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Why leave Princeton for Harvey Mudd?

It was really hard to decide to leave Princeton University for Harvey Mudd College. Part of it was that things were going really well at Princeton and I'd finally gotten adjusted to being there and I felt like we were making huge progress with the strategic vision. And I had students that I loved and people I was working with that I loved and I really didn't want to leave. But the thing about Harvey Mudd College was — I could see that Princeton was going to be fine without me. There was so much support for the strategic vision, they were going to be able to go forward with it. And I saw at Harvey Mudd College both a chance to be at a place whose mission I just loved but also to be at a place that might play a role in solving one of the biggest problems facing the United States today; namely, education in math, science, and engineering. And so, I made that choice because I felt that I could go to Harvey Mudd College, a place that cares more about education than anything else, that focuses on math, science, and engineering education and what's really needed for this century and for last century.