

# MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR COLLEGE VISIT

## Hints for your college visit:

- Take a campus tour
- Meet with an admissions representative
  - Have your questions written down before the meeting takes place
  - Discuss tuition, room & board, books, fees, hidden costs, and financial aid
  - Verify admissions requirements (both test scores and high school preparation)
  - Discuss different majors you are considering
- Sit in on a class or two and look for things like class size, teaching style, academic atmosphere, and interaction between professor and students
- Talk with professors in your chosen major
- Talk with a coach in your chosen sport
- Talk with a student enrolled in the major you are considering
- Visit the Career Center and ask about jobs/salary students have been offered upon graduation with the same major you're considering. Also ask about the college's graduate placement record.
- Spend a night in the dorm
- Eat in the cafeteria
- Check out the library/media center
- Find out about the social & student activities available: clubs, intramurals, organizations, etc.
- Ask about transportation options if you're not bringing a vehicle
- Attend a campus event (sports event, variety show, play, concert or other activity)



## Some things to look at and consider as you visit a college:

- Read the student newspaper and other campus publications
- Wander around the campus by yourself
- Read the bulletin boards
- Walk or drive around the community
- Ask a student what he/she does on weekends
- Listen to the college's radio station
- Try to see a dorm that you didn't see on the tour

## Just a couple of other thoughts:

- If possible, visit only one college per day
- If you're visiting a number of colleges, take notes to help you remember facts about each college.
- After you've looked at all of the above and more, try to imagine yourself as a student on that campus. Does it fit? Does it feel right?

***Relax and have fun as you visit colleges.***

## **WORKSHEET FOR COMPARING COLLEGES**

<b>COLLEGE NAME:</b>			
<b>Location</b> ✓ Distance from home			
<b>Size</b> ✓ Enrollment ✓ Physical size of campus ✓ Student to faculty ratio			
<b>Environment</b> ✓ Location ✓ Size of nearest city ✓ Age of buildings			
<b>Facilities</b> ✓ Academic ✓ Recreational ✓ Media Center ✓ Computers available			
<b>Admissions</b> ✓ Application deadline ✓ Tests required ✓ High School courses ✓ Avg. test scores, GPA ✓ Notification process			
<b>College Costs</b> ✓ Application fees ✓ Tuition ✓ Room & board ✓ Books ✓ Additional fees ✓ Financial aid offered ✓ % receiving fin. aid			
<b>Academics</b> ✓ Is my major offered ✓ Special requirements ✓ Are the courses what I thought they'd be			
<b>Room &amp; Board</b> ✓ What types of rooms are available ✓ Are rooms wired for computers ✓ Can students bring cars ✓ Food plans offered			
<b>Activities</b> ✓ Clubs, organizations ✓ Greek life ✓ Athletics, intramurals ✓ Concerts ✓ Sporting events			
<b>Overall Impression</b> ✓ Is this college a good fit for me? Why or why not			