

# COLLEGE FAIR PREPARATION

Registered for a college fair? Use this as a guide to make the most of your experience at the fair!

## PREPARE

**Reflect.** Think about what you are looking for in a college - things to consider include size, setting, majors, activities, and more.

**Create a plan!** Find out which colleges and universities will be there and make a list of the ones that interest you the most.

**Make a list of questions to ask representatives.** What do you want to know about the school? Do they offer the major(s) you are interested in? What is the student experience like?

**Dress for success.** You don't need to wear anything formal, but your clothing reflects you, so make sure it is reflecting the image you would like to put forth.

## EXPLORE

**Check out your top 10.** Stop by the tables of schools you are interested in and spend time talking to the representatives.

**Keep an open mind.** Check out schools you haven't heard of before - they may surprise you!

**Have fun!** Gather info, find out what you do and don't like, learn something new!

## CONNECT

**Interact.** Try to ask at least one question at each table you stop at and make it a conversation.

**Take Notes.** After speaking with a representative, take a moment to write down key points and what interested you most before you move to the next table.

**Collect materials.** If representatives provide you with brochures or other materials, add them to your bag to reference later on.

**Reach out!** Take business cards from the representatives you speak with so you can send a thank you email and follow up with them in the future. Admissions Counselors are there to help you through the application process!

**Colleges and universities are excited to meet with you!**

# COLLEGE FAIR TIPS

## ASK THE COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE

### 1. ACADEMICS

- What kind of programs do you offer in (name a subject that interests you)?
- What are your most popular majors?
- What does your college look for in a successful applicant?
- Does your college require SAT/ ACT?
- What type of opportunities are there for internships/work experience and study abroad?

### 2. FINANCIAL AID

- What kind of merit and need-based scholarships are available? What are the eligibility requirements?
- Do you fund 100% of the student's financial need?

### 3. CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

- What is the size of your student body? What is the male/female ratio? Ethnic groups?
- What is your average class size?
- What do students do on the weekends?
- How available are faculty? What are typical office hours?
- How is your institution unique? What distinguishes it from other colleges?
- What are some popular campus traditions?

## ASK YOURSELF

### 1. ACADEMICS

- What are my interests?
- What are my strengths in school?
- What areas do I need to work on?

### 2. FINANCIAL AID

- What resources does my family have for college now?
- What do I need to be able to pay for college?

### 3. CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

- How do I learn best? In large classes? Small classes? Independently? In a group?
- Where do I want to live? In a city? In a small town? In a college residence hall? At home?