

EVALUATING A COLLEGE

Name of college: _____ Date visited: _____

Special circumstances affecting the visit: _____

Names of people to remember (tour guide, professor, interviewer, etc.):

What is distinctive about this school? What is it promoting about itself? What is it most proud of?

Comments on the academic programs (strong majors, popular classes, classes that I would love), including any special programs (engineering, architecture, dance, etc.):

Comments about the quality of teaching, popular professors, professors I would love to have:

What did I learn about the relationships between faculty and students, among students, between students and administrators? Do people talk about tension, recent changes, problems?

Core requirements and their appeal for me (foreign language, math, science)? What about double majors? Pre-med advising? Etc?

Comments on the appeal of the physical campus (buildings, grounds, surroundings, dorms, facilities for art, athletics, etc.):

Comments about the students (tour guide, friends from my school, others I met). Are they happy? Are they academically motivated? Are they a good match for me? Are there students like me here? Would I fit in?

Comments on the quality of life (food, rooms, activities, level of happiness, variety of social outlets and opportunities). Does the surrounding town/city offer additional opportunities that students take advantage of?

Comments on the quality of the extracurricular programs in my areas of interest:

Comments on the quality of career counseling. Does the school help students find internships and jobs? Where do graduates go?

Do I think I can get in? Where do I fit in the school's profile?

My general impressions (both positive and negative):
