

## Making the Most of the College Visit

*Gather as much information as you can while on your visit!*

Imagine buying a home or car without doing your research. Just seeing a picture and saying it "I'll take it!" Not a good plan!

*Schedule your visit!*

Colleges appreciate at least 5 days' notice before a visit. That way they can plan your visit around you and make sure YOU get the most out of the visit. Showing up unannounced puts the school at a disadvantage and decreases your chances at an enjoyable visit. Check out ANYTHING you're interested in!

*Ask Questions!*

Meet with an admissions counselor- talk to a student-talk to a professor-get a tour-ask how the campus is? What they like best about it? How do the scholarships work? What are the best parts of your program? What are my others options?

### Things to have answered BEFORE your visit! (please answer)

1. What school are you visiting? And where is it? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Confirm date and time of arrival and departure. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you know where to go when you arrive? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do they have your Program and Activities? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Am I allowed to do an overnight visit? \_\_\_\_\_

### Things to do ON your visit!

- Campus Tour
- Meet with Professor in my subject area of interest or interests
- See the dorm rooms
- Talk to current students
- Talk about financial aid
- Experience chapel if available
- Meet with coach or director of extra-curricular programs
- Check out student center
- Eat in dining hall
- Take photos
- Meet admissions counselor

### Things to think about on your visit! (you do not have to answer on paper)

#### Academics

1. What programs are offered that interest you?
2. How are classes chosen?
3. Do we get assigned an advisor or are we able to pick on?
4. Who teaches the classes? Professor with doctorates or teacher assistants?
5. Can I graduate in 4 years?

**Admissions**

1. How do I apply?
2. How do I get accepted?
3. What do I do if I decide to attend?
4. How does financial aid work?

**Student Life**

1. Am I required to live on campus?
2. What is dorm life like?
3. What activities are available and how do I find them?
4. Where are most of the students from?

**Campus Ministry**

1. Is it a Christian campus?
2. What do they offer for campus missions?
3. Are there any religion requirements?

**Facts and Financial Aid**

1. How much does it cost, tuition and total billed amount?
2. Is it per credit or flat rate tuition?
3. What types of fees do they have?
4. How do I apply for scholarships?
5. What are average class sizes?
6. What is student teacher ratio?
7. How does the meal plan work?

**Things to ask yourself! (please answer)**

1. Can I see myself there for 4 years?-

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2. Will this school help me reach my ultimate career goals? Or help me discover my ultimate career goals? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Will this school be able to encourage me and help me grow in my faith? Or is there a place nearby that I can connect with others who are Christians?

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4. Did all of my questions get answered? If not what else do I want answered? Who do I ask?

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