Evaluating a College Visit

Name of college: _______________________
Date visited: _______________________

Special circumstances affecting the visit:
E.g., bad weather, illness, visiting a friend on campus, etc.

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Distinctive features of the school:
What is it promoting about itself? What is it most proud of?

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Academics

Core or general education requirements:
Foreign language, math, science, etc.

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Special or distinctive academic programs:
What are strong majors and/or popular classes? What are “unique” majors here?

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Academic programs I would love to explore:

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Is it possible double-major or minor?

Does the school offer pre-professional majors and/or advising?
E.g. pre-health, pre-law, pre-business, etc.

What kind of career counseling services does the school offer?
Does the school help students find internships, jobs? Where do graduates go?

Environs & Opportunities

Appeal of the physical campus:
What did you think of the buildings, grounds, neighborhood, facilities for arts or athletics, etc.?
Off-campus opportunities:
*Does the surrounding community offer additional social outlets or cultural opportunities for students?*

Extracurricular programs in my areas of interest:

**Campus Life**
*Consider your tour guide, friends you may know who attend this school, and other students you encountered or observed during your visit.*

Do students seem happy?

Do students seem academically motivated?

Are there students “like me” here? Would I fit in?

How would I describe the overall quality of life?
*Consider housing, social activities, community spirit, etc.*

What sense do you have of the relationships among students, and between students, faculty and administrators? Did you hear talk of tension, recent changes, problems?

What seem to be the “hot topics” on campus?

**Admissions profile:**
*Note any important, school-specific criteria, as well as testing requirements.*

**My general impressions (both positive and negative):**

[ ] Definitely on my college list  [ ] Maybe on my list  [ ] Off my list