

## STUDENT CHECKLIST

The **2010 College Fair in Folsom** is a rare opportunity to meet with college representatives without the time and expense of a road trip or plane ride! Much like a campus visit, to get the most from the College Fair, it is wise to do a bit of planning.

**BEFORE THE FAIR:**

- € **Pre-register:** For priority access and to make quick information requests from colleges.  
[www.TheCollegePlanningCenter.com](http://www.TheCollegePlanningCenter.com)
- € **Print out your Student Admittance Pass :** Bring it with you to the College Fair along with a pen and notebook to take notes.
- € **Develop Your Target List:** Check out the list of colleges attending the College Fair and build your Target List. Do a bit of research on college web sites to familiarize yourself with their offerings.
- € **Create your Criteria List:** Decide what is really important to you in a college.
  - Do you want to attend a two or four year school? Public or private?
  - What size school do you think you would thrive in?
  - What programs of study are you considering or exploring?
  - How far from home do you want to go?
  - Do you wish to participate in any specific extra-curricular activities or athletics?
  - Do you want to attend a school in an urban, suburb, or rural environment?
  - Do you require any special services?

**DURING THE FAIR:**

- € Review the list of sample questions on the back of the Student Checklist to develop a list of questions that matches your criteria.
- € Be open-minded and visit a variety of schools.
- € If the Fair is crowded, be prepared to ask your most important questions of college representatives and allow others a chance to do the same.
- € Keep your Registration sheet at hand for representatives to scan if you'd like additional information.
- € Collect college information, as well as business cards or contact information for the schools that you think could be interesting.

**AFTER THE FAIR:**

- € **Information overload:** By the time the fair is over, you should have a bag filled with information about colleges--and a possible case of information overload.
- € **Organize for success:** Find a place to organize your college data. Read through your notes, write down contacts, and scan the brochures and catalogs.
- € Follow up with schools you find interesting. Consider calling or emailing schools for more information, schedule a campus visit, or do some web research.



# SAMPLE QUESTIONS TO ASK AT THE COLLEGE FAIR

Choose the ones that match your criteria. Remember that there are no trivial questions.

## Academic Programs

- € What departments are considered to be the strongest at your school?
- € What programs are unique to your school?
- € As an undergraduate, how easy is it to do research and/or internships?

## Athletics

- € What are your athletic facilities like?
- € Is tutoring available to athletes?
- € Is it difficult to play more than one sport?

## Special Needs

- € Are there any programs that help new freshman transition to college?
- € Do you have services for students with ADD/ADHD or other Learning Differences?

## Campus Life

- € What is the campus like on weekends?
- € How many students live on campus?
- € What are the campus traditions?
- € How safe is the campus and the surrounding areas?
- € Is there anything unique about your campus?

## Admissions

- € Do you offer student interviews? If so when?
- € What qualities do you look for in a prospective student?

## Greek Life

- € Is there a Greek system on campus?
- € If so, do you know? in the Greek system on campus?
- € Is Greek housing available?

## Housing

- € What type of housing is available?
- € How are roommates assigned?
- € Is housing guaranteed for freshman?

## Classroom

- € What is an average class size during freshman and sophomore years? Junior and Senior?
- € Will graduate students teach any of my classes?

## Other:

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