

Crucial college choices

"It's like high school all over again, trying to pick the right college," Alia Azmat student in secondary education said.

She feels more prepared now than in high school. Azmat is a sophomore at college and she is trying to figure out where she wants to go next year. She is looking to try her hand in extracurricular activities and student diversity at a college would be a plus.

Like many students Azmat's decision hinges on financial aid. For her, the door swings two ways: if she gets into a small college she's looking to stay close to home but if she gets into a big college she wants to go out of state.

Azmat would like to be a teacher. She has been tutoring her younger brother who is in high school and her little sister who is six years old. She is the oldest and has enjoyed helping them with any homework that they've had. She loves to help others; it makes her feel like she is making a difference.

Azmat is thinking about attending Northern Illinois University, Arizona, Augustana, North Central College and University of Chicago. However, she yearns to go to a small college that is close to home and has more to offer than just sports.



About 5,000 students attended Monday's college fair held in the arena in the P.E. building.



Azmat is decides what colleges she should go visit.



Azmat is waiting to talk to an admissions adviser, she ponders what question she should ask.



Above: Azmat talks to an admissions representative at North Central College.

Right: Azmat asks a question to the admissions at Arizona.



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