

Before You Go

- ☐ If available, locate the fair's website and write down the colleges you want to learn about.
- ☐ List your questions for each college
- ☐ Take your list, pen, paper and a bag to hold college brochures.
- ☐ Make sure the email address that you give out won't embarrass you — remember, college admission officers will see it.

While You're There

- ☐ Get a map of the fair and plan a route that will take you to the booths of those colleges on your list. If there is no map available, do a quick survey of the room to locate your colleges.
- ☐ Take a time to note important information before moving on to the next booth.
- ☐ Check out least busy booths, giving you more time with the college representative.
- ☐ Attend an information session, if any are offered. Typical topics include applications and financial aid. These sessions are good opportunities to get expert advice.

When You Get Home

- ☐ While it's fresh in your mind, go over any notes you took during the fair.
- ☐ Ask yourself which colleges stood out and why.
- ☐ Organize the college material you collected, tossing out materials from colleges you've ruled out so you can focus on the those of interest.
- ☐ Do more research on the colleges you're considering. Explore websites, contact the admission office or plan a campus visit. If you liked what you saw at the fair, it may be time to visit the college in person.

Sample questions:

- ☐ My GPA and ACT/SAT scores are (xxx) and (xxx). How does this profile compare with students admitted to your school?
- ☐ I am planning to major in (xxx) or (xxx). Are there specific admissions requirements for these majors? How competitive are these majors?
- ☐ What makes your programs for these majors unique?
- ☐ What internship opportunities are available that are related to these majors? What support is available in finding internships?
- ☐ How do first-year students choose their classes?
- ☐ How many students will be in the classes I'm likely to take my first year?
- ☐ What percentage of last year's freshman class returned for sophomore year?
- ☐ How are academic / faculty advisors assigned?
- ☐ How are roommates and residence halls assigned?
- ☐ What institutional or department scholarships are available to students? What are the eligibility requirements? How are these scholarships awarded?