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Transcript

Question 00:00

Okay. So can you tell me your name?

Lili Tombe: Lily Tombe

Question 00:03

Hello, there. And if you're going to school right now or where you're located.

Lili Tombe 00:08

yes. My name is Lily Tombe. I'm 18 years old. I'm from San Diego, but I am attending university of California Irvine this fall, and I'll be an incoming freshman.

Question 00:20

Cool. What's your major?

Lili Tombe 00:22

I'm a political science major.

Question 00:25

Okay. Can you tell me a little bit about why you chose that major and the career path you kind of see yourself going towards.

Lili Tombe 00:33

I would say for the longest time I thought I wanted to be, like a history teacher. So I've kind of always been interested in history and politics and stuff like that. I think especially after 2020, I became super interested in politics and the things going on in the world. My end goal is actually to be a civil rights lawyer. I don't plan on staying in politics for too long, but. Thought poly side was a good base for me to kind of learn a little bit more about the government, and just.

Lili Tombe 00:59

The things going on. So I see myself being a civil rights attorney down the line. But, so weirdly enough, for the longest time, my mom always said that she thought I was gonna be a lawyer.

Question 01:06

That's awesome. Did anything spark you wanting to be an attorney, or is that just something that you wanna do?

Lili Tombe 01:17

And because I didn't want to do what my mom said I was gonna do, I was like, no, I'm not. And then it weirdly, like growing up, I was interested in law. I did like mock trial in high school and was always just interested in that area. So I decided maybe I am interested in line. I got to be in the courtroom during mock trial and work with real attorneys and judges. And that was really like an eye opening experience. So that really solidified my, the career path that I wanna go down.

Question 01:50

It's awesome how do you explain to me, like I'm trying to ask this in the right way. Do you see yourself, why do you see yourself being Lars? They because you're very like passion about things or I'm trying to say like, why do you wanna be like a lawyer? Kind of.

Lili Tombe 02:14

I would say I'm very, I am very passionate about things like, and. Also, I'm really interested in writing and stuff like that. And I know with that career path, I will have to do a lot of writing and reading and stuff like that. But I've always been somebody who. Is likes to stand up for people and stands up for what's right. And so being able to do that in a professional sense, I thought that was really cool.

Question 02:43

What are your top three passions in life? Not just being a lawyer, but.

Lili Tombe 02:47

Always. Oh, that's really. That's a good one. Okay. I would say writing. I'm pretty passionate about that, like all things running. I write poetry. I journal and all that stuff. And then singing is

something that I've been doing since I was really little. So that's something that I'm also passionate about, like music and like how music helps people and like all that. Stuff. And then lastly, I would just say. I don't know. Like I'm a huge, like. That's a. What is my love? Well, also my question about I'm just really interested in helping people. And I know that's very cliché, but just like. And. Different ways, like giving back in some way. I did a lot of mentorship work when I was in high school with middle schoolers. Just giving back and to your community in some way, whatever that looks like.

Question 03:49

Let's see. Do you know where you wanna go to law school?

Lili Tombe 03:56

No clue. I'm thinking about probably just staying at UC Irvine, and if not, coming back to San Diego in 1 USD. Am I the cousin that is currently in law school? USD. So maybe that, but a little bit for law school or this interview.

Question 04:11

Are you a nervous. Oh, law school.

Lili Tombe 04:22

Okay. Definitely. I think because my plan is to with my major, a lot of people end up actually being able to graduate in three years rather than four. So law school could actually be a lot quicker than I think, or come up a lot sooner than I think it's going to. And because of that, I have to study for the Elsa a little bit early, by my sophomore year of college, actually. So I'm definitely nervous. Don't really know I'm gonna get in. The hope is I do. And a lot of people get, like, super burnt out and stuff like that. So I know like aposture Syndrom's probably gonna hit. If it doesn't hit an undergrad, it definitely will among school. So I think I'm super. Nervous to enter that space, and I'm also very competitive in a good way. So hopefully, that helps me get through those three years. But.

Question 05:18

Have you? Researched or looked up any civil rights trials that kind of sparked your interest. Is there any that we're like, this is why I wanna do this?

Lili Tombe 05:30

So I didn't necessarily, I wasn't looking at trials, but I was looking at situations that I didn't know were argued by civil rights attorneys. For example, in 2020, the George Floyd incident, I didn't realize that the attorney that represented him, one of the things that he worked with was civil rights law.

Lili Tombe 05:48

I've more so looked at the things that I always wanted to do. Like at some point in time, I thought I wanted to be a social worker. I wanted to work with immigrants and women and children. And I realize that civil rights actually. Combines a lot of that, and I thought that was really interesting. I didn't really see myself being like a corporate lawyer or like a divorce attorney. I wanted to do something that I kind of had a connection with. But, so, but I would say that.

Question 06:14

That's awesome what is a place to consider your happy place?

Lili Tombe 06:25

I would say. Not necessarily a place, but like, an atmosphere that I can create. So if it's like my room and I like play some Common Music, or for example, like my church is something that I consider a happy place a lot. So I'll just say it just depends on the atmosphere that I create and the people that are in there, but I don't have a specific place. I would say my happy place.

Question 06:57

Can you explain to me your favorite thing about your hobbies or you're just your hobbies in general?

Lili Tombe 07:04

Yes. Well, my biggest hobby thing that I've been doing for a while is singing. And that started when I was really little. And pretty much my whole entire family, like, for the most part, except for the guys. Can sing.

Lili Tombe 07:19

And it's been like a different way for me to express my creativity for the longest time. I think it's a great way to also distress. I started learning how to play instruments when I was, like, like 10. And so I also was able to kind of learn the technical aspects of music. And then not really help me as a vocalist, but I would say it's really cool way to express your creativity and reach people beyond just words.

Lili Tombe 07:48

And then for writing the same thing, it was really just a distresser for me at the beginning. And then I realize I actually had, I was kind of good at it and I was able to combine my interests with my hobby. So I ended up writing for a couple news. Like publications that people that I know have started. And I was able to combine my writing skills with my interests in civil rights and politics and social justice and stuff like that. And I think that's pretty much it.

Question 08:20

Awesome what's your favorite type of. Music.

Lili Tombe 08:25

Oh, okay. I would say just like R&D or pop. I wasn't a country fan for the longest time, and then I randomly just started listening to country music. So it's definitely making its way to the top, but mainly just like pop and like R&B. I'm a huge sizzle fan, like everybody, pretty much, but huge.

Question 08:50

In. What's your go to comfort food? When you're having a bad night, you're like, I need some comfort food. Like?

Lili Tombe 09:01

Oh, okay. What happened? On a bad day, what really hits is like a California burrito. Don't know if it's like a comfort food because you can't make it in your house. We could, but I would just go get a California burrito and sit in my.

Question 09:15

Good. So good. I'm trying to think, there's a really good spot for breakfast burrito. And I think it was, it's called Sancho or no, sorry, lubase.

Lili Tombe 09:31

Oh, okay. I think I've been there.

Question 09:33

And they have like this one, and it's like a whole burrito and it's like a case Rito, but there's takedos in it to cycle whole. I remember it was like this thing when I got it. I was. I ate half and save the rest. But it was so good.

Lili Tombe 09:52

That's super gold. No, I'm honestly, I'm not that. I like breakfast burritos. It just has to be from a good place or they're not gonna hit. So, but good to know. Maybe all.

Question 10:03

Are you a morning. Oh, what? Sorry.

Lili Tombe 10:06

Go ahead.

Question 10:08

I was just gonna share you a morning person.

Lili Tombe 10:11

No, not really. I used to be when I had to wake up for at 6:30 for school. Now that I don't. Oh, I will sleep in as long as I can stop.

Question 10:24

That's valid. Do you.

Question 10:33

You have a routine, a night time routine?

Lili Tombe 10:39

Ideal. I will after I'm done with whatever I need to do that day, I'll go, I'll shower and I'll come into my room and like, but. My email or whatever I have to do. And then I will whip out my journal and do my demotional time and just also my writing time and listen to music while I do, that. And then I've been trying not to use my phone right before I go to sleep, but sometimes I do go on TikTok really quick and then go to sleep and do it all over again. But.

Question 11:12

What are your thoughts on today's generation and, like, being in your 20s and, like, how things have changed? So drastically from maybe 20 years ago, like just this generation and the stigma and all of that, like what is your thoughts on that?

Lili Tombe 11:30

I think this generation has, as much as people like to hate on it, like a lot of good in it. Obviously with good, there's always gonna be some level of bad, but I think our generation has done a good job with what we've been given. And I always, I like heard this quote. I don't know who said it, but it's like for such a time as this, like we were all created for this moment in time. So I think, I think I have a lot of respect for our generation.

Lili Tombe 11:56

And I think that the things that we're facing. That we are the ones who are meant to face it and overcome it. And it's something that previous generations weren't able to do, for example. With the strides that we've made with technology, I think that's like, obviously like incredible. And I. Think we're very unique with the struggles that we've had to go through. I think even a lot of people in older generations will say, like, our generation is facing a lot. But I think that we're able to overcome it and that we have great people who honestly are gonna help us get through some of the toughest times.

Lili Tombe 12:33

I think we're not giving enough credit sometimes. The things people like to hate on us a lot. I think, like I said, obviously, there's like the bad apples of our generation, but I think for the most part, it's still the people who honestly are compassionate and wanna see the best for the world and like our country and society. And stuff like that. But.

Question 12:58

Awesome. What's the goal you're currently working towards?

Lili Tombe 13:03

Oh, I plan on starting a podcast soon. I wanted to do it in 2021. And I was gonna do with one of my friends and then that plan kind of fell through. But I've been like where I was like porting episodes and like buying my equipment and like researching things about podcasts for a while. And then I recently got an email from Spotify. They've been doing it, this series of likes, how to build a podcast or whatever, where they've been bringing people in to talk about that. So I'm gonna be attending a seminar for that tomorrow and just get a little bit more insight on that. But I plan on, that's something that I wanna do soon. So hopefully that everything works out.

Question 13:45

Tell me more about this podcast. What is it gonna be about?

Lili Tombe 13:49

So when I originally started, it was mainly just about the things that were going on in the world and about our generation and, like society and just like the struggles that maybe I've overcome and things like that. It's gonna be like a fun little advice podcast. But then also I. With tying things with my faith. That was my plan in 2021. But I think now mainly my plan is just gonna be talking about being, like, a college student and how, like, my high school journey went and, like, just like the new challenges and stuff that I'm overcoming are in the process of doing so. And kind of just be like a candid podcast, like we talk about whatever, maybe there'll be not much of a script, but just talk points and just let things like flow.

Question 14:36

Awesome.

Lili Tombe 14:38

I just wanted it to be like real and authentic. So.

Question 14:46

Tell me about your high school experience and what you would talk about in your podcast.

Lili Tombe 14:52

Okay, high school, I mean unfortunately I met fortunately enough, I went to high school with like the same people that I went to middle school and like the most part elementary school with. So it was very like I was very familiar with everybody around there. But with familiarity comes like. Issues and drama and stuff like that.

Lili Tombe 15:16

But I went into freshman year of high school very fearful and not really, cuz in middle school, I didn't really have the bestest friends. I remember my 13th birthday party, like, nobody showed up. Like, it was really sad. But I, like, went into high school not really knowing what was gonna happen and not really having the strongest, like, Brand Group and stuff like that. But then I ended up meeting some like the best people ever.

Lili Tombe 15:43

But obviously, my freshman year of high schools went Covid hit. So from then up until junior year, I was fully online. I went to class. I think one week out of that whole 2 years span. So just like the mental health struggles that I went through during that time and also like the identity struggles I was going through with like, everything happening with like DLM and Covid and stuff like that. So I talk a little bit about that and then also just like, my academic struggles that I faced my freshman year of high school and how I overcame them. And then now junior year, like I will also, our high school is really involved in student leadership and I did ASB. But I think junior years where it really took off and I was able to be an ASB and be my classes vice president for junior, year, then senior class president senior year. And just like the skills and stuff that I learned through the leadership opportunities that I've had. And then there's just a lot of little and very big events that happened throughout the course of high school. But I think I maybe other people are facing, but I could probably speak into a little bit. But the original name was I am candid podcast, but I think I'm gonna change it.

Question 16:55

Definitely. Would you have a name for your podcast?

Lili Tombe 17:07

I don't know what yet. That's one thing I need to think about a little bit, but let's see.

Question 17:14

What's your favorite podcasts that you listen to?

Lili Tombe 17:20

I would say right now, let's pull it up. You see, it's my top podcast at the moment.

Lili Tombe 17:42

Okay. My first podcast that I think I ever listened to was pretty basic with Alicia Marie and Remy but I also was, like a huge Emma Chamberlain banner. I still am. So when she came out with stupid genius and all that, I was. And then she changed the name. I'm pretty sure and then also there's save not soft, which is more of like a cushion podcast that I also listen to as well. Let's say those three are like my top, but. But trying to get into some more. And then also Zane and Heath unfiltered. I mostly listen to that one with my sister when I'm in the car, but that one's a good one, too, probably.

Question 18:26

Awesome if you could have any superpower, what would it be?

Lili Tombe 18:37

Super speed. And get from place 1 to place B, or what is it called when you snap your fingers and go? Teleportation. So probably teleportation, actually, that way. Don't arrive just there. What? I'm in Europe. That would be it.

Question 18:54

Have you ever been to Europe?

Lili Tombe 18:56

No, I have not. My sister one like a huge Europe and trip last year and I was at home at school. So I was very jealous. But that but not.

Question 19:06

The way how she get that?

Lili Tombe 19:09

Her, one of her friends was studying abroad in Italy, so she was able to get connections with that. And she does. I don't even know what she did with her school at that time. Just like paused everything or took her laptop with her and was on a completely different time zone, but managed and spent like a month, if not longer, in Europe and living her life while I was doing homework. So. I was hum.

Question 19:30

Crazy. Do you have a favorite season?

Lili Tombe 19:37

Probably four. Fall, I would say I don't like the heat, so probably not summer. Spring gets pretty hot, too. And also like looking at the leaves fall and like everything, although that kind of

happens in San Diego, not really, like just. Things change. I think ball is like. And I love Halloween.

Question 20:01

Yes, the pumpkin spice stuff is out already.

Lili Tombe 20:04

More.

Question 20:05

Okay.

Lili Tombe 20:06

I'm not a pumpkin. I, I am like a barista right now. Oh, only for 1 week longer. But everybody's like a huge pumpkin spice fanatic, and ours launch next week. So I'm, I only have a week of dealing with people ordering pumpkin. There's things in the matter there. So I'm excited, but.

Question 20:30

What is yourself there, your favorite way? What's your favorite self care like thing that you do?

Lili Tombe 20:36

Only. Okay. Say like doing face masks and like putting on a movie and like doing my nails. Try to do that at least once every two weeks or something like that and just like unwind and just take time to myself. Would say anything that I get to do by myself, but I don't have tasks that I need to complete is. Like my warm self here instead.

Question 21:03

Okay what is your dream life look like 20 years?

Lili Tombe 21:10

Oh, okay. 20 years down the line, I hope to be living still in San Diego. Hopefully, house prices aren't too crazy. By that, well, they will be living in San Diego. Like owning a house married. With kids, like all my kids, I hope to be born, but. Well, they will be born by then. And being a successful attorney, whatever that looks like, and being able to have a very strong relationship with my family and just being content. Would say like, that's my dream life in 20 years.

Question 21:52

Awesome. You're inspiring me. I'm like, wait, will be a lawyer? Hold on, cuz. I always wanted to be a child advocate attorney for the longest time.

Lili Tombe 22:05

Hum.

Question 22:06

And for some reason, I've just been super out with school that I just, cuz, I go to SCSU right now. I'm a senior and I got a psychology degree because I didn't know what I wanted to do. I know I wanted to work with kids and do stuff. That's why I'm working at a non profit right now.

Lili Tombe 22:22

Hum.

Question 22:23

But I don't know. I'm just so like passionate and I'm just like a go getter. And I just know that I would do really well, but I just know the bar is gonna be, like a lot, and it's a lot of money that I don't have. So I don't know, but.

Lili Tombe 22:37

I know. By the time we would be taking the bar supposed to get way easier, which is like. I heard that they're like taking out a majority of the stuff that we probably don't need to know. So you never know. Maybe it'll be a lot more accessible and hopefully law school gets cheaper. I won't see that happening anytime soon, but I'm definitely gonna be in debt for a while. But you never know.

Question 22:58

So even if I have a psychology degree, I can like, go study for the L set. You can just take the Elsa. Like you just take it.

Lili Tombe 23:10

You just take it.

Question 23:12

That's helpful.

Lili Tombe 23:13

Well, we gotta study no.

Question 23:16

But he doesn't matter what degree you have. It's just like you take.

Lili Tombe 23:19

You can be a math degree and go into law school or Ma.

Question 23:19

I didn't know that.

Lili Tombe 23:23

It's crazy. I didn't know that. I was like, okay, but I could. Literally, you could. I actually was gonna major in psychology, but I randomly decided with polysign. But this. A matter your degree. That's what's super cool about law school. I would say. Get up. Hello.

Question 23:40

And then there's different loans for lost score, right?

Lili Tombe 23:44

I, for whatever reason, I also thought that you couldn't get financial aid when you were in a law school, but apparently that's a lie, too, like you actually can. I recently just researched this. So there's financial aid. There's many different loans that you can take cuz we need lawyers. And so I was like there to give us money to become one, but.

Question 24:02

Wow, that's cool, cuz I love writing.

Lili Tombe 24:06

Hum.

Question 24:09

I'm a big writer. I love helping people. I love public speaking. Oh, my gosh. I love public speaking. I don't know what it is about it, but I just think it's so cool.

Lili Tombe 24:18

There's. But I do.

Question 24:21

Do you like public speaking when for last time you had to public speak?

Lili Tombe 24:25

Honestly, I had a fear for it for a while, but on now, it's like super cool, honestly. But last week, actually, I preached at my church to the youth ministry, so that was like 100 people, a little too bad, but. That was, I think, the last time. And then before them, I got to speak at my graduation. So that was, I think, my biggest proud. For other speaking, the sprinkle, I am.

Question 24:57

Okay, two other questions. I. Tell me a little bit more about your faith. Like, are you Christian?

Lili Tombe 25:10

I grew up Catholic. My. Up until I was like 9 years old. And then we kind of left that. Are not we? My parents kind of stopped taking us to church, and then that's when I think things got pretty bad with me and all my siblings, like mental health. I wasn't really connected to Catholicism at all. I was just drawing on like the giving envelopes like the entire hour. And then a lot of things going on at school when I was getting bullied and just a lot of things are happening. And then randomly, when I was like 10 or 11, my art had called my mom and was, hey, like, but my kids have been going to this church. And I was like a non denominational Christian church. And she was like, I think that you should bring the kids. They have used groups on Fridays. I think they would really enjoy it. And some of them shipped us to Carlsbad for a week. And we like when. There's like randomly the church's like tenure anniversary, so there's like a bunch of parties and activities and sex. Pretty plugged in really early and that's when I kind of stepped away from Catholicism and just started going to a non denominational Christian church.

Lili Tombe 26:19

And I think that was a lot more impactful for me. I was able to, I felt like I had a relationship with God and that just like the things that I was facing weren't, like everything. And that there was something greater. And so I met a lot of amazing people in the process of that. And I've been going to that church for about eight years now. So it's just been a really cool part of my life and.

Question 26:47

Awesome. If you could give advice on something, like say that you are like a role model to people in high school, what would you say? That you're up to? Or three things that you could give advice on would be, you can take the question however you want.

Lili Tombe 27:03

Okay. In terms of specific advice, like right now or just like areas that I would talk about? The biggest piece of advice I would give is just be present in the moment and enjoy every single minute of what you're doing. You're gonna look back and just wish you had a little bit more time with the friends that you did, and like the teachers and the environment that you're able to create. And then secondly, I would say don't take things too seriously. Obviously try and all that stuff, but like your grades and things like that don't determine your self worth or your even your.

Lili Tombe 27:54

I would also say. See, take advantage. Image of the opportunities and resources that you're given. There's people who want to help you and are there to help you, just like, you know, that's

why I would say.

Question 28:10

What's the goal you've achieved that you're proud of?

Lili Tombe 28:17

I would say. Overcoming the academic struggles that I did. So I would say like passing high school with a pretty solid GPA. I'm proud of that. I did it, really get good grades. For the longest time I struggled a lot, was in reading programs and stuff through elementary school and all that stuff but then in high school, I really decided to take full responsibility and authority over, like, all of my academics and things that I was doing and get help when needed. And I was able to do a lot better than I ever expected that I was able to do. I was able to graduate and go to now being able to attend a pretty good school.

Question 29:01

That's awesome. What's a skill you'd like to improve?

Lili Tombe 29:17

Probably patience. I'm not a very patient person all the time, so.

Question 29:24

Understandable. I'm not either. What's your favorite movie?

Lili Tombe 29:35

This is always a super hard question to answer.

Lili Tombe 29:45

Hard, I'll just say. What movie do I watch a lot? Not even now.

Lili Tombe 30:06

I like starstruck. It's like a classic Disney movie. I actually know. Let it shine. I would say top silence, but it shines. Very catchy. It's like very cute. And I would say, watch it sometimes when I want to sing along and want to smile, I'll say that. And it's weird because I took film classes in high school, and they had to ask us this question all the time, and I can never answer it. But I'll say let it shine, Disney plus movie.

Question 30:33

Valid choice. Do you have a. Any inspirational quotes that you look up like, that you like?

Lili Tombe 30:49

I. I think I have a couple that I have screenshotted or that I have as wallpapers. Let's see what comes up. See?

Lili Tombe 31:11

Okay. I know where to find it. How long?

Lili Tombe 31:23

I was from a book. Don't know what book it's from. It's a very long one, but I'll just read the beginning of it. But it's just like life is gonna work out perfectly. All the right things are gonna happen. All the right people are gonna come and all the wrong people are gonna leave. Not the part already, but just knowing that life is, regardless of what it looks like now, is gonna eat. Greater, better down the line.

Question 31:46

I like that.

Question 31:54

Have you? Where's your favorite place you've traveled, if you've traveled somewhere?

Lili Tombe 31:58

Australia I went when I was super young, but I still remember it being like very beautiful, very breathtaking. Definitely Australia. I'll travel all over, but I think I was mainly in Brisbane.

Question 32:15

What did you do there was your favorite things you did?

Lili Tombe 32:19

I was there for my aux wedding, but we did a lot of sightseeing and stuff like that. So we went to the Gold Coast, I think is what it's called. So I was able to see that. And then we went to this random amusement park. I don't know what it's called, but there's a really cool, like, Ferris wheel and stuff like that. We did a lot of like, it's just, I just remember it being very green and very pretty and stuff like that.

Question 32:45

Okay. What's a random fact that not many people know about you?

Lili Tombe 32:57

A random fact. Okay. Well, you couldn't be able to tell. If he knew me in person, he probably figured out. But I'm super tall. I'm 6 foot, so it's pretty tall for a girl. That's like a random fact, I guess.

Question 33:11

It's taller than most of the guys that approach me.

Lili Tombe 33:11

I don't mean. Now, definitely have these pros and coupons, but.

Question 33:24

What's the last song you listen to?

Lili Tombe 33:28

Okay, this is where airbuds comes in. Clutch. And let's see, same.

Lili Tombe 33:51

Thinking about me by Morgan Wallen.

Question 33:55

There's the country that you said you weren't into, but now you're. Okay, valid. Are you a beach person or mountain person?

Lili Tombe 34:10

Beach 100%.

Question 34:13

Okay. Why do you like the beach more?

Lili Tombe 34:19

I think it's just, it's very accessible. You don't have to hike for 3 hours to see the pretty view. I also really like swimming in the ocean. It's very fun. And then some tips on the beach. I feel like are way better than sunsets on sunsets. And sunrise is on the mountain, so.

Question 34:40

True.

Lili Tombe 34:42

Hum.

Question 34:43

What about for your. Your favorite high school memory. What was that like?

Lili Tombe 34:49

Oh, okay. I would say it was senior year and it was homecoming week. And ASP had to stay at school until ten PM every single day. And it was, I think, Thursday, and we were building the floats for. The football game the next day. And it was just like, there's people never grade, but I was specifically with obviously the seniors and we randomly somebody started playing 23 by Miley Cyrus. And I don't know who the other person is, Thai Guy or somebody. And we're all just dancing in the hall.

Question 35:19

To.

Lili Tombe 35:23

Was echoing. It was like 10:30 and we're having a great time. That I think told me that. I have the video on my phone. I look back and it always makes me smile. But.

Question 35:34

Queue. What about your favorite childhood memory?

Lili Tombe 35:39

Okay, let's see.

Lili Tombe 35:49

My favorite child in memory. You might. Oh, okay. I don't know who's my favorite. This is one that I can pick up right now. I was probably like 5. So this, 4,3, I don't know. They just keep retelling me this. So I don't know if this is actually my memory of their retelling of this, but it was Thanksgiving, and I, like, begged my parents for me to be able to pray for dinner.

Question 36:12

Okay.

Lili Tombe 36:18

And I just went and I was like, dear God, I thank you that. And I just basically sort of roasting my siblings in my prayer family something that I think about octave, but I was probably like 4, like at all this.

Question 36:30

How old are you?

Lili Tombe 36:35

And I don't know why I did that, but I did.

Question 36:38

You're roasting them.

Lili Tombe 36:40

Yes, I was like making fun of my sister's teeth. It was.

Question 36:43

Oh, no. Oh, my gosh. That's hilarious. That's funny.

Lili Tombe 36:50

Hum.

Question 36:51

What's the best advice you've ever received?

Lili Tombe 36:58

It's simple. But I would just say, somebody told me like a couple weeks ago, give yourself Grace. And I would say that. Is a good reminder. Simple, but I think I needed it at that time.

Question 37:15

Why did you need.

Lili Tombe 37:18

I think it was like they wrote it in my graduation card. And I was obviously, with graduating and going into college, I was entering a new space. I wasn't gonna be surrounded by all the people that I grew up with and stuff like that. And I think I thought that I had to. I don't know. Like. Maintain who I had been like my entire life or also something wrong with me. I thought I had to be this perfect put together person, and they were just reminding me that, no, you're gonna grow. Entering a new chapter of your life, like you're leaving teenhood and you're about to become like a adult behind yourself. And the problem?

Question 38:02

That's great do you enjoy cooking or do you prefer eating out? What do you like to cook?

Lili Tombe 38:13

I enjoy cutting. It's very fun. It's like a Sudanese thing, but it's called Sambu says. I think in other cultures they call them samosas or something like that. But they're like the pastries that are filled with whatever. So it takes a long time to cook, but I Learned it when I was like 13, and it was like super fun. And I've not whenever, well, I don't cook it often, but when I do, it's the super

fun thing that I can also teach my friends how to make and like my other siblings and stuff like that. Okay, pretty good.

Question 38:49

Nice okay, last question is, if you had to describe yourself in three words, it would be?

Lili Tombe 38:51

Hum.

Lili Tombe 39:03

Okay, I would say compassionate. Creative. And I like to think I'm funny. So funny.

Question 39:19

Okay, great. Well, I'm gonna. Do you still have the link for the scheduler thing, like the.

Lili Tombe 39:27

I think so, yes.

Question 39:29

So try and click that and see if you can schedule another one because we do need to do this like a few more times.

Lili Tombe 39:36

Okay.

Question 39:38

Just cuz we do like increment. So it's not like all just like whole, like 3 hours worth of talking and then I can send you the link again to just send me an email and I can do. They're gonna be different questions, different take on the zoom. And then after that's done, you'll get your community. Service hours, and then you'll be a part of the whole process of the app. And everything. So whenever you want, like just maybe next one to two weeks or whenever you're free, I know people are busy, so.

Lili Tombe 40:06

Okay. And then how soon do you want me to schedule this next one?

Lili Tombe 40:18

Okay, I'll see. Okay. Think I know what I'll put it for. I can still add on to this, so.

Question 40:33

Okay. Awesome. Thank you so much. Good luck with your podcast. I'll look out for it alright, talk to you soon.

Okay, how would you describe your personality in a few words?

Lili Tombe 00:24

It's a kind funny and.

Lili Tombe 00:38

I would say I'm patient. I don't know if that's a personality trait, but.

Question 00:45

Eh. What are your core values in life?

Lili Tombe 00:48

Go. One thing that I would say that I live by is like, always leave places and people better than you found them. I would say that's like the biggest thing.

Question 01:06

Are you an introvert or extrovert? And how does that affect you?

Lili Tombe 01:10

Oh, I would say I'm an introvert, but actually, no, I would say I'm an extrovert, but I do like to be alone sometimes. So I enjoy going out, but I think my social battery can only last so long. So definitely need time to breathe in between going out and staying in. But someone who's loyal, I would say compassionate, but also is not afraid to call me out when I'm doing something stupid.

Question 01:38

What qualities do you value most in a friend?

Lili Tombe 01:55

So, I wish I was the type of person that would like sit back and think about everything right before I do it.

Question 01:58

And then how, what's your approach to handling conflict or difficult situations?

Lili Tombe 02:12

But I honestly am a, I try not to be a conter confrontational person, but I think for me it's just trying to make sure that in conversation, everybody around me is okay. So whatever that looks

like me like stepping up and trying to diffuse a situation or if that means that I need it, I don't know. I'm just thinking of a particular situation in which somebody was like, I volunteer or don't anymore, but at my church there's like a coffee shop and I was like the shift lead for that and somebody was just being dumb. And I my instinct was to step up and kind of like everything is gonna be okay. But I also know there's times in which I definitely don't have the best problem solving strategies. So I will.

Question 03:05

How do you define success and happiness?

Lili Tombe 03:09

Oh, I think success and happiness is different for each person but for me personally, I would say just I would find myself successful when I make myself and my family proud whatever that looks like, whether it's accomplishing the goals that I had for my future career or just just tuning myself personally and like my mindsets and things like. That I think which e with each season of life success and happiness will look different. But for me, I think it's just be making the people around me proud and being surrounded by people who, like love me. And without say successes?

Question 03:53

Are there any significant life experiences that have shaped you?

Lili Tombe 03:58

Oh, I would say, yes, it's probably a few. I would say when my parents split when I was pretty young, that one definitely, sh, sorry, shifted me into the person that I am today. I think I became a lot more independent. And I think honestly, it's done a lot more good for me than harm. And I would say that was probably the biggest one. There's a lot of things that came with that as well. But I think that situation in particular made me, why.

Question 04:31

And then what are some of your life goals and aspirations?

Lili Tombe 04:41

My biggest, well, not my biggest cycle, but one of my aspirations is to become a lawyer and then eventually be able to take the skills and the things that I learn in the US back to self Sudan, which is where my parents were born and where they immigrated from. I think there's a lot of civil unrest and conflict going on over there. So being able to take the things that I Learned and helping the people at home who I've never gotten the opportunity to go over there, and I think that would be really cool. So somehow tying in my work here and there I think would be pretty amazing.

Question 05:20

Are you passionate about any social or environmental causes?

Lili Tombe 05:26

I would say I am an advocate for just women and children in general. And I think that's the one of the, my biggest passions. Environmentally, no, I'm trying to get on that. Obviously, I need to be more environmentally friendly, but I don't think I'm as educated enough to say that I'm a stand on anything.

Question 05:52

What's something you've always wanted to try or learn?

Lili Tombe 05:58

I want to learn another language or become better Arabic. So I would say probably learn Arabic a little bit better would be something I want to try to do.

Question 06:16

Do you have any significant personal achievements that you're proud of?

Lili Tombe 06:23

I would say just getting to where I am and being able to get to the college that I got into and graduate, pretty strongly, I would say it's not something that I thought at us could it be able to do. And so I would just say as of right now, just the where I am at in life right now, I think I'm very proud of.

Question 06:52

Do you have any specific daily habits?

Lili Tombe 06:56

Yes, every night before I go to sleep, I journal and I listen to music to calm me and that's something that I've done pretty consistently for the last few years. And so it's a really good way to wrap up my day. Stop.

Question 07:12

How do you approach making and maintaining friendships?

Lili Tombe 07:18

I decided to get rid of the mindset that like everything is gonna be 50. So I think in friendships and everything in life, like there's gonna be times in which people aren't gonna be able to give

100% chat. I think for the longest time I thought that if that friend isn't there for you all the time, and that means that they're not a good friend. But think obviously being on the other side of that, you realize that everybody goes through different things in life. So just say honestly, just being myself, I would never wanna get into a friendship not being who I truly am. And if somebody doesn't like me for that, but I know obviously we're not meant to be friends. But I think honestly, just being myself and being very understanding when it comes to friendship has brought me the best friends that I could have asked for. So.

Question 08:05

Can you describe your closest friend and what you admire about them?

Lili Tombe 08:09

Yes, my closest friend, I met her in 7th grade. And thing I admire most about her, I think is her just perseverance through all the things that she's been through and the way that she's still able to love the people around her show amazingly despite it all. And I think she has a great sense of humor. And I think our personalities kind of bounce off of each other because of that. And that's very proud of her. And I would say somebody once again who's loyal.

Question 08:47

What qualities would you value most in a lifelong partner?

Lili Tombe 08:57

I think obviously someone who has ambition and someone who loves their family and the friendships and the people that are around them. I think that's super important.

Question 09:14

What's the best piece of relationship advice you've received?

Lili Tombe 09:21

Let's see. I would say for my best friend, I think she had said, I think I wrote it down randomly, let's see if I can find it. But. She was just saying like, one day you're gonna be everything to somebody. Obviously that's like a quote in a song, but she's like, if that person, if you're not there, like everything to them, then you're not their person. So I was like, okay, that was a cute little thing, cute little reminder.

Question 09:59

And then what's your philosophy on life or your guiding principles?

Lili Tombe 10:11

I believe that every person has a purpose and a reason why they're on this earth. And I think our whole life is just kind of us discovering what that purpose is. And I think I think that's why a lot of people kind of, I think a lot of us, I think at some point in time kind of question, like, our existence or why we're here. But I think there's something, there's a reason for everything. So I think there's a reason why everybody's here. And so I guess my guiding factor through life is like, everybody is just on that journey to discover that.

Question 10:45

Are there any unanswered questions or mysteries that fascinate you?

Lili Tombe 10:53

Probably. I just wanna know what else is out there. I think that's a really broad statement, but I wanna know. I know we're not the only creatures, I guess, on earth. So what else is out there beyond that would be interesting.

Question 11:14

If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?

Lili Tombe 11:20

I would say just like the amount of understanding and compassion everybody has for one another. I think there's a lot of conflict and things that really could be solved if we all put ourselves in each other shoes and just helped each other out. So I'd say more compassion overall.

Question 11:51

Kind of a similar question, but what's your take on the meaning of life?

Lili Tombe 11:56

I would just say that everybody, I mean, I don't know what the true meaning of life is, but I would say that or job is just, I think we all have a purpose individually, and I think we're all here to make an impact on the world, whether it's in a small way or a big way. So, oh, for the longest time, I didn't really think anything of it.

Question 12:20

How do you do the balance between science and spirituality?

Lili Tombe 12:29

But I think as I got older, I just learn that a lot of things that are in science are actually also in, like spirituality if you look a little bit closer. So I would say just, I think more than anything, my, I think religion and my relationship with God is something that was kind of engraved in me for the

longest time. But I also value and appreciate science cuz I believe that's also a gift from god and that we're able to look at both, because the scientists that are discovering these things, I think also their knowledge and all that was given from god. So I think I appreciate both. But.

Question 13:09

And then have you ever had a major turning point in your life?

Lili Tombe 13:21

Who? I would say, yes, probably like sophomore year of high school, which is really early. But I think I just kind of, everything around me was like going up in flames. And I realize that at that point in time, nobody was coming to save me, so I need to do it myself. And so I kind of did like a full 3,60 and kind of everything.

Lili Tombe 13:48

I think I leaned in more in my relationship with god. I think I got stronger in my academics. I got rid of friendships that really weren't benefiting anybody. And I think I became more confident in who I was because of that. So.

Question 14:09

What's something you've Learned about yourself recently?

Lili Tombe 14:16

I would say that, I, I'm really, I'm very passionate about defending the people around me. I think I'm definitely like the one to stand up for a lot of people. And I admire that about myself. But I would say.

Question 14:38

And then do you have any personal mantras or quotes that inspire you?

Lili Tombe 15:02

This is like more recent, but I don't know if you know who Dion Sanders is, but he will say all the time, like your opinion of me, that doesn't affect me. So I'm very confident in who I am. So I think I'm starting and I'm trying to make myself believe that a lot more than other's opinion of you. As long as you're securing yourself does not really matter.

Question 15:27

Are there any fears or challenges you're actively working on?

Lili Tombe 15:32

Hum weirdly enough, I've had my license for going on 2 years, but I am still very timid, I would say, to drive. So when I don't have to, I don't drive. So that's something that I'm actively trying to get over. Some of it's been a while. You need to get it together. But let's see.

Question 15:54

What's the most valuable life lesson you've Learned so far?

Lili Tombe 16:06

I would just say, I don't know if, well, this was a life lesson to me, but I would say everyone's going through something that like nothing about. I think there's been many times in my life in which I've been very quick to, whether it's judge somebody or just let go of somebody, but I really didn't know what was happening behind them. And I think you feel a level of guilt behind that when you, in the end find out. So I would just say that, hum, in 5 years, I see myself graduated college and starting law school.

Question 16:34

Where do you see yourself in five, 10 or 20 years like those?

Lili Tombe 16:48

In 10 years, I see myself being a successful attorney and whatever area I decide finally to be in, and hopefully married and then in 20 years, I hope that's what, see, I'm very happy with my spouse and my kids and I'm financially successful. And I have great relationships with my family. And the people are me.

Question 17:24

Are there any goals or dreams that stand out from the rest?

Lili Tombe 17:32

For the longest time, I thought that I was gonna do something with music and singing. I remember even when I was, oh, promoting out of 5th grade, they had access what we wanted to be when we were older. And I wrote like singer slash teacher. And then I think for a while that dream kind of, I wouldn't say died, but I think it flourished into something else. I would say a dream that I kind of have is to do something with music and also my, like religion and being able to let maybe write worship songs and stuff like that. I think would be a super, it's something that definitely stands out from the rest cuz it's not typical, but that's something.

Question 18:24

Do you have a bucket list of things you want to accomplish besides the lawyer wrote route for you?

Lili Tombe 18:36

I really wanna go to Israel. Well, I wanna travel in general, but I do wanna go to Israel and I think that would be a really cool experience. But I would say traveling is mainly the things on my, are the main things on my bucket list, like just travel to new places, learn things about different cultures. I think I hope to travel soon. So, I would say take care of the people around me.

Question 19:02

And then if you had unlimited resources, what would you do with your life?

Lili Tombe 19:19

Go back and serve the people. And ceramic. Help solve issues that are here in the United States as well. And I would just, I feel like I would just help people. I don't know.

Question 19:40

What legacy would you like to leave behind?

Lili Tombe 19:43

Oh, I would say just being somebody that stands up for people and somebody who love the people around them and shares the people around them. I think the biggest gift that you can give somebody is just like I said, leaving them better than you found them. So I would say being known for somebody who did that, I think would be the most fulfilling thing, even beyond being a lawyer or anything like that. I think just loving people and all that would be.

Question 20:16

What's your spirit animal and why?

Lili Tombe 20:24

It's a good question. I haven't really thought about this. Probably like, I don't know, like a lion or something. I can get really feisty. So I will say one of those animals, like a lion or a tiger or something. I do get very, feisty. I'll just say.

Question 20:49

If you could meet any historical figure, who would it be?

Lili Tombe 21:04

Let's see.

Lili Tombe 21:15

Maybe like 3rd good martial or somebody. I don't know. I haven't thought about that one either. But maybe 3rd good martial.

Question 21:22

Why?

Lili Tombe 21:24

I mean, he was like, I don't wanna say an icon, but you kind of just pave the way, especially in the field that I'm going into. I think he set up for people and he did amazing things in that area. But.

Question 21:46

Do you have a favorite joke or funny story you always share?

Lili Tombe 21:56

Not really. Funny story. We think about this.

Lili Tombe 22:13

No, not really. I'm also, I think sometimes I just use the cheesy jokes, the ones that like everybody knows and then randomly people will be like, forgot about that one. And then you just start laughing. But now I don't have a go to Joker. Funny Story. ETA.

Question 22:32

What's your ideal weekend getaway?

Lili Tombe 22:37

I haven't been there before, but I feel like going to Catalina for the weekend would be really fun, just being able to relax. It's not too far and it reminds me of Greece. So it would be pretty fun weekend.

Question 22:57

Are you a morning person or a night owl?

Lili Tombe 23:00

Definitely a night owl, I would say. I love going out at night. Definitely don't like waking up early. So, oh, it was a year ago, I would say.

Question 23:09

William, what's a moment in your life that made you feel truly alive?

Lili Tombe 23:23

And I hadn't sung in a very long time. But I cut the opportunity, the vocal direct and Xing for youth conference and I was singing and worship leading. And I hadn't done it in a very long time. And we're all just jumping around and having a good time. And to moment I think I'll always cherish. And then randomly a few weeks ago, one of my friends had taken pictures and I didn't know, and she got like the film developed and sent it to me. And posted it. And posted it. And I realized, I don't think I've, I looked like very happy and content in that moment. So it's a very cute picture about trash.

Question 24:09

Is there a specific song or piece of music that holds special meaning to you?

Lili Tombe 24:18

I would say. There's a song called king of glory that my church wrote. And I remember when it first came out, it was in the middle of lockdown and I was just sitting in my bed listening to it. I could really resonate with the words. And then it ended up being the last song that I got to worship lead before I go off to college. So that was a really cute full circle moment. So I remember listening and to the words when I wasn't in the best place and then being able to be on the other side of that and sing that with the people around me. I think that song will always hold the place in my heart.

Question 24:58

Oh, that's cute. Have you ever experience a profound act of kindness?

Lili Tombe 25:16

Let me think. I'm sure there's something.

Lili Tombe 25:40

This is bad, but I can't figure anything cuz I know there's something.

Lili Tombe 25:53

I don't know. I think I'm just a little things person. So like whether somebody randomly bought my coffee or said something that was really kind of thing. Those are the things that I remember mouse, but I can't think of a big active kindness like that. Actually, no. Wait, how am I feeling this? It was my last day on Sunday and they got everybody on my team to write me a card and they brought me flowers. And we had a little huddle and like power moment for my last shift. And then when I got home, they got me and IKEA gift card and I'm like, I'm gonna meet that. Thank you so much.

Question 26:29

Oh, that's so cute.

Lili Tombe 26:29

So it's very sweet.

Question 26:33

What's the most significant personal transformation you've undergone?

Lili Tombe 26:46

Would say, I think in 2020, just getting that time to be alone and being able to re just listen to all the thoughts that I had and capture all those thoughts and decide which ones were worth keeping in which ones were not. I think that alone time I think really kind of more for me into the person that I am today. I think my personality shifted after that. I think honestly for the better and I think I tolerated less after that. And so I think that was probably the most significant life change that I've gone through to this point.

Question 27:27

If you could change one decision from your past, would you? And if so, what would it be?

Lili Tombe 27:38

Oh, if you were to ask me this like a month ago, I'd probably say yes. But honestly, right now, I really don't think thought I would change anything about my past. I think every decision that I've made, whether they be good or bad, I think I learn something from it. And it all has made me into the person that I am today. So I think, no, I wouldn't change anything. But if you're asking that a month ago, yes, I probably say that I would change. Probably just, I would say the things that I tolerated, whether it's like the people who just weren't the best that I just kept around out of comfort or any of that. But I think now I wouldn't change anything.

Question 28:25

Awesome.

Question 28:32

What would you do if you won the lottery tomorrow?

Lili Tombe 28:35

Cool. I'll pay off my school and then I would buy my, I would buy myself a car. I don't know what car I would get, though. Probably a Jeep, but we'll see. And then I would see how much money I had left, depending on which lottery I won. And then I would start buying houses. So I don't think I could do all that in one day, but if I could, I would do it.

Question 29:10

And then if you could change one aspect of society, what would it be?

Lili Tombe 29:22

Would say, I feel like a lot of us, especially in our generation, are always in fight or flight mode. And I think that's kind of, it causes a lot of issues even within ourselves. So I think, I don't think that's something that I could change, but if I could somehow getting all of us to just like realize that we're all going through this together, and we're going through similar things and we don't have to be all 10, so we can help each other out. But.

Question 30:00

If you could live in any fictional universe, which one would it be?

Lili Tombe 30:06

I don't know if this is considered a universe, but if I could live in Halloween Town, I would. I love that movie and I would love to be, which actually that might be a little bit weird because there's like monsters and stuff, but the pumpkins and stuff are cute and I love fall. So I would say Halloween Town.

Question 30:26

And then how do you stay informed about current events?

Lili Tombe 30:46

I could check the news every once in a while, but I don't like to look at that all the time. And then I would say social media, which probably isn't the most realistic place to go look, but I would say TikTok and Instagram keep me pretty informed. I don't have Twitter, whatever it's called now, but I think from there, if I see a headline that like pop my interest I'll go and look it up somewhere else. But say social media is the way that I stay up to date on what time.

Question 31:16

Found. Do you, if you could have dinner with any 3 people, living or dead, who would it be?

Lili Tombe 31:33

Okay. Let's think.

Lili Tombe 31:47

Probably beyond say, who at a little bit more should think of one.

Lili Tombe 32:04

Who? Okay, I don't know probably just Beyonce maybe Michelle Obama weird combo and and one person, I don't know, maybe like Billy Ellis Random 3 but he would be very interesting team

musicians and one person who's pretty much done everything. But I think they're all three powerhouses and the areas that they are. So it'd be really interesting to listen to what they have to say.

Question 32:53

Billy Alice would be awesome. If you had a chance to meet your future self, what would you ask them?

Lili Tombe 33:07

Maybe are you happy? Weird question to ask, but I would ask my future self, are you happy?

Question 33:25

What's your opinion on the role of technology in our lives?

Lili Tombe 33:31

I think it's done a lot of good for us, I think up until this point. But I also think it is getting a little bit scary. So I think there's a lot of pros, but I think some of the comms are shining to show itself. So I would say I appreciate it, but to a certain extent, I would say, it's not the best.

Question 34:02

What's your stake on the current state of the world?

Lili Tombe 34:17

Right now. I would say we're all just tryna get power in some way. I don't know. But I think the world is full of a lot of broken people, unfortunately. And I think obviously when you're broken, you don't make the best decision. So I think we fix the broken people. Maybe we can certain text the issues are going around in the world.

Question 34:49

Are there any food do you dislike?

Lili Tombe 34:52

Yes. Seafood is a no for me. I can't eat seafood at all. So okay.

Question 35:02

What's your favorite cooking or baking recipe?

Lili Tombe 35:10

Baking, I would say the Nestle Tall House Cookie, but like the recipe that you make that they have online, my mock trial coach used to bake them for us and they were the best cookies I

think we've ever had. And honestly taste better than the actual cookie dough. And then to cook a recipe that I is like they caught the Gigi. He did pasta, but it was their way before her. So that pasta recipe, I like to cook sometimes.

Question 35:38

And then do you enjoy trying new food or new restaurant?

Lili Tombe 35:47

No, I'm very picky. So I typically stick to my same places and things and items that I order. But one day I hope to get over that and try new things.

Question 36:04

Afghanistan spicy foods.

Lili Tombe 36:07

No, I can't take spice. Like talkies are too much for me. The Trader Joe's talking is the best. This is spicy second new, but.

Question 36:18

And then what's the last book you read? Could you, if you read one?

Lili Tombe 36:33

It's a poetry book and it, you'll come back to yourself. And it's on my night stand right now. But that's the last book I really think.

Question 36:45

Can you name a movie or TV show you could watch repeatedly?

Lili Tombe 36:52

TV show, scandal and movie, probably The Notebook. Very cheesy answer, but, like TV shows and stuff.

Question 37:04

See, what's your guilty pleasure when it comes to entertainment?

Lili Tombe 37:22

Okay. I would say reality TV. I stop watching it. But when I do watch, it's very entertaining. So obviously, the Kardashians is a top contender, but The Real Housewives of Every City is very interesting to watch.

Question 37:47

What if you could be any movie character, who would it be?

Lili Tombe 37:57

Probably Black Widow. She's a superhero, but. Okay.

Question 38:16

Can you tell me a little bit about your family?

Lili Tombe 38:19

Yes. I'm the youngest of 5 kids and I have two sisters and two brothers. My obviously have two parents and we have a very interesting dynamic. I would say none of us live together except for me and my, the sister that's closest to me in age. But we're all kind of spread out. I have a sister lives, that lives in Nashville. I have a brother that lives in Indiana. And then my other brother lives here, here. And obviously my sister lives here with me. And then I think we're all kind of, I would say we're a very funny family. I would say we all, we're always laughing, we're always joking when we're together and do cherish definitely this, the relationships I have with my siblings very much. And I know last time I shared me at the dinner table during Thanksgiving, but I actually thought about that question after.

Question 39:22

What's your favorite childhood memory?

Lili Tombe 39:38

And I would just say we would always go to my brothers basketball games together, like me and all my siblings and my dad. And I just remember also going to like his football games and like just having weekends. And. Would you just be going non stop. And I look back at that and I really do just cherish those moments that we got. Got to spend together and just like the things that my dad sacrificed to make sure that we're supporting one another. And so anytime that I think, now that I think about that question, I think of anytime that I've gone to any of my brother's kids.

Question 40:39

Have you ever had a life changing travel experience?

Lili Tombe 40:55

Yes. Which it's gonna sound weird when I say where I was going, but in October last year, I was going to Idaho randomly. I was going for a family's memorial, serve family members memorial service and I'd help. And I flew from Idaho to Seattle and I was like missing school and a bunch of things that were going on. And I remember just sitting in the airport and like, just like seeing all the people around me and realize that the airport's one of the strangest places cuz it's like,

we're all going to like different or the same places that we all have different reasoning behind it. Like, obviously I was going for memorial service. The people next to me could have been going for like a family vacation or different things like that. So I think it kind of just change my perspective on life. And anytime I'm in the airport, I make sure I'm very understanding and all that stuff. But really weird that I was going to Idaho and that's what I thought of city life.

Question 41:58

You prefer city life or the countryside?

Lili Tombe 42:02

I've never really experienced the countryside. My sister who lives in Tennessee loves it, but it's not for me. I would say.

Question 42:18

And then.

Question 42:32

Have you ever taken a spontaneous trip?

Lili Tombe 42:40

Now I don't think so. Think I'm. I like to plan things out, but I want to one day just go start driving, see where I end up. No, probably Israel, very beautiful.

Question 42:57

Is there a place you dream of visiting, Linda?

Lili Tombe 43:04

I know a lot of people who go there every single year, and I wanna go with them one time.

Question 43:34

Give us questions from session today.

Question 43:58

How do you manage your time effectively?

Lili Tombe 44:04

I'm a planner. I like to put things in my calendar and I try. I don't really have much that I'm doing right now, but when I go off to school, I definitely will be planning everything down to the minute. I think if I doubt that, I'm not gonna get things done. So just using technology and tools to keep me on track.

Question 44:36

Do you remember what you wrote your college essay on?

Lili Tombe 44:42

Yes, I do. I think for my essays, oh, I just reuse one of my essays from a common MSA. But for my essays, I wrote about mentoring that I got to do with my church and like the junior high ministry. And then I wrote about my family and my parents and being a child of immigrant parents. And I wrote about writing and the opportunities that I've gotten from it and just how much I love it. And then for my fourth essay, I think I wrote about. What did I write about? It was like the why should I get into the school one. But those really that I remember.

Question 45:28

Would you change what you wrote them on now or would you keep them the same?

Lili Tombe 45:34

No, I think I would keep all of them the same. I think maybe I would change the ending of one of them. My, the one specifically about my parents, I think I would change the ending of that one. But besides that, I would keep, continue the same.

Okay, as a student who's in high school and going into college, how can I improve my study habits?

Lili Tombe 00:10

I would say at first you kind of have to test out and see different ways that work best for you. I think there's nothing wrong with changing the old ways that you study, but I would suggest just thinking about the best ways that you learn and try to make your study habits near that. So whether that's you're an active listener, so when you're studying, you have to have like a couple screens out and you have a video on one and your notes in the other. Like whatever it takes, whatever you learn best is probably how you're gonna study best. So I would say just test out different ways and eventually you'll find what works.

Question 00:45

Awesome. How do I manage my time effectively?

Lili Tombe 00:50

I think this requires you to actively plan out like it's gonna sound crazy, but like every hour or eh, honestly every minute of your day. I think as somebody who was really bad at managing my time, like it was got a lot better when I had a calendar that I can map everything out in or a planner or my phone that sends me notifications that like, oh, from like 2 to 5, this is your study session. So I would say use technology and the resources that you have around you to map out

what you're doing in each and there are a lot of timeframes and that'll help you stick to your timeframe.

Question 01:17

Hum.

Question 01:30

Okay, awesome. What should I do if I'm struggling with a particular subject?

Lili Tombe 01:37

I would say first. A lot of teachers will suggest that you talk to your peers before you go to them. So I would say maybe like join a study group or, or go to peer tutoring and stuff like that. And if you're not doing well in a particular subject, let's say it's math and your study groups are not working, but I would say go to your teacher and see if there's any additional support and help with. I could give you what that.

Question 02:07

Have you ever had to deal with bullying or peer pressure? And if you did, can you tell me a little bit about it and how you got through it?

Lili Tombe 02:15

Yes. I would say mainly bullying, not necessarily PU peer pressure, but for bullying, I would say just understanding that oftentimes these people that are saying the things that they're about you're doing it think that they're to, you're hurting themselves. And as much as it sucks that you have to have the bigger person mindset, that's honestly gonna be the only things that can get you through it and also obviously like talk to a trusted adult and the people around you about what's going on and maybe there's something that they can do to fully stop the bullying but until then honestly talk to people about it and for me think the thing that help me the most was talking to my siblings and my counselor at school about it and they were able to help me not only cope but stop the behaviors that were happening towards me.

Question 03:08

Okay, awesome. How can I improve my test taking skills?

Lili Tombe 03:18

I would incorporate test taking into your studying as like where does that sound is if you have a bunch of vocab words that you need to learn instead of just looking at the word in the definition you can there's many different sites and stuff that you can do that will actually turn your vocabulary even if even Quizlet does this into like a practice test that's similar to the test that you wanna take so if you s get really stressed during tests I would say kind of mock the

environment that you're gonna be in your study and you're studying like area and that way that'll kind of help you get the hang of things and they always say do the things that you know first and then come back to the stuff that you don't. So if you're actually in the test here, I have no idea what I'm doing, come back to those questions and that'll help you do better.

Question 04:07

Okay. What's the best way to prepare for a college application?

Lili Tombe 04:13

I would say map out what your plan, whether it's like, I wanna do my essays first and then the questions later or the other way around. I would say just go into it with also an open mind like it's gonna take multiple drafts and multiple in different resources and stuff to complete your college application process, let's say go into it with an open mind. Don't procrastinate because that's not gonna help you in the end and just be kind to yourself in the process. You can get really stressful. So, price account, I would say once again, just testing out the different things that you're interested in.

Question 04:50

How can I choose the right extracurricular activities?

Lili Tombe 05:00

For example, if you're interested in student leadership, maybe groups like ASP, the different things like that can help you kind of decide where you wanna go. But I would just say test out the different things that interest you, even the things that you wouldn't even think that you would be a part of. You never know. I think some of the best clubs and stuff that I joined, I wasn't expecting to, but I went to into it once again with an open mind and I ended up joining clubs and groups and organizations that I really enjoy. So have an open mind.

Question 05:32

But everything, okay how do I balance school, work and just social life?

Lili Tombe 05:43

I think it's really hard to balance all three of those. But I would say just like know what your priorities are. Like if you obviously I think people are very understanding and if you're not able to be 100% with all of your friends, so let them know, oh, right now I really need to focus on like my school and my work life is my main priority. I would just say communicate more than anything, but also like take time and map out like, oh, I'm gonna study for this.

Lili Tombe 06:15

Like, oh, Saturdays are reserved for spending time with friends and family or this day is reserved for there are these days and these hours are reserved for work. And I would say try not to let those hours overlap. But that requires a little bit of sacrifice and a little bit of you sitting down and mapping out exactly what you wanna do.

Question 06:35

Awesome. Have you ever had exam anxiety? And what did you do if you did?

Lili Tombe 06:49

Yes, I would say I've gotten a lot better about it. But in the beginning I did have a lot of test anxiety and it I actually didn't really get better at it until I took a the psychology and we kind of understood like what's actually going on, like the signs behind it. But I know everybody is gonna get that opportunity. But one thing that help me is just breathing through and knowing that the test isn't the end of the world, that everything, like what you need to know and what you don't know, you're not gonna learn right off the bat. So just go into it confident and the things that you've Learned and the things that you know. And like I said, at the end of the day, it's not the end of the world if you do not pass every test.

Question 07:34

How do I make friends and fit in at a new school?

Lili Tombe 07:41

I would say fitting in shouldn't necessarily be your goal. I would say just meaning people who accept you for the way that you're should be your goal at the end of the day and that people who maybe share similar or even different interests in you and things like that. But I would just say like being open minded and always like being kind, not being afraid to say hi. Even now at college, you'd be surprised like how many just like smiles and like waves or whatever can actually develop into really good and strong friendships. So I would just say don't be so focused on trying to be cool or fit in, but just be yourself and the people who are meant to be around you will find you.

Question 08:25

What are some of your favorite effective note taking strategies or study strategies?

Lili Tombe 08:31

When I'm in a lecture or when my teacher is teaching, I like to type up whatever they're saying and try to get the things that are important down like on my computer cuz that's a faster way I think of taking notes than writing. But when I come back to my room, I like to go over the things that my teacher said in class and handwrite the key details. It's like scientifically proven, I'm pretty sure that you remember things better or for longer when you actually write them down.

And so that way it kind of reingraves the information that I Learned in my head again rather than just taking notes, forgetting about it, never opening it up again until right before the test. So I think that is one of my most effective note taking and strategies.

Question 09:26

How did you choose your college major and what's the best way to choose it?

Lili Tombe 09:32

I chose my major based off of the interest that I had. I knew that the future career path that I wanna to go into was very like law and politics based. So I knew that I wanted to major in policy side because of that. But I would say when you're picking your college major, the biggest thing is it should be something that you see yourself doing in the future. It's something that you're not gonna dread the 4 years or whatever, however long it takes to get your degree so that you. You're passionate about. And if you aren't really passionate about anything, you can always go into college undeclared and kind of test out different waters and see what best fits you. But I would say just do it based off of your own personal interests and not what you think is the right move cuz of how much money you could make down the line, but something that you're genuinely interested in.

Question 10:26

How do I handle conflicts with teachers or classmates or just like in college?

Lili Tombe 10:34

I would say just advocate for yourself and speak up for yourself. I think oftentimes a lot of us try not to be, not to be conference educational people, but when it comes to your education or your friendships and stuff like that, it's very important that you stand up for yourself. So I'd say obviously you probably approach a teacher different than you would a peer. But I would say like maintain respectful or be respectful and. Just understand that at the end of the day, like your professors are also people too. And if you kind of get to that level and just like communicate with them, whether it's via email or you go to your office, their office hours, just express the concerns that you have. And if that doesn't work, you might have to take it up to your academic advisor or somebody who's there to advocate for you on your campus this.

Lili Tombe 11:26

And with peers, I would just say communicate in person over text. I think a lot of times things get lost in translation through text message. So if you're able to just have an open conversation with them. In person, I think that can oftentimes fix a lot of the conflicts without even having to get to in depth of it is just communicate on a different level.

Question 11:58

How do I deal with relationship problems in college?

Lili Tombe 12:03

I would say communication is key. I think a lot of your issues, once again, are probably based off of lack of communication. I would just say be open and express how you're feeling about whatever the conflict is. And then I think if that other, sometimes I would also say give it time first. We often like to jump the gun and try and just like solve things right away. But in the end, we're usually just making situations worse. So I would say give it time, give each other space and then try and have an open minded conversation and have the goal not be who's right, but like how can we solve this issue? And if the other person isn't reciprocating that, then you might have to have a different type of conversation.

Question 12:52

How do I choose the right classes? Or I don't like the question, how can I set and achieve academic goals? Or is there a process that works for you in terms of setting and achieving goals?

Lili Tombe 13:08

I would say just, I think the goal at the end of the day is always academic success, but that's defined by each person differently. For me, I would just say understanding the material that I'm learning is like the biggest academic goal that I have. So obviously everybody wants good grades, but if you're not retaining any of the information in the process of getting your degree, then it honestly is like useless when it comes down to it.

Question 13:25

Hum.

Lili Tombe 13:34

So for me, my biggest goal, I think it's change recently cuz I think in high school it's really easy to be like, I want straight days. But now it's honestly just understanding the material, whether that means getting a B on a test or an A or C or whatever. So for me, my goals are just, I make new goals every quarter, but right now it's just understanding the information. And I would say just don't set unrealistic standards, expectations for yourself because at the end of the day, you're probably gonna think that has something to do with your knowledge or your self worth. And it really doesn't just be kind to yourself.

Question 14:12

How can I improve my public speaking skills if I haven't done a lot of public speaking and I'm getting into college and having to do speeches, stuff like that?

Lili Tombe 14:23

I would say. Most of us have roommates like ask your roommate if you can do your speech or whatever it is in front of them and ask them to give you honest a criticism and feedback. I think honestly public speaking, it just takes a lot of time and practice. And so I think if some people may see that they're like natural born public speakers, but it probably was a lot of behind the scenes practicing speeches and different stuff like that in the mirror. I think also just like talking to people when you're walking through campus or whatever randomly will help improve your public speaking skills. So just be more social and practice.

Question 15:08

How do I build myself confidence?

Lili Tombe 15:14

I would say oftentimes building yourself competence requires you to like breakdown all the things that you previously thought about yourself and kind of starting from scratch. I think a lot of times we like believe lies about ourself and we didn't even realize it. So I would just say like kind of starting from scratch and doing your daily affirmations, whatever that looks like, or just just trying to break all the habits that you didn't even realize that you had, I would say, will help build your confidence and realize that like you I would just say that, I would say maybe reevaluate the people that you're surrounding yourself with.

Question 15:56

What should I do if I'm feeling peer pressure to engage in risky behavior in college?

Lili Tombe 16:10

I think they don't respect or appreciate the boundaries that you set for yourself, then they're probably not the best people to hang around. And also, I think you decide the decisions that you make at the end of the day. So I think not always blaming your peers, but just check who you're surrounding yourself with when you're often making like stupid decisions. But, I would say evaluate your coping mechanisms and like the ways that you coped with different things around you.

Question 16:50

What should I do if I'm struggling with my mental health?

Lili Tombe 17:03

And always like at the end of the day, I think reaching out to a friend or a trusted person around you will ultimately help and if need be, maybe even like going to therapy or doing different things like journaling and stuff like that. I think mental health is extremely important and I think oftentimes it just will help you a lot just by letting it out and whatever form that may be, whatever healthy format maybe so just find what that is for you.

Question 17:37

What should I do if I'm feeling isolated or lonely?

Lili Tombe 17:43

I would say once again, just reach out maybe if you don't have anybody to reach out to try and build those new connections. Like think everybody feels lonely at some point in time and like think it requires cuz sometimes people aren't always gonna come and save you or all that stuff. So I think in the midst of your loneliness, try and find something, make a bad situation good, whether that's like building up yourself confidence in the midst of that or even just like reaching out to people and saying hi to people to help you get out of that loneliness.

Question 18:26

What should I do if I'm struggling with body image issues or body asmorphia?

Lili Tombe 18:32

I would say that also goes with the self confidence and comparison thing. I think oftentimes a lot of the things that we, the way that we view ourselves is usually skewed based off of the way that other people. Oh, look. So I would say what that means getting off social media for a little bit or just being mindful about the shows and stuff that you watch. I would say trying to or stop trying, not stop trying to s I would say focus less on the people and the things around you and know that, you know, your body is yours and you are perfect just the way that you're you don't need to pair yourself to the people around you. And, I would say reach out to your academic advisors and your professors and try and see if there's anything that they can do to help you better understand what you're learning.

Question 19:28

What should I do if I'm struggling with alerting disability that makes it harder for me to achieve my goals?

Lili Tombe 19:49

Cuz I think once again, if we don't advocate for ourselves or if find that we're gonna fall behind a lot more than we would. So I think your professors and your people around you are there? To help you and they want you to succeed in what you're doing. So just letting somebody know what you're struggling with and think there's anything that they can do to help you.

Question 20:24

How do I navigate social media responsibly?

Lili Tombe 20:30

I would say maybe even setting a time limit of how long that you should be on your phone, whether that's affecting your mental health or whatever that may be. And also not following accounts or people that you don't know.

Lili Tombe 20:46

I think there's a lot of risky things on the internet. And if you, I think, follow random people or have your account without restrictions, and there are definitely some consequences to that. So I would say for safety reasons, just all around, just manage how long you're on social media and make sure that your privacy settings and everything are on. And I would say the biggest part of that transition usually depending on where you go to school, is like leaving your family and your friends.

Question 21:17

How can I prepare for then transition to college life from high school?

Lili Tombe 21:33

And I think a lot of people struggle with like missing their home and stuff like that, especially when they're going to college. I would say just spending time with the people that you love, doing the things that you love will honestly make the transition a lot better. You don't wanna come to college regretting not spending more time with the people around you. So the best way to prepare yourself for that transition socially would be just to be present in the moment that you're in right now and not try to focus too much on what the college life is gonna be like because you're gonna be fine. And then academically, I would just say starting those healthy studying habits and all that stuff is one way that you can start with the transition.

Lili Tombe 22:15

Now, I think college, especially here, is very fast paced. So just not coming into it thinking, oh, I can just use the same skills and stuff that I how to call or in high school, I'd know it's gonna require you to cut it, rebuild from, I would say, advocate for yourself and call out the behavior that you're saying.

Question 22:37

Oh, what should I do if I'm experiencing discrimination or bullying based on my race or ethnicity?

Lili Tombe 23:01

I think oftentimes people just stay silent out of fear of like not being taken seriously and all that stuff. But I think if you're in a place in which you're getting discriminated again, so they're not taking you seriously, that's not an environment in which you should be around. Since they stand up for yourself, call out the behavior and change doesn't happen, then remove yourself from

that situation. But also take that discrimination or whatever you're experiencing, like that challenge and kind of decide what you wanna do with that. Think oftentimes you can rewrite the narrative that people are trying to spin and work harder and prove the people around you wrong. And.

Question 23:53

How can I develop strong leadership skills in college?

Lili Tombe 23:59

I would say start small with like whether that means, I don't know, joining a club and being a member and making your way up and just being consistent and the little things I think will ultimately make you a better leader. And then eventually whatever you wanna do, whether that's starting a club or leading an organization or s getting involved in research, I think when you start small and you kinda are, you use the things around you and you, I think that will naturally show once you get on a higher scale. So start small and kind of lead the things around you before you jump in and do something big.

Question 24:45

What should I do if I'm struggling with my sexuality or gender identity?

Lili Tombe 24:51

I would say reach out to, there's many different organizations and people, maybe somebody who's also struggled in the past that could help you with that but I would say you're probably not alone or you're definitely not alone and you're struggle and there's people who are, you know, experts and many different things that wanna help you and like reaching out to a friend or anybody around you I think could honestly help you and just I know that there's nothing wrong with you and you're not alone in it but like about myself or just oh 3,5 questions.

Question 25:26

If I had to ask you a series of questions that only you would know, like maybe like 5 different questions that I would ask you, only Lily would know, what would those be?

Lili Tombe 25:56

Can you give me an example? Sorry.

Question 25:58

For me, I could say, where did you grow up and what high school did you go to? Like just questions only you would know.

Lili Tombe 26:17

Okay. And, I would say question you could ask me then I would know. You like what was your favorite subject in high school?

Lili Tombe 26:37

What is your biggest pet peeve? Like that kind of. Okay.

Lili Tombe 26:55

Where is your FA or what is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Lili Tombe 27:07

What or who is your favorite artist? And. What is your favorite hobby?

Question 27:32

Okay. What is your favorite ice cream?

Lili Tombe 27:37

Probably chocolate chip cookie, though.

Question 27:43

What is your favorite artist?

Lili Tombe 27:46

Oh, probably Caesar.

Question 27:52

Then? What's your favorite hobby?

Lili Tombe 27:56

Journaling, I would say.

Question 28:01

Okay. If someone were to ask you for advice on something, what would you say that you would be the best at giving advice on?

Lili Tombe 28:13

Oh, I would say maybe like navigating friendship and give good advice on, or like academics, like how to, I don't know, improve your academics.

Question 28:26

Okay.

Question 28:38

Have you had any experience where you and your friend kind of had a tiffle?

Lili Tombe 28:47

Definitely have multiple tiffles, I would say. Let me think of one. That one. Oh, should I share what it was about?

Question 28:58

Yes.

Lili Tombe 28:59

Okay. So senior year, I was, we were planning what? Or we picked our prom venue and we were trying to like film a bunch of announcements and stuff for it and it was a secret. And so one day we, the ASP seniors went to tour the prom venue that nobody knew but the ASP seniors and one of my friends had my location and she went on my on just to see where I was cuz she was on this field trip. So she looked at my location and stopped. But I had been in downtown at a nightclub. She did this at lunch with bunch of other people around her. And the prom venue wasn't gonna be announced for a week after that. And so she had basically spoiled where a prom was gonna be to my entire grade after I had been keeping it free secret for two years. We pick from the new junior year. So I've been having that secret for two years and she didn't know and she ruined that in that moment. So we did get in a big tuffle.

Question 30:06

Well.

Lili Tombe 30:08

She think it was not big of a deal. I thought it was a big deal. I blocked her from viewing my location after that. And we had a huge, or a long conversation about respecting people's boundaries and how that wasn't okay to do. And that was one of the biggest tiffles that I think I have.

Question 30:30

What was your main takeaways after that fight?

Lili Tombe 30:35

I would say be careful you share your location with. No, I would say kind of the biggest thing is I think shouldn't understand why it was such a big deal to me. And she didn't realize that, like the hard work that kind of went into that whole process, planning prom and why the reveal is supposed to be a special thing. So it taught me to kind of explain my feelings a little bit more

and, and to not just push things aside that actually was like a conflict that needed to be had. And also just. Be forgiving of people, just stupid things. But I know she didn't have ill intention in doing that. She was just very excited to find out where prom was.

Question 31:33

What do I do if I have a falling out with a friend in college and they're in the same brand group as me?

Lili Tombe 31:48

I would say just, I would say try not to let the drama that's going on between you and the other person affects everyone else around you. I think obviously it's gonna be awkward and stuff like that, but I think that's probably conversation that the two of you guys need to have that you're both agreeing to not, you know, bring the drama to everybody because they like happens a lot. But I don't think everybody around you should have to suffer because of your issues with that person. So I would just say get your point with your cordial with each other and if you're not, then maybe try and take a step from that group in that moment because you don't wanna create a bigger conflict for everyone else.

Question 32:30

What do I do if I'm having family issues but I'm not home?

Lili Tombe 32:36

I would say the good thing about not being home is you get to physically distance yourself from the people around you. But I would say take this time to kind of like reflect and see things from other people's perspective. I think you'll be surprised how much your opinion on things change when you're not physically in that environment. But I think also, thankfully, we have a bunch of technology and if you need to be there, we can just text that family member, text that group of people and just let them know how you're doing and, you know, your feelings on the situation. But you're not physically there, so you're not immersed in that environment.

Question 33:27

Well, how do I navigate a challenge of a long distance relationship?

Lili Tombe 33:33

I would say off the bat, if you're both not willing to put in the effort, then it's probably not gonna work cuz I would just say have that conversation about, you know, what that's gonna look like for you, whether that means you're flying in a few times a month or whatever. I would say just communicate and if it gets hard, kind of evaluate is it worth sticking around for this moment?

Question 34:12

How do I stay motivated in college with all of the freedom I have now?

Lili Tombe 34:17

For I would say try and remember your goal and why you're here and remember the debt that you're probably in and that you need good job to be with paid up. I'm kidding. But I would say just have a little reminders, whether it's around your room, my roommate hasn't signed over there, but says remember why you started just different things and just like remind yourself of what your life will look like the end of the 4 years like sometimes I don't wanna go to class but I'm okay. I'm paying a lot of money and tuition to get that education. I wanna be able to not only just learn but you gain new experiences through the process of it. You're not gonna do that by staying in your room. So just make the most of everything I would say.

Question 35:17

Is this your first year at easier Ben?

Lili Tombe 35:20

Yes.

Question 35:23

What if, what is your experience been like making friends?

Lili Tombe 35:28

Luckily we had a lot of like I had orientation and stuff like that in which I met a lot of people through that. So I mainly just I wouldn't say stuck with those people but I was able to kind of from them meet the people that they became friends with when they came on camp this and kind of created this like whole group of people but I've had a very positive experience so far I think everybody around here for the most part is in the same boat and just wanna meet people and make connections so everybody is super nice so I've met just like acquaintances that I probably won't hang out with but it's like also met a lot of people who I am now super close with and will study with and do all that stuff but required me to definitely put myself out there like get our door open for the first school during the day for the first couple of days and we're able to meet our homemates and everybody in our building. But it's been pretty so far.

Question 36:26

How's your roommate, dynamic bin?

Lili Tombe 36:31

Should we definitely balance each other out? She's a lot more, outgoing, I'll say, and a lot more loud. But I think we knew each other since April, so she wasn't a complete stranger. But I think so far we've been able to bounce together out and everybody who meets us together is like, I see

why you guys work. Like we're not super similar, but we're not like complete opposites. She's super nice.

Question 36:59

How did you deal with the transition of having your own room at home in Kai school or like to like sharing a space with someone?

Lili Tombe 37:10

It definitely didn't hit me until a couple days ago. Like I used to be not have anybody around me like all this stuff. But think the biggest thing is we're really good at communicating when we need eh. So if I'm like, I just need an hour by myself, she's really good about it and we definitely do that together. But think it's made me a lot cleaner and like, I know it looks messy from I but it's maybe a lot like more cautious of my space and like the amount of noise I'm making and stuff like that because obviously there's another person here, but sometimes I just wake up at them all night and I'm like, there's another person on the opposite side of my room like that. So weird, but definitely less space in here but it's help me become cleaner.

Lili Tombe 37:57

So, yes, I was gonna do mock trial and I decided the time commitment was too much for right now but I joined a couple like faith clubs and stuff campus and then my friends are trying to get me to join one of the not choir groups but like singing groups on campus.

Question 38:04

Did you join any clubs or any extracurriculars?

Lili Tombe 38:30

We'll see and then I've just kind of been following the ASP their ASP account and I know there's a lot of positions open and stuff like that so maybe I'll do it actually get paid here and then I'm about to by applied for on campus like coffee shops and stuff so hopefully I get to work soon.

Question 38:57

How is balancing your social life in school and that aspect?

Lili Tombe 39:05

I would say kind of works out cuz for the most part, me and all my friends are in class at the same time. So get out at the same time. And we, well, I plan at least to have dinner with a lot of my friends live on the opposite side of campus by the other dining hall. So we'll like meet up for at least one meal a day and kind of just catch up and debrief on everything that happened before we got separate ways and studying. So just having that even like 30,40 minutes of sitting with each other and just kind of checking up on each other every day I think has been really

good, but for the most part, like my classes are super chill. I only have three classes right now and like discussions obviously, but and I've had a lot of downtime so I'm able to go and go to the different events and clubs and stuff that are happening during the day. So hasn't been too bad. I've been able to balance both pretty well.

Question 39:57

What brings you in a good mood when you're in a bad mood?

Lili Tombe 40:02

Listening to music or going on a walk.

Question 40:12

What are the 3 most important aspects to support your lifestyle? College.

Lili Tombe 40:18

Oh, you will. Three most important aspects is for my lifestyle, College, I would say just having good study habits has been able to keep me sane and like doing well academically, I would say. Having a good like self care routine or whatever that looks like, whether it's journaling or reading and stuff like that has also help me keep my head on straight. And having good friends and connections around me, people who even though I haven't known them for much, for that long, really do feel like that's all kind of kept me together. Well, I would say you're gonna be fine.

Question 41:18

What advice would you give to a high school student who is nervous about going to college?

Lili Tombe 41:33

You probably heard it a million times, but just like put yourself out there and know that everybody says that colleges your best days. So just I think sometimes it's sad to reminisce some like the old days of being in high school and going to football games on Friday nights and stuff, but know that there's so much in store for you for the time that you're on college might require you to step out of your comfort zone, but I think you're gonna be okay. You're gonna find your groove and you're gonna be able to get through everything. If you weren't meant to be where you're going, you wouldn't be going there. So just know that you're exactly where you're supposed to be.

Question 42:18

What is your No. 1 goal in life?

Lili Tombe 42:24

I would say to be successful, which is very broad, but whatever that looks like down the line, I'd say obviously be financially well off and just build strong relationships and connections with people around me and be able to make a difference in some way in the world around me, whatever that looks like.

Question 42:52

What's your favorite quality about yourself?

Lili Tombe 42:57

I would say I'm very compassionate and understanding of the people around me and I respect different people's perspectives and I like to empathize with people.

Question 43:19

What's something you're really good at?

Lili Tombe 43:22

And, I like to say I'm good at writing. I would say got it right. I can, like I did this the other day, like teacher gives you a prompt or something you have no idea about. It's okay. I can make something up and do still pretty decently. Hopefully I'm good right?

Question 43:47

Would you call yourself brave?

Lili Tombe 43:51

Hit no, that probably not. Don't like spiders, don't like mosquitoes, don't like anything brave in terms of what we would see. Yes, but brave isn't like I take risk in other ways. Yes, but now I'm not right in the normal sense.

Question 44:13

If someone asked you what your perfect day would be, what would you probably be like?

Lili Tombe 44:22

Probably will sleep in and wake up at like ten, go for a walk. I'm gonna say in that college sense, I would go to the WA, go for a while, go to the dining hall or a nice slow restaurant. We have Aldridge Park which is like the centerpiece of our school kind of you walk to Aldridge Park working, sit and have a little picnic with the breakfast and then maybe go to the beach and stay there until the sunsets and then, I don't know, like listen to music about the beach, leave, watch a movie and fall asleep would be a good day.

Question 45:10

What are you most excited about for the future?

Lili Tombe 45:14

I would say just making more connections and meeting more people. My roommate and I were talking about this the other day that like you maybe you probably haven't even met the people that are gonna mean the most to you in life. Like so I would say just meeting new people and traveling. I wanna travel a lot eventually and just getting new experiences.

Question 45:41

Alright, and then lastly, what is something that you would want to preach to high school students? Like if you had to be a mentor on this app, like what would be your thing?

Lili Tombe 46:07

I would say, just being like, if I could preach to high school students. Well, may you be being understanding and compassionate about the, the thing I'm PA, the thing I like to think say that I am, but just being compassionate to the people around you and like not really knowing what everybody are around you is could be struggling with. I would say I think just people's compassion have helped me a lot in life and I think I've helped a lot of people through being compassionate. So I'd say and learning how to do that even when people aren't being like the nicest to you in the process.