

## QUESTIONS TO ASK FOR COLLEGE VISITS/FAIRS

It is recommended that you take notes during your visit and photos of each campus to help remember one from another.

### Questions to Ask an Admissions Counselor

1. What programs/majors are available?
2. What are the admission requirements (i.e., SAT I and II /TOEFL, IB Points, grades, portfolios/auditions, essays, letters of recommendation etc.)?
3. What is the application deadline?
4. How many students are international?
5. Where is the campus located (city, rural, suburban)?
6. Is there student housing available? Type of housing (single, shared, co-ed, etc.)?
7. What types of clubs, sports, campus-life activities are available?
8. What services are available to help students make a successful transition to college life?
9. Are most freshman classes taught by professors or by graduate students? How many students are likely to be in my first-year and introductory classes?
10. What kind of financial aid is available? Is financial aid available to international students? If so, is it need or merit based aid?
11. What scholarship, work-study, and grant programs am I eligible for?
12. What makes this college different from [a similar or competing college]?
13. Do most of the college's students get good jobs after graduation? Do many apply to graduate school? Do they have a high acceptance rate?

### Questions to Ask Your Tour Guide or Other Students

14. What do students do on the weekends? Do most students go home, or are there lots of activities to participate in?
15. Do you feel that your professors really care about you and the other students? Can you get help when you need it?
16. Where else did you look when you were applying to colleges, and what made you choose this one?
17. Is there anything you don't like about this school? What do you like best?
18. What are the top three issues that concern students here?

### Questions to Ask a Professor

19. What is a typical workload of homework, papers, and tests in your classes?
20. How accessible are you to students? Are you only available during office hours, or do you interact with students outside of class?
21. What are the main differences I can expect between a high school and a college class?
22. Do students have the opportunity to assist with faculty research? Are students encouraged to pursue their own research?
23. What do you like most about teaching here? Why did you decide to teach at this school?

### **Questions to Ask Yourself**

24. Will I fit in with the students I've seen and met during my visit?
25. Will the academic programs challenge me and prepare me for a career?
26. Are there clubs, activities, and organizations that interest me?
27. Did I feel welcomed by the staff and students? Can I picture myself living here for four or more years?

### **Questions Your Parents Should Ask**

28. What is college campus safety like? Can students request escorts to their dorms late at night? Are there emergency call boxes throughout campus? What kind of training do campus security personnel receive?
29. What security measures are in place in the dormitories? How is access to the dorms controlled?
30. Can students have overnight guests? Are there rules about visitation by members of the opposite sex? Are there any single-sex dorms? How about substance-free dorms?
31. What academic and emotional support systems are available to students? Do you have a counseling center? Is there tutoring help available?
32. What medical services are available on campus? Where is the nearest hospital? How are students billed for medical services? Is student health insurance available?
33. Is there much partying on campus? Are there certain activities that are grounds for expulsion? Will I be informed if my child does something illegal?
34. How are roommates chosen? What is the process for handling conflicts or incompatibility between roommates?
35. What is the return rate for second-year students? What are some of the reasons students leave or transfer?
36. What is a typical financial aid package like? Do most students receive financial aid? What is the process to apply for financial aid? Under what conditions might my child lose financial aid?

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