

The College Search

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Self Assessment

- What are your interests?
- Strengths and weaknesses?
- Goals for college?

Factors to think about:

- Location
 - Urban/Suburban/Rural?
 - Distance from Home?
 - Close
 - Sorta Close
 - Far, Far Away...
- Size
 - Small/Medium/Large
- Student Body
 - Local/National/International
 - Like You
 - Not Like You

Factors to think about:

- Campus Environment
 - Residence Life
 - Activities
 - Facilities
- Academics
 - Do they offer what you want to study?
 - Undecided???
 - Faculty
 - Research & Internship Opportunities
- Selectivity of Admission

How to Find Out About Colleges

- Family, Friends, Alumni
- Counselors – Best Resource!
- Admissions Representatives
- Mail & Email
 - Get on mailing Lists
 - Dedicated email address
 - Check it!

VISIT!

- When Best Time?
- What to do?
- Plan Carefully & be Organized
- Keep record of your thoughts:
 - Helpful as resource for “Why ----” Question

What do Colleges Look at?

- **Transcript**
 - Courses – Plan for Senior Year.
 - Grades
 - Rigor
- **Recommendations**
 - Counselor
 - Teacher – Start thinking about who?
- **Extracurricular Activities**
- **Essays**
 - Not too early to start thinking about these...
- **Standardized Testing:**
 - What tests to take?
 - When to take them?

Advice

- **Own the Process**
 - Students
 - Parents
- **Realize the benefits you have:**
 - Plenty of time!
 - Tremendous Resources
- **Relax**
- **Enjoy!**
- **Questions?**