

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR COLLEGE FAIR EXPERIENCE

BEFORE THE FAIR:

- Take the Career Interest Profiler on CCGI so you know what career your interests lead you to.
- Review the list of college fair participants that have your desired career path.
- Locate the schools you want to interview.
- Dress professionally and bring all of the documents needed.

DURING:

- Review the list of college participants
- Prepare your self-introduction and have a professional email!
- Visit booths and ask college representatives questions.
- For example, you can ask, **“What kind of student are you looking for?”** or **“What makes your campus special?”**

Take a minute to jot down any information you think is important before moving on to the next booth.

AFTER:

- Ask yourself which colleges had a focus on your career interest areas, which colleges stood out and why.
- Organize the college material you collected - review it and your notes while they're fresh in your mind.
- Recycle the pamphlets of colleges you've ruled out.
- Do more research on the colleges you're thinking about. Explore websites, contact the admission office or plan a campus visit.

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QUESTIONS FOR THE FAIR

Admissions:

- What are the admission requirements?
- What qualities should prospective students have?
- Which standardized test scores do you require? (SAT/ACT)
- What career interest areas are available to pursue?
- What are common careers for graduates?
- What's the most popular major?
- When must I choose a major?
- What are the application deadlines for admission?
- Are interviews required?
- Are there group or individual interviews?
- How can I arrange a campus visit?
- How long should I expect to wait for an answer once I submit my application?

Financial Aid

- How much will it cost?
- What are financial aid options available?
- When is your financial aid deadline?

Classroom:

- What is the average class size?
- How accessible are professors outside of class?
- Will professors or graduate students teach my courses?
- What student services are offered (tutoring, career counseling, study workshops)?

Housing/Student Life

- What groups/activities are available?
- What's it like on campus on the weekends?
- What type of housing is available?
- Is student housing guaranteed for four years?