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In each installment of Six Months On, we catch up with an early decision student from Duke Kunshan's inaugural undergraduate Class of 2022, to learn about what it's like to make such a big decision at a young age, and to find out about their experiences so far on campus.

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This time, we talk to Karen Nielsen, 18, from Sidney, Maine, U.S.

Signing an ED agreement is a big step for a high school student. What was going through your mind?

I had no idea what I wanted to do for college. I went on a tour where I saw 20 colleges in nine days, and I was going through all their stuff and thinking, "They all say the same things." When it got to the fall of senior year I had a list of 12 schools I was going to apply to.

Then my Dad spotted some mail one day that