



# **Making The Most Out Of Your College Visits**

# WHY, WHO, & WHERE...

## Why?

- Different perspective. You can only get so much from a website & brochure
- New life experience
- Show student's interest
- To “see” themselves there

## Who?

- Students, parents, and siblings

## Where?

- Know themselves first
- A variety of school types...large/small, public/private, single gender/co-ed, specialty (religious, military, art)
- Different locations... urban/rural, in state, out of state, transportation, weather, etc...



# When Do You Visit A College?

- It's **NEVER** too early to visit!
  - **PRIOR** to submitting application
  - **AFTER** submitting application
  - **AFTER** student has been admitted



# Best Time To Visit A College Campus

- Monday – Thursday
- Anytime students are on campus!
- During the academic school year
- Avoid when school is not in session





# Different Types Of Visits

## Campus Visit

- Information session
- Program day
- Open House/Preview
- Self-guided visit
- Admissions interview

## Off Campus

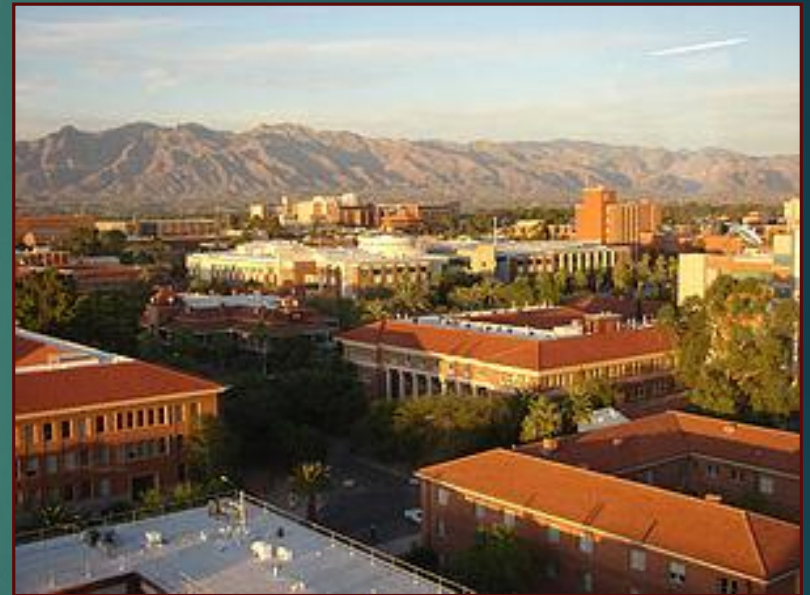
- At your high school
- Local Receptions
- Admissions meeting



**\*\* Admissions Representatives are great resources. Don't rule out a school just because you may not be able to visit.**

# Preparing For Your College Visit

- Plan Ahead! Give the college as much notice as possible.
- Call Admission offices
- Confirm your visit
- Print off a map of campus
- Find out where to park
- Ask for a hotel recommendation
- Check out the website & do some research
- Establish a list of questions you would like answered
- Contact students you may know at the college



# Do Your Research

Know basic facts about the school including...

- Location
- Size of the student body
- Type of school (private, public, liberal arts, research, etc.)
- Whether it has programs to support any special interest or needs
- Whether it offers desired major
- Basic admissions information (GPA, Test Scores, Acceptance rate)



# During Your Visit

## To Do

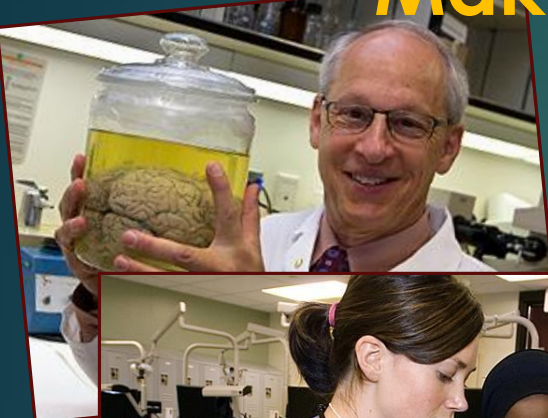
- Arrive early
- Have your student ask lots of questions that show they are informed
- Be courteous and respectful
- Take notes/journal
- Pick up business cards and literature on special programs

## Avoid

- Wearing another college's shirt or sweatshirt
- Asking questions not relevant to larger group
- Letting parents ask the questions for their students
- Buy expensive apparel from each college you visit



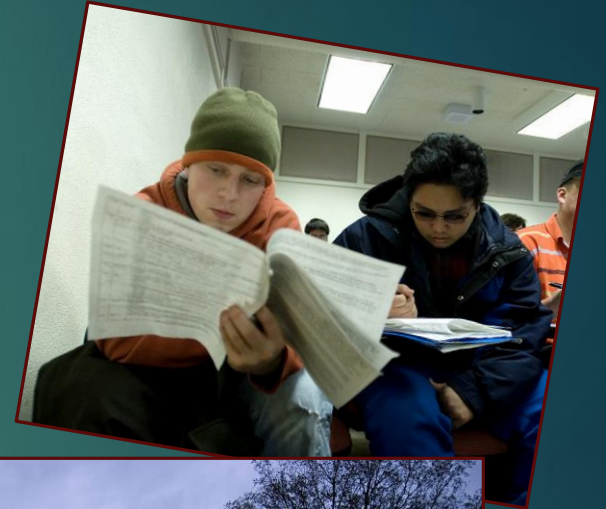
# Making The Most Of Your Visit



- Spend the entire day on campus
- Go on a tour of campus
- Check out a residence hall & dining hall
- Meet with a faculty member from intended major
- Talk with current students
- Eat a meal on campus
- Attend a class
- Interview or meeting with an admissions officer
- Utilize student transportation
- Talk to local community about school

# After Your Visit

- Complete evaluations
- Review notes/journal with your student
- Encourage your student to keep in touch with their admissions counselor from that university





# Words Of Wisdom

- Have fun!
- Remind your students to be themselves
- Look for upcoming campus events
- Take pictures campus
- Wear comfy shoes
- Pick up the school newspaper
- Always put best foot forward
- Encourage them to trust their gut instinct
- Remind them to bring their personality to their application



# Upcoming Events

## Rutgers University

- Wednesday, February 15th

## Academy of Art University

- Friday, February 17th

## Cal Day Open House

- Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

## UC Davis Picnic Day (Open House)

- Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Exploring Educational Excellence (Brown, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Rice)

- Sunday, May 21 in San Jose
- Monday, May 22 in Berkeley



View Naviance under “Upcoming College Visits” for a list of college visits at DVHS and information sessions in the area.



# March Parent College Information Session

Monday, March 20  
4-5 PM, DVHS Library

## Liberal Arts Colleges:

- What are they?
- How are they different from large universities?
- The value & benefits



Guest Speaker:  
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# Questions?

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