As a non-traditional student, I felt my professors were exceptionally supportive and understanding of the specific challenges experienced while balancing FT (or more) employment, house and family responsibilities.
- Keene State College is a small college which allows you to create student/faculty relationships which will help throughout your experiences at school and when you are out in the real world.

- Wasted my time and money on their classes. I love to learn, and feel I could have been challenged more in some classes.
- Administration/faculty is not focused on Individual success. They are too focused on the rules and regulations that they developed thinking it was best for the students, without actually asking the students.
- KSC was once a good school to attend. Not anymore. Administration is horrible. Who’s making the executive decisions anyway? Who is hiring professors that don’t even have a degree in what they are teaching. I feel it is pathetic.
- Because sometimes teachers can be too preachy, and let their political beliefs get in the way of learning. Also, some teaching methods are not as effective as one may think.
- I would not recommend a student to attend KSC for music. Most of the professors are dull... they are not willing to reach out to students. Some of them seem highly Unqualified to be teaching a college course.
- Too small and some classes/teachers here don’t do what they should to help you exceed in whatever you pursue in life.
- I wouldn’t recommend it for a few reasons. I think that Keene could offer more in terms of education. Some professor just don’t seem to take it seriously or really teach all that they can.
- I might not recommend Keene State to a high school student because some of the professors. I have done well academically at Keene State, but that has nothing to do with some of the tenured professors that should have been reviewed a long time ago. Most are very intelligent, but some just can teach.
- Feel as if some of the professors are so overwhelmed with their outside work that it’s hard for them to be fully committed to the student.
- This is a school with professors who may know a great deal of their topic, but some do lack reasonable teaching skills. I think this results in some of the apathy that can occur in some courses.
- The only thing that I did not like about my experience was that some of the professors were not as approachable as they should which made getting extra help a little more difficult.

### Campus Life and Facilities

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<td>No college can beat the support system in place at KSC.</td>
<td>As far as adult learners go, once you matriculate, you can no longer use the continuing ed services. I could not sign up for September classes in April, I would have no idea what my schedule would be. If I was still under Cont Ed, there were usually 2 spots held for that reason. I would</td>
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<td>Tutoring, the Aspire program, and the Writing Center are all programs available towards helping out every individual KSC student.</td>
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<td>Health services always had a friendly and helpful staff.</td>
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The career resource center was also very helpful, and I liked how they came to some of our classes to explain what they offer. Mason Library has a great collection of books and magazines, also the staff was always helpful.

- Keene State College provides students with an amazing learning experience, while guiding and providing amazing resources to individuals on that life changing journey.
- Additionally, Keene State College has great resources for students, such as the Elliot Center (career, academic, and health counseling).

**Diversity**

- It’s a college that is working towards cultural diversity which is much needed specially in this area of the US.
- The student body is made up of a wide variety of students. Much of the student body is made up from a vast number of New England states. This gives a student at Keene a different experience he or she would have at lets say Plymouth State or Southern New.
- Yes, I believe Keene was a good school to go to and think that I learned a lot from the atmosphere.
- Highly accepting of the diverse population of students present on campus.

However, there were some aspects that could be improved.

- I do wish there were more support services for non-trad students, maybe a small conf room somewhere with Internet, microwaves, etc. Sometimes difficult when on campus trying to deal with an unexpected work problem, and limited internet access/privacy trying to deal with that problem.
- No career counseling unless you request it.
- Just to have someone for me to go too.
- Career advising is not always clear.
- For a liberal arts school I thought there should be more help readily available.

I feel that the college was not entirely understanding and supportive of me in that I was a very non-traditional student. Yes, I started college right out of high school but I did not and still do not know what I want to do with the rest of my life. I have worked many jobs throughout college and continue to do so. I do not live on campus. Being a commuter with a full schedule makes it difficult to work on group projects, schedule meetings with professors, attend campus events, etc. I wish I did not feel pressure to sacrifice things that are important to me to make time for things that often seem like busy work. For a typical student, KSC would be wonderful. I believe that no college could provide me with a better full-time student experience. I just felt very stressed, rushed, and confused the whole 5 years.

- Because there is not a lot of diversity, however I have seen a change, but there still needs to be more diversity.
- I would not recommend Keene State College to a high school student for the lack of diversity and
Facilities

- The buildings here on campus are a combination of old and new, tastefully blending in with one another to create an aesthetically pleasing environment which I like to call "New England charm."
- It also has a very nice proscenium stage, if you’re a theater student.
- I also appreciate KSC’s constant improvements on their buildings and facilities. Since I began my academic career at KSC there has been about four to five big projects completed not including the completion of the new science center in 04’.
- Great and state of the art facilities. Growing campus and college.
- The facilities on campus are well structured
- The facilities are new and have all the technology you will need, and the help you will need to find what you need.
- Gym is one of the best in the state.
- The facilities are new and up to date with the ever changing world of technology.

Athletics

- The athletics program is great for any athlete who feels they can compete at a level above highschool.
- I had fun at athletic games
- good athletics programs and intramural activities.
- Athletics are really good. Good coaching staff.
- If you are looking to play college athletics Keene is also your school.
- I came here to play soccer and I believe that Keene State College has one of, if not the best athletic programs in New England
- strong athletic presence in the region, and nation

Campus Administration

- The financial aid office has been very helpful, especially Pat Blodgett. KSC has all around been a very positive and fulfilling experience for me.
- good res life. Department
- safety
- Nice residential staff

openmindedness in the student body.
- I would not recommend KSC to a high school student because of the lack of diversity, although that is not completely the college’s fault, giving where it is located regionally.

Facilities

- The older dorms are very shabby. I had a very difficult time getting any homework done when I lived on campus. They simply were not comfortable.
- Because the school needs physical improvements in some departments
- Class rooms are out of date (Joplin)
- The class rooms at the Blake House are mold filled and just nasty dirty. If I came into KSC freshman year and saw that as my major facility I would have transfer.
- Freshmen living conditions are shabby and need vast improvement
- Bathrooms in resident halls were gross, especially Randall, Owl’s Nest, and Monadnock.
- As far as the music department goes; NEW practice modules; ones that actually work, are healthy to practice in, and one that are sound proof so that you can concentrate on your own work ARE NEEDED BADLY!! Those modules are far too old and have never been updated what-so-ever!
- for architecture majors, adams tech is a disgusting crappy building

Athletics

- Needs a football team.
- Because it doesn’t have a hockey team
- The athletic sports aren’t very entertaining to watch, there is no football team, and school spirit is not something taken very seriously.
- There is a lack of sports teams, but this is getting better. The only regret I have about coming to a small school is the lack of athletics, i.e.) Division I athletics. I feel like that is a huge part of college and the one thing that I missed out on.

Campus Administration

- Advising
  - I’ve heard bad stories about overworked and unavailable advisors. I consider my good experience with an advisor "lucky".
  - There were a few things I found difficult when moving to part time status. There was nothing on the internet, no packet, and nobody to guide in the exit process of leaving the school. I was able to get the things I needed in order to graduate but not to leave the school. It was very difficult
and very confusing. If anything I would say that process is a little disorganized. When I did approach someone about these problems they said I didn’t ask.

- Also, the advising could be stronger, I have about two full semester’s worth of classes that are completely useless to me graduating, equaling twenty grand down the tubes.
- The second major support regarding what classes to take by certain points is minimal and causes last minute stress.
- There should be a placement program for helping to find jobs after you graduate.
- The elliot center has little to no preparation material for graduate schools in the field of biology. I had to do all my research on the internet on my own.
- Just make sure that you choose you’re major as soon as possible so that you can start taking the required course and graduate on time. Go to the academic career advising in Elliot for guidance. They will not come find you…Make sure you know what classes you are taking and why. Pick up forms from the elliot center at least and make up your mind sooner than later about what you want to major in.
- I feel I was unaware about credits and academic issues…I feel many students are unaware of the help they can receive at the Elliot Center.
- I do feel however that in some cases faculty need to be more aware of ways to help students with their scheduling.
- I think KSC needs to do a better job with academic advising. The advising in certain departments is extremely difficult and I believe they don’t put as much time and effort into helping the student graduate on-time…

**Bursar/SFS**

- I think the financial aid department needs a little improvement with communicating to the students more clearly.
- The financial aid office is only occasionally helpful in explaining things to you when there is a problem that you do not understand.
- Sometimes it felt as though the financial aid office was not there to help the students get through school, but more worried about getting money into the school account. There needs to be more discussion between the bursar, the financial aid office and cont. Education.
- I have had more than one problem with the Bursars Office, and consider some of the fees extortion by the college …
- I found at times the school offices were disorganized, and would lose important documents of mine for registration, FASFA, and/or Sallie Mae loan information. I found this quite frustrating…
- The financial aid office is a mess. It is almost impossible to get a straight answer from one person. Usually, when I had troubles with financial aid I am always sent from
person to person, multiple times I have had to take a whole day and devote it to taking care of my financial aid business. Some people seem to not care about their jobs or students. However, I have had a couple people who were truly wonderful to work with. It’s nice to know that there are some people at Keene State working because they enjoy their jobs and helping people.

- I believe that the college only care about getting their money and the student come second…. The bursar office almost made me transfer to a different college because of an office mistake. They were drop me from all my classes because a outstanding bill which they never told me about until a week before class began.

**Housing/Reslife**

- Many of the things that happen non-academically are getting more and more difficult; such as the housing situations on campus.
- On several occasions, Keene has made decisions in their Residential Life department that give the impression that they care more about the numbers, and about Keene as a “business”, more than they do about their students. There needs to be more to the students, and less loyalty to incoming students’ money. If money is short, KSC should find an alternate way to raise funds rather than leaving their upper-classmen in the dust.
- Campus housing not available for all students who want it, some upperclassmen are being put out of housing.
- The housing situation that the enrollment office has created, leads to a uninviting atmosphere!
- The housing situation is a nightmare, I feel terrible for the incoming students.
- I enjoyed my time at Keene State but right now I would tell high school students that they might want to pick a college who did not take your housing deposits and then decide that it could not house juniors and seniors. I lived on campus for four years and do not think I could have done it without …
- Also, I would not recommend living on campus, it’s too overpriced and the food is not that great. RA’s in all 4 buildings I lived in never enforced quiet hours, only during finals.
- In my 5 years at Keene State, I have had only 3 RA’s who have actually cared enough about their residents to report/write up someone for not following the rules, even when the incidents were repeated, many times.

**Registrar/Registration**

- depending on your future plans. At times classes offered for people who work full time during the day are difficult to find.
- Registering for classes was always such a mess and they ALWAYS messed up my registration time and said I was a year behind academically …
It has a tendency of keeping students past 4 years. A lot of the time due to errors at the registrar’s office, whether it be trouble registering for classes, or getting necessary help.

There was a limited amount of courses sometimes when narrowing classes down to your field of study.

The people in the registrar’s office were never friendly even when you’re nice to them.

**Bookstore**

The bookstore is expensive…I can go to any other art supply store and find everything there cheaper. Don’t even get me started on the book selling operation you’ve got going on there.

Bookstore was overpriced.

**Library**

I do think the library is lacking which can make it difficult to work and do research there.

I am extremely happy with the Mason Library and there extended hours every semester. That is big for most KSC students. However, the availability to rent laptops and use a computer for word processing gets quite congested at many times of the day and semester.

**IT**

The networking system is horrible. The IT staff lacks real IT knowledge.

…the IT group is usually unresponsive unless you harass them and call every day

**Campus Safety**

Campus Safety is not really helpful besides giving parking tickets.

My second year (and there is a claim with Campus safety) either an RA, Maintenance or someone else over break kneeled on my $1400 Martin guitar while it was on my bed and cracked the top. It could not be fixed and Campus safety did nothing about it…

I felt KSC took away some of my personal rights, due to the fact I’ve been in trouble once here at KSC and campus safety went against regulation rules of what to do in a particular situation. May be KSC should better train there RA’s and campus safety crew!

And campus safety is rude, mean and could care less about the students. If I would were to come back as a KSC HR person I would try and gain a lot of new staff esp in the Campus safety department.

**Politics**

Two great professors left the program I am in because of bureaucratic crap.

since this whole thing with the St Benedicts church and our administration did not make a public statement I’m less likely to recommend this school. I want my sister and other young people to go to a place that follows the laws but also isn’t afraid to do what is right and to say what is right.
Campus Involvement

- The Night Owl Cafe, Midnight Madness and Spring Weekend should be enough reason for any High School Student to take a serious look at coming to KSC!
- I also think Keene State has a lot of great extracurricular activities that cover a wide range of areas.
- There are numerous activities one can pursue at KSC, allowing everyone to find something to fit their own unique personality.
- Yes, I feel that my experience at Keene State has been a valuable one. There are many opportunities available for individuals with a wide range of interests.
- From Student Government, to the Equinox I have gained experience and gratitude for my accomplishments. However, my true pride is my work with my Fraternity, Psi Upsilon and the work I have done as President of the Intra-Fraternal Council. I have learned what it takes to be a leader: responsibility and fortitude. I have made friendships and memories I know will last a life time and I owe it all to Keene State College. My home sweet home! The campus life offers so much, especially to a high school student who is ready to leave home and experience something new. I would definitely recommend Keene State College to a high school student.
- There are many organizations to become involved with that will help you socially and give you leadership opportunities.
- I personally had a great experience here. I am an out of state student so I loved living on my own and keene state offers a lot of great opportunities for their students.
- Keene State offers many activities that are beneficial to most people. And if there is a program/activities that isn’t available, it is easy enough to start something yourself. Keene State provides students with many options.
- I would recommend KSC to a high school student for more than the academic reasons here. I have been a member of a school affiliated fraternity, I have been able to meet more close friends then I could have in my time otherwise.
- Keene State offers several facilities for the student whatever they want to do, whether it be involved with a club, organization or sports team. Here is always something to do on campus for students, especially if they don’t have means to travel.
- The college does a wonderful job at providing the students with events throughout the year to get together and have some fun!
- The friends and colleagues I gained as an RA will never leave me. My work at the student center and with habitat for humanity have made me who I am today.
- Yes, because I had such an amazing experience here. I actually got involved on campus and in my classes. If you

Campus Life

- Too much cigarette smoking and alcohol consumption on campus.
- Party school, Too many parties allowed on campus, some shady characters roaming around
- Greek life is diminishing.
- I would have liked to see better activities that could bring the student body together more.
- the new president is removing all greek life organizations and driving the students to an uncontrolled social

Student Attitudes

- I feel the student body is shallow in many cases
- There is a new attitude of the students and it seems much more clique within the student body. Much different from when I started here.
- Some of the students are wretched.
- The student body is remarkably homogenous and is often apathetic in class to everything but what is happening on their cell phones. For these reasons the intellectual community amongst students can feel very strained and distant - KSC should do more to foster communities of intellectual development within the student body.
- No. Most high school students have not shown maturity to go to college until they graduate. Most students disobey curfews, get suspended from school, put off homework, and all of that shows that they are not mature enough to go to college.

Communication

- Lack of advertising and skill to advertise makes it hard to know what events at the college are going on. KSC Cruiser provides upcoming announcements for events but sometimes this postings can be cryptic to the point that you don’t know that kind of event you’re going to.
- There is a huge lack of communication between the important departments on this campus which makes it very hard to get things done.
- because getting anything done within the administration is like pulling teeth on office has no clue what the other is doing and somehow the needs of the student are lost in the middle.

Parking/Snow removal

- Your parking permits are rather expensive considering the miniscule job maintenance does to keep the spots clean and clear.
- Also, the parking is a huge dilemma, especially when living off campus-I would recommend a two-three story parking garage in the future.
- limited parking, delayed snow/ice removal,
- Also, the commuter lots are too small to accommodate for all the student commuters.
- I hate the fact that freshman can not drive on campus.
do this, I guarantee you will have an excellent time here and get a good education.

Social Interactions
- Yes! I loved my time here at Keene State College. I have made some of the best friends I've ever had here.
- Yes, because I had the best time of my life!
- Only thing that was helped me through college was the fraternity Sigma Lambda Chi. The friendships I made there were truly for life. Only reason I would ever recommend Keene State College is for the Greek Life.
- I have made friendships and memories I know will last a life time and I owe it all to Keene State College. My home sweet home!
- Socially, my experience at Keene State was the best of my life. I built lasting friendships and have had many positive experiences! I had a great time at Keene State College!
- Yes. Keene State College is where I met my incredible group of friends; without them Keene State would not have been such an enriching and growing experience for me
- the social aspect of Keene is something that helps all students in life down the line. Book smarts will get you far but street smarts and experience will help you survive the now you are in.
- had an incredible time at Keene State. I met friends and shared experiences that I will never forget.
- Yes...I met some of my best friends in the whole world here...I wouldn’t change that for the world.
- Yes, my four years here at Keene have been unbelievable. I have made some awesome friends and had so many experiences that I will never forget.
- the social atmosphere is great for allowing students to find who they are while they are at Keene.
- I have met people and forged relationships that will last the rest of my life. The people are very nice and welcoming, and the parties are kick-ass :) I will miss KSC a lot and I will always consider it my second home.
- People’s personalities in New England are kind and understandable. In short, here is very comfortable for me!

- The parking situation at Keene State for commuting students is absolutely terrible - dangerous, expensive, and inconvenient.
- campus parking an issue, especially when trying to do late night homework in adams tech.

Sodexho/Food
- The DC has good food, but their lack of flexibility in meal packages is concerning. I wasted $1000 on my meal plan because I never had time to go eat between working off campus and studying.
- Though the dining commons are advanced and adequate the food is horrible Sodexho is by far one of the worst corporations I have ever encountered.
- D.C uses Sodexo, worse, most unhealthy company!
- DC doesn’t accommodate for special diets due to medication, etc
- VERY hard to eat healthy on campus”
- I also wish there was a meal plan that was unlimited at the DC.
- Taco Bell is only open till 11.
- I got moldy bagels multiple times at Bean & Bagel, no refunds offered.

Technology
- Technical equipment comes second to designer buildings with luxury items in them such as, a plasma screen TV.
- It can be difficult to find a computer in the library, if you need one, because there are always classes there.
- The large printer that the graphic design program owns was NEVER available for students. This printer is state of the art, and we paid for it with out tuition and no one was ever allowed to use, it just sits there.

Hours
- The administration needs to give students more freedom. Access to buildings should be 24/7 and the powers that be don’t give us that liberty.
- If they’re interested in pursuing a degree in Film Production, I have serious reservations about recommending Keene State College on the basis of their accessibility to the tools necessary to achieve that degree. …the college itself has put up several barriers that don’t allow students to get the necessary access that is really needed to properly pursue a degree in these fields, especially Film Production… It became increasingly clear that her motive to not allow students to have 24 hour access was due to the fact that she/the college were more concerned with the safety of their expensive equipment than with the security of students. The MAC also doesn’t open until 12pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Another issue, because the majority of all filming for KSC film productions is done Friday-Sunday….Film, whether in school or in the real world is not a 9-5 job…. If I end up succeeding in the film field, I feel that it will be in spite of
Keene State College, rather than because of it.

- Overall, the college seems very disconnected with the students everyday lives, especially business hours of facilities.
- the college functions as a suitcase college, closing down core facilities such as dining options on the weekends. Good luck getting anything done from Friday afternoon till Monday morning.
- The school mission is about excelling academically but the Mason Library isn’t open 24/7 for students who have jobs and get up early.

Student Initiative

Students felt that their recommendation, for either positive or negative would also be given with the advice that Keene State is “what you make of it”.

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<td>You have to will to be self motivated</td>
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<td>I believe academically the students can choose there paths according to the interest and intensity of the major.</td>
<td>I think KSC of course is not for everybody because I think it is a place where you can challenge yourself academically if you want to but you don’t have to, some folks just slide by. I would recommend KSC to most people but for people who seemed highly motivated and wanted a very interactive college experience</td>
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<td>Because keene state has everything to offer as long as you are willing to take advantage of it. There are many opportunities here, many of the same you would find in a more expensive university, you just need to seek them out!</td>
<td>It can be a relaxed environment, you have to have self discipline.</td>
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<td>Keene State provides a large number of opportunities and, if taken advantage of, can provide the student with access to multiple career options.</td>
<td>Because a large part of this campus is simply not concerned with being the best possible students they can be. It is amazing how many students are here to just get C’s and graduate. I would have benefitted so much more from active class participation, especially being an English major. I feel that in most classes in this department, students should be challenged much, much more.</td>
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<td>The school offers you a chance to make something of yourself. It may be known as a party school and it can be just that if you make it, but it can be a valuable educational facility that assists on your path to higher learning too.</td>
<td>I felt like a lot of the students didn’t care about their education and didn’t take school seriously. it sometimes made the learning environment difficult and annoying.</td>
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<td>It is my belief that any student can receive the type of education they deserve here at Keene, but they have to be willing to push themselves more here. Other schools hold students to higher standards, but Keene leaves a lot of learning up to the individual. If they wish to use the great faculty and resources that are available here, they will be able to flourish.</td>
<td>Because it is also rather easy to just “get by” if you are not very self motivated you may find yourself not getting all you could out of your education while still getting by. some may need to feel pushed and that is something I have found easy to avoid here.</td>
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<td>Yes. I really enjoyed my time at Keene State, and I think any student can do the same if they are motivated to learn. Yes, If a student puts the effort in the possibilities are endless.</td>
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Tuition

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<td>Keene State College offers a great education for a reasonable price.</td>
<td>For out of state students I think there are plenty of other more affordable options and I don’t think Keene State stands out enough to warrant spending the extra money.</td>
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<td>Yes, as it gave a good education for an inexpensive price compared to other colleges.</td>
<td>I didn’t get enough financial aid which isn’t necessarily the colleges problem but I am thousands of dollars in debt right now.</td>
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<td>Yes. Keene State overall is a good school where the positive probably outweighs the negative and it is an affordable option.</td>
<td>Keene is too expensive and the financial aid is not the best.</td>
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• One of the most affordable in region.
• My student loans are a lot less then they would be if I went to another school, and I had an amazing 4 years.
• Yes, very good "bang for your buck" esp. for in-state students
• In-state tuition is practically free
• Yes, KSC offers a great education without high costs.

• I wouldn’t recommend it because the out of state tuition is friggin ridiculous.
• Should not pay full tuition for student teaching
• I’d probably say that the tuition is too high.
• The only regret I have is the lack of funding and the difficulty trying to find means to obtain more to pay tuition.

Other General Descriptors

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<td>• Yes. As long as they have a form that parents must fill out saying whether they think the high school students are mature enough.</td>
<td>• I would just like to say I wouldn’t be surprised if this is ever read and even if it is it will be tossed aside and never put to good use. This is why I’m happy to be leaving here in the few days I have left. Thank you for stealing 4 years of my life, though it was my own doing.</td>
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<td>• I had many great experiences here, and I think the old place has much more to offer future generations... Like MAYBE a parking garage!</td>
<td>• If you get homesick easily this is not the place for you</td>
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<td>• I’m happy to know that the money I spend on going to school at ksc goes back into the campus.</td>
<td>• Had I been aware of the state of campus polices, the incompetence of campus safety and the administrations inability to effectively manage school funds, I would have gone to UNH</td>
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<td>• Yes I would. KSC is a jewel in our local area.</td>
<td>• Keene State is becoming too overcrowded</td>
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<td>• Yes, I would. Since I’ve started at Keene State in 2004 they have made several changes to the campus and the curriculum that have improved the school greatly.</td>
<td>• Don’t come here if it’s for any reason other than education.</td>
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<td>• Every year the school only seems to be getting better.</td>
<td>• Kids from Connecticut.</td>
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<td>• Yes, because I got every I planned for and more.</td>
<td>• A more effective system of evaluating professors is necessary.</td>
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<td>• Yes. Keene State College was my first choice. I fell in love with the campus on my first visit during high school.</td>
<td>• There’s a lengthy survey to fill out before you graduate.</td>
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<td>• I really enjoyed my years at KSC. It seemed a perfect fit for me and what I wanted to pursue.</td>
<td>• The administrative aspects of KSC may drive you crazy; it might feel like you’re chasing after paperwork quite a bit.</td>
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<td>• It was one of the smartest choices I have ever made.</td>
<td>• The on campus jobs do not pay enough</td>
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<td>• Good food</td>
<td>• Construction caused problems</td>
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<td>• Because I love when they play the Beatles tunes for the bell at the library every hour.</td>
<td>• Increasing cost of living off campus</td>
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<td>• Yes because I was here for 2 years when I decided to transfer and found myself miserable at another school. That is when I found KSC is where I belong.</td>
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Individual Preferences

Many students felt that there were many factors to consider when choosing a college, and they recognized that Keene State may not work for everyone. The sampling of comments below represent these feelings:

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<td>• I would recommend KSC to a high school student if I thought it would be a good fit.</td>
<td>• A student might want to leave the state for his/her individual growth</td>
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<td>• I would recommend KSC to a high school student who has demonstrated maturity and leadership. KSC is a great college, but it is also a lot of responsibility- especially balancing social activities with academics.</td>
<td>• It depends on who wants to go here. There are people I would recommend it to, and people that I wouldn’t.</td>
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<td>• If the student were a NH native, interested in learning but lacking direction and finances I would certainly recommend KSC.</td>
<td>• The right candidate needs to have internal drive and the desire to succeed to be the right fit for Keene State College.</td>
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<td>• Many people are unsure of the direction they want to head in when they come here. It would be most cost efficient to</td>
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- College and education always depend on the student. I truly feel that no matter what institute someone chooses, if they are inspired to learn then they will achieve a well rounded education.
- I would recommend it to them if they were looking to have a large social life and to get the general education out of the way.
- Yes, but I would have to know the student’s social and academic interests before I would recommend Keene State to her.
- Keene State College is an excellent option for anyone at all unsure with what they want to do in life - which, I would think, is most of us.
- I may recommend if the student wants to 'skate' through college and receive a degree with little to no difficult work involved.
- I would recommend Keene State to a high school student if this student is someone looking to attend a small state school with a close knit community.

- study elsewhere, then come here when you know exactly what you want to major in.
- I would not recommend KSC to anyone who wants to go here just because they think it is a "party school”.
- I would not recommend KSC to a high school student if the student was just looking for a good time and a place to hang out and avoid the real world for 4 years.
- It is a big change from High School and if you’re not ready for it then it would not be a good experience for you.
- There are a lot of opportunities at other schools and one should definitely consider all of their options.
- It depends on the individual student’s needs and interests, and KSC would not be appropriate for all.