

EVALUATING A COLLEGE VISIT

Name of College _____ Date Visited _____

Special circumstances affecting the visit ("There was a blizzard," "I had a stomach bug," "I was visiting a family friend," etc.)

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

Distinctive features of the school (What is it promoting about itself? What is it most proud of? Where does the school stand on diversity, anti-racism, and inclusion?)

Academic programs (strong majors, popular courses, classes I would love), including any special programs (engineering, architecture, dance, etc.)

Core or General Education requirements (foreign language, math, science); possibility of double major or minor, pre-professional advising (pre-med, pre-law, pre-business)

Financial Aid (Is the school need-blind? Need-aware? Is there money available for international students? Is it advisable for students with need to apply early? Do they require FAFSA only or CSS PROFILE as well? Merit aid deadlines?)

Career counseling (Does the school help students find internships, jobs? What do graduates do after graduation with a degree in [name of degree, i.e. Economics]?)

Appeal of the physical campus (buildings, grounds, neighborhood, dorms, facilities for arts, athletics, etc.)

Off-campus opportunities (Does the surrounding town/city offer additional social outlets, internship opportunities, or cultural opportunities that students take advantage of?)

Extracurricular programs in my areas of interest

Quality of life (food, housing, social activities, community spirit)

Students (Are they happy? Energized? Are they academically motivated? Are there students here like me? Would I fit in?)

Relationships among students, and between students, faculty, and administrators? (What are "hot topics" on campus? Do people talk about tension, recent changes, problems?)

Admission profile (important criteria, testing requirements, essay topics)

My general impressions (both positive and negative)

Definitely on my college list _____ Maybe on my list _____ Off my list _____