CAMPUS VISIT

A campus visit is highly recommended! Although catalogs and websites introduce you to a college, nothing equals the experience of seeing it for yourself. Planning to visit during a school vacation is fine, but the best time to see a college is when students are on campus and classes are in session.

Before you visit the campus, consider some of the options below. It is important to develop a list of questions and to plan specific activities in order to accomplish your goals.

CONSIDER:

- a tour of the grounds and facilities.
- a meal in a college dining facility.
- a tour of a dorm or two.
- the names and locations of popular coffee shops or snack bars where you can meet students.
- permission to visit a particular class or to meet with a certain professor or coach.
- an appointment to meet with an admissions officer.

TYPICAL QUESTIONS YOU MAY WISH TO ASK ON A VISIT ARE:

ADMISSIONS

- What is the grade point required for entry?
- How is admission determined?
- Is there an application deadline?
- Is a deposit required? How much? Is it refundable?

GENERAL INFORMATION

- How many students are enrolled? How many are from other states?
- How many international students are enrolled?
- How large is the campus?
- What is the faculty-student ratio?
- What is the typical class size?
- How is the academic calendar set up? Are you on semesters or quarters (terms)?
- What is the surrounding community like?
- What is the average dropout rate?
- Will I have a faculty advisor?

COST AND FINANCIAL AID

- What amount should I estimate for books and supplies?
- How much should I plan for spending money?
- Are ATMs available?
- What Financial Aid programs are available?
- How do I apply for Financial Aid? What forms do I need?
- What are the deadlines?
- Are any special scholarships offered?
- Do you award athletic scholarships?
- Are there jobs for students on campus?

STUDENT LIFE

- Will I live in a residence hall?

  How many students per room?
- How are residence halls assigned?
- Do you have nonsmoking and nondrinking areas?
- What is your drinking policy?
- Do you have quiet halls?
- What kinds of things should I bring with me when I move in?
- Can I have a car on campus my freshman year?

ACTIVITIES

- What activities are available?
- Are there sororities & fraternities?

ATHLETICS

- What varsity sports are played?
- What division are you in? What conference? What colleges do you compete with?
- Do you have an intramural program?

ORIENTATION

- When is orientation? What do you do at orientation?
- Do I need to attend?
- Is there a parents' session?

PLACEMENT

- What is the school's overall job placement rate?
- What is it in my major?
- What are starting salaries for graduates of my major?

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR TOP THREE PROGRAMS?

WHAT MAKES YOUR INSTITUTION SPECIAL?