



The Right Decision

Everyday I am constantly being forced to make decisions that affect my life and the lives of the people around me. The choices I make are decided based upon the positive and negative influences they will have on me and the people I care about.

I moved to California from New Jersey when I was seven years old. I had always been a ballet, tap and jazz dancer since I can remember. When my family and I moved to California, I of course had to find a dance studio where I could continue practicing and developing. We never found an adequate dance studio so I had to find something new. The closest thing I found to dancing was baton twirling; once I started, I couldn't stop. I fell in love with the sport and I twirled for six years. Twirling was important to me when I had just moved to a new place. It was something for me to concentrate on and to work for and also it was an opportunity for me to make friends. When I started high school, I was faced with the decision of if I wanted to be a Majorette. I decided to give it a try and I had a great time. It was a great opportunity for me to do what I love and perform for an audience.

The summer after my freshman year, I happened to stumble upon another sport which isn't common on the east coast and I had never gotten a chance to play; water polo. I had never swam competitively at all before ~~in my life~~ but it came quite naturally for me. I played all summer but when autumn rolled around I had to make a decision; should I continue with the sport that I had been in love with for so many years, or should I try a team sport, something fresh and new? It took me a long time to make this decision; I didn't want to end up picking the sport that was wrong for me. In order for me to decide, I had to weigh out the pros and cons of each situation: how much they cost, how time consuming they are, which I would be more successful in, etc.

After countless days of going through a problem solving process, I chose water polo. It was the best decision I've ever made. It opened up a door for me to a whole new group of friends, different responsibilities, and discipline. Water polo is time consuming but it was one of the best decisions I've ever made. My very first year of water polo, I was a starter on the JV team and I received an award for Most Valuable Player. The next year, I played Varsity. Not only did I get to play Varsity but I was a starter as well. I scored the third highest amount of goals on my team and was awarded Second Team All League. I can't wait for my third and final season of water polo. It seems a shame that I missed out on such a great sport my freshman year. I know I made the right decision because I play a sport that I'm good at and I love. I have potential to have a future in this sport and I can't wait to see what new doors will open up for me through water polo.

