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The Purpose

The main function of the campus visit is to insure that the college's "personality" fits with the personality of the student. Once you have identified the colleges of interest, a direct campus visit will offer a clearer understanding of each college's programs, policies and social setting. Only during this visit can the student experience the environment in which he or she will live and work during the subsequent four critical

What You Will Do In This Section

Step 1. Make visitation arrangements with the colleges that you have selected using the *College Selection Navigator*. Scheduling is recommended on a weekday, during the school term.

Step 2. While on campus, you should ask strategic questions, including those from the following questionnaires:

Section 1. Admissions Office

Section 2. Financial Aid Office

Section 3. Career Placement Office

Section 4. Faculty

Section 5. Athletic Department

Section 6. Students

Step 3. Based upon your evaluation of the responses, use Section 7 to rank your colleges.

What You Can Expect To Accomplish

- ◆ You will have a clear understanding of the day-to-day operation of each college.
- ◆ You will have an objective method to compare the strengths of each school.
- ◆ You will be able to determine which college best fits the student based on the education value, employment opportunity and affordability to the family.

“Please make sure to make copies of Sections 1 through Section 6 prior to each college visit!”

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Questions To Be Asked: Financial Aid Office

College: _____

Mr./Ms./Dr. _____

Telephone No.(_____) _____ - _____ Date: ____ - ____ - ____

1. What is the total cost of college or financial aid budgeted cost?

Answer: _____

2. What forms are used by the college to determine financial aid eligibility?

Answer: _____

3. What is the college's financial aid deadline?

Answer: _____

4. How does the college financially reward a good student?

Answer: _____

5. What percentage of my financial NEED will be met by the college?

Answer: _____

6. What percentage of this NEED met will be in the form of **Gift Aid**?
in the form of **Loans**? in the form of **Work/Study**?

Answer: _____

7. What other **non-need or merit** grants and scholarships are available?

Answer: _____

8. If any private outside scholarships are awarded, will the school use these to replace their own monies?

Answer: _____

9. What is the average debt incurred by each Student upon graduation?

Answer: _____

10. My overall impression?

	Very Responsive	Responsive	Somewhat Responsive	Not Responsive
1. What is the total cost of college or financial aid budgeted cost?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. What forms are used by the college to determine financial aid eligibility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. What is the college's financial aid deadline?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. How does the college financially reward a good student?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. What percentage of my financial NEED will be met by the college?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. What percentage of this NEED met will be in the form of Gift Aid ? in the form of Loans ? in the form of Work/Study ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. What other non-need or merit grants and scholarships are available?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. If any private outside scholarships are awarded, will the school use these to replace their own monies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. What is the average debt incurred by each Student upon graduation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. My overall impression?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Questions To Be Asked: Career Placement Office

College: _____

Mr./Ms./Dr. _____

Telephone No. (____) _____ - _____ Date: ____ - ____ - ____

	Very Responsive	Responsive	Somewhat Responsive	Not Responsive
1. How many full-time staff members work in the placement office? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. What job placement services are provided by the placement office? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. How long do job placement services remain in effect after graduation? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. What percentage of graduates will be employed prior to graduation? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. What are the most popular majors of graduates receiving employment? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Which companies and organizations recruit your graduates? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. What are the credentials of those graduates receiving employment? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. What is the starting salary of graduates in my field or major? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. What is the future employment outlook of my field or major? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. My overall impression?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Questions To Be Asked: Faculty or Department Head

College: _____

Mr./Ms./Dr. _____

Telephone No. (____) _____ - _____ Date: ____ - ____ - ____

1. What is unique about this department's programs?

Answer: _____

2. What is the likelihood of graduating from this program in four years?

Answer: _____

3. What department facilities and special technology are available?

Answer: _____

4. How does the faculty advising system work?

Answer: _____

5. How accessible are the professors in this department?

Answer: _____

6. How many full professors are on the department staff?

Answer: _____

7. What percentage of full professors teach introductory classes?

Answer: _____

8. What is the average size of the classes or lectures?

Answer: _____

9. Can I sit in on a class?

Answer: _____

10. My overall impression?

	Very Responsive	Responsive	Somewhat Responsive	Not Responsive
1. What is unique about this department's programs? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. What is the likelihood of graduating from this program in four years? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. What department facilities and special technology are available? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. How does the faculty advising system work? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. How accessible are the professors in this department? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. How many full professors are on the department staff? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. What percentage of full professors teach introductory classes? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. What is the average size of the classes or lectures? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Can I sit in on a class? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. My overall impression?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Questions To Be Asked: Athletic Department/Coach

College: _____

Mr./Ms./Dr. _____

Telephone No.(_____) _____ - _____ Date: ____ - ____ - ____

	Very Responsive	Responsive	Somewhat Responsive	Not Responsive
1. Where would you rank <SPORT> at your college? In your league? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. What sports or activities share the same facilities with <SPORT>? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Does the college plan any additions or changes to the facilities? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Does <SPORT> have an off-season schedule? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. What locations are on the team's upcoming travel schedules? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. What is the break-down of the staff, coaches and their specialities? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. What allowances are made for class and exam preparation? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. What are my earliest opportunities at playing my position? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Does the team have a set of rules or policies for the athletes? Answer: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. My overall impression?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6 Questions To Be Asked: Students

College: _____

Date: ___ - ___ - ___

1. What are three things you most *like* about the university?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

2. What are three things you most *dislike* about the university?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

3. How difficult is it to get assigned to classes? NOTES: _____

4. What are the classes like? NOTES: _____

5. What are the professors like? NOTES: _____

6. What is campus life in general like? NOTES:

7. What are the dorms like? NOTES: _____

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Ranking The College Choices After The Visit

- ❑ **Rank** your college choices based on the strategic information you've gathered during your college visits. Use the question and answer analysis from each college visit to determine which colleges best fit the student's personality profile, meet the parents' priorities and offer the family a good value.

➡ 1. _____

➡ 5. _____

➡ 2. _____

➡ 6. _____

➡ 3. _____

➡ 7. _____

➡ 4. _____

➡ 8. _____