

## What to do at a College Fair...

### Determine your goal(s) for the fair

- Learn more about the colleges so you can determine which you want to visit
- Get to know the admission representative because you are already seriously interested in the school and you want to make a connection
- Prepare a list of questions

### Bring to the Fair

- A small notebook and pen to take notes
- A bag to collect brochures, business cards, etc.
- A list of questions that you want to ask

### Questions to ask College Admission Representatives

- 1) Tell me about the **LOCATION** - Is it in a rural, suburban, or urban setting? Are there restaurants and shops in walking distance? Are students allowed to have cars? Is campus parking available? How safe is the campus?
- 2) Tell me about the **ACADEMICS** - What are the most popular majors? How many classes have less than 50 students, less than 25 students? Do graduate students teach classes? How accessible are professors? Are there learning support services such as tutoring? How do undergraduates get research experience? How do students gain internships, co-ops, or study abroad?
- 3) Tell me about **HOUSING** - What % of students reside on campus? What types of housing do you offer? (traditional dorms, apartments, suites, special interest housing) Is housing guaranteed for all four years? How do people access dorms? Can I live off campus?
- 4) Tell me about **ACTIVITIES and STUDENT LIFE** - What % of students remain on campus on weekends? What levels of athletics are offered: varsity, intramural, club? What % of students participate in athletics? What % of students are involved in Greek Life? What are some popular clubs or annual events? What cultural opportunities exist on campus? What are the campus crime statistics? How are the sports facilities, arts facilities, student center? May I keep a car on campus?
- 5) Tell me about the **ADMISSION** process - Describe the profile of admitted students. When is the best time to visit campus? How can I arrange a campus visit and what will happen on a visit? Can I meet with professors, career services? How do I get to know your school culture? Do you offer alumni interviews? Will I increase my chances for admission if I visit the campus and "demonstrate my interest in the college? Will I hurt my chances if I do not? What are the deadlines for applications and financial aid? Do you require standardized testing? If so, what scores do you want to see?
- 6) Tell me about **COST** - What is the cost of attendance (Tuition, Room, Board)? What is the financial aid deadline? What % of students receive financial aid? Do you offer merit aid as well as need-based aid? What % of students work?
- 7) Tell me about **RETENTION and FUTURE PLANS** - What % of freshman return for their sophomore year? What % of students graduate in four years? What % of students pursue graduate or professional school? What % of graduates find jobs in their chosen field?

### After the Fair

- Review your notes and look through the brochures you collected
- Identify colleges that you would like to visit and/or research further