

## 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.)

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

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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?)

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

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

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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?)

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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]?)

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

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

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Extracurricular programs in my areas of interest

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

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

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

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Admission profile (important criteria, testing requirements - test-optional?, essay topics)

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My general impressions (both positive and negative)

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Definitely on my college list \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe on my list \_\_\_\_\_ Off my list \_\_\_\_\_