

# ***Campus Visits***

After you have developed a list of colleges to consider, begin to form a detailed and complete picture of each college. This will be helpful in identifying those that best fit your needs. A visit to a college campus is the best way to learn about many intangibles. Plan to visit when classes are in session and the admissions office is open. Talk to students about college environment and its academic, extracurricular and social life.

Call the Admissions Office for an appointment and campus tour. Phone numbers are available in college guides and catalogs as well as online. Plan to visit a class and have a meal on campus. If you plan to spend the night in the dorm, make arrangements through the Admission Office or with a student you know at the college. Take a tour; check facilities, including dormitories. Talk to an Admission Officer to discuss your chances for success.

## ***The Interview***

The importance of a campus or alumni interview varies from college to college. Highly competitive schools, often, consider this interview important. The interview is an opportunity for the college and you to get to know each other better. Here are some suggestions for the college interview:

- ***Be on time for your appointment.***
- ***Be neat. (A coat and tie, or a dress)***
- ***Be well prepared. Read the college catalog prior to your interview and prepare questions based on what you read.***
- ***Be positive. Answer questions to the best of your knowledge and ability. Do not be afraid to admit you don't know something.***
- ***Be ready to volunteer information -- know your scores, rank in class, latest grades. Offer information on what courses you selected, your participation in extracurricular activities, your goals, your interests, and your career objectives.***
- ***Be yourself -- do not pretend to be something or someone you are not.***
- ***Be relaxed -- Interviews are meant to be informative for both parties.***