

Lakeside High School College Fair -- STUDENT INFORMATION

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Lakeside High School **CAFETERIA**

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What can I expect at the college fair?

The college fair is a great opportunity for you to make personal connections with college admissions representatives. Each school will have one or more admissions officers or alumni who are prepared to talk with you about their school. They typically offer flyers, catalogs, stickers, postcards and trinkets to advertise their school. While the admissions reps will be prepared to tell you about their school, they really want to get to know you and will likely ask you questions about what you are hoping to study, what kind of college experience you are looking for, and other factors affecting your college decision. All of these recruiters are friendly and anxious to meet you, so don't be shy!

When you arrive at the fair, stop by the check-in table to pick up a map and a raffle card. The schools will be organized alphabetically, with flagship state schools listed by their state (e.g. University of Alabama will be under A for Alabama). The back of the raffle card will have questions to ask recruiters. If you get signatures from 5 recruiters on your card you can enter a drawing to win a \$25 gift card!

Who should attend?

Seniors: Use this event to establish a relationship with the admissions counselors where you have applied -- or are thinking of applying! If you haven't created your short list yet, this fair will help you figure out which schools might be right for you.

Juniors and Sophomores: This is the time for you to learn about the college application process and start to think about what schools you might like to tour. Learn about admissions criteria, academic majors, and campus life to help you get a jump on your college planning.

Freshmen: You can attend, too! It's never too early to learn about college!

Parents: You are welcome to attend alongside your student. You can support your student by helping them generate a list of questions they might want to ask the recruiters. This is a good time to step back and let your student drive the conversation with the recruiters -- after all, they are the ones who will be enrolling, not us. Certainly parents are welcome to interact with the recruiters as we know that YOU have lots of questions about college, too!

What to do before the fair?

1. Make a list of criteria you are looking for in a college - majors, size, location, cost, selectivity (how difficult are the admissions standards).
2. Consult the list of schools registered for the Lakeside College Fair below and rank order the ones you most want to visit.
3. Visit the schools' websites to learn about majors, size, selectivity, campus culture and other factors of interest.
4. The college fair is a valuable opportunity to make connections directly with admissions representatives who will be reading your application! Identify a few questions below that you might want to ask each school.
5. Set your goals for the college fair – what do you hope to learn? What connections do you want to make? What type of impression do you hope to make?
6. If you were unable to do any of these things prior to the fair, don't worry! You can still participate. Remember that these schools are anxious to meet Lakeside students like you!

What to do at the fair

Here are a variety of questions you might ask admissions representatives to help you learn more about each institution. For more ideas, check out these tips from Princeton Review

<https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/college-fairs>

QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS

1. My favorite school subject is _____. How could that translate into a major at your school?
2. Are there different admissions requirements for different departments or majors?
3. What unique programs are included in your school's curriculum?

QUESTIONS ABOUT CAMPUS CULTURE

4. What is the school culture like? How would you describe the students at your school?
5. What do students enjoy most about this college?
6. What do students do for fun? Are the events mostly on campus or off campus? What were some of the biggest or most popular events on campus last year?

QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMIC SUPPORT

7. Are there academic support services on campus such as tutoring and writing centers?
8. How big are most classes that freshman take?
9. Are classes mostly taught by faculty or TAs?
10. If requested, are professors available to give individual attention to students?

QUESTIONS ABOUT CAREER READINESS

11. What do your students do just after graduating?
12. What are the undergraduate opportunities for internships, research, and employment?
13. What percentage of students find summer internships and/or jobs before graduating?

Retrieved from <https://www.eliteprep.com/blog/2017/12/16/14-questions-to-ask-admissions-officers>

What colleges will attend the Lakeside College Fair?

This is the list of registered attendees as of October 27.

Questions about applying to college?

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