Good morning, I’d like to talk about Stanford University.

Stanford offers an unparalleled combination of positives, with its class-leading programs, great opportunities, and high valuation and accreditation.

Stanford offers a medical program centered on the top rated hospital center in the world. Many of modern medicine’s largest advances in treatment and curing have occurred at Stanford med facilities. All levels of medical education can be accommodated at Stanford, from nursing to surgeon.

Stanford sports are well represented in the NCAA, with 36 Division 1 teams, including most well known sports, such as football, soccer, baseball/softball, tennis, basketball, and water-based sports. In addition, Stanford’s won the Directors’ Cup (an award given to the most successful D1 program) 17 years-counting.

Academically, Stanford touts a 92% graduation rate, one of the highest in the nation, with the majority of classes containing between 2-9 students, for a highly personalized education.

7% of applicants are accepted, with 57% being public school attendees and the majority being from California.

Top majoring categories at Stanford include biological, economics, engineering, and computer sciences. In addition to common choices, dozens of other majors are also offered to suit your interests and career path.

Over three-quarters of students receive financial aid, with 49% receiving direct aid from Stanford itself. From Stanford, a total of 158 million dollars was distributed to students last year, which equates to almost 4000 semesters of student education. Less than a third of students were left with any debt after finishing schooling at Stanford, leaving them to jump into the workforce immediately with few worries.

Of the 15,000 diverse students, it recognizes 107 Rhodes scholars, 86 Marshall Award winners, and 60 Truman scholars, meaning you’ll be amongst bright colleagues. It’s faculty, equally well-starred, takes credit for 19 Nobel laureates, 3 Presidential Medal of Freedom winners, and 18 National Medal of Science recipients. Finally, Stanford is WASC accredited through early 2013.

* I can’t afford to attend Stanford.
  + Stanford distributes hundreds of millions in aid money to its acceptance group. Over 75% of students receive aid – if you’re accepted, it’s incredibly unlikely you will encounter financial programs.
* There’s no advantage to a degree at Stanford.
  + At Stanford, you receive an education from a highly decorated staff garnering 200 prestigious awards. You will receive education amongst a highly diverse student population, with incredibly small and focused class groups. Additionally, you receive the prestige colloquially associated with a Stanford education.
* I can’t qualify into Stanford.
  + A 4.0 GPA and being in the top 20% increases your chances of acceptance greatly. Additionally, most of Stanford’s students are Californian. Stanford values a balanced student, with diverse focuses (such as academic greatness and sporting interests/talent) and rich background.

Thank you for listening to me this morning. With its wide variety of programs, great opportunities, and superior recognition and brilliant faculty, Stanford provides everything a student could desire from a college.