

HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM YOUR COLLEGE VISIT

1. Take the regularly scheduled tours given by the Office of Admissions or High School Recruitment.
 - a. Have a list of questions prepared so you can ask your student guide for information while you are touring.
 - b. Make sure you see typical classrooms, typical freshmen dorm rooms, library, café, athletic or music facility you may be interested in using.
2. Make an appointment with the Financial Aid and/or Scholarship Office while you are there.
3. Make an appointment with an academic advisor. Take an updated copy of your transcript!
4. TOUR THE TOWN on your own! Remember, this is going to be your home for the next four years. Familiarize yourself with your surroundings. Have lunch at a local restaurant. Find out where the local grocery store is. If you attend church at home, find out where a church of your denomination is located. Find out where the students are hanging out.

PARENTS

- A. Ask which financial aid forms are required (FAFSA only or any additional forms specific to that college or university)
- B. Ask what documentation will be needed (i.e. income tax forms)

STUDENTS

- A. Academics
 - a. For what programs is this university or college well known?
 - b. What is the student to professor ratio?
 - c. How many hours of dual credit or AP may a student bring in? Will they accept the credit as is, or give elective credit only?
 - d. If you do not qualify for automatic admission, what can you do increase your chances of getting in?
 - e. Ask for a degree plan for your intended major.
 - f. Do they have an honors college, and what are the requirements?
- B. Housing Considerations
 - a. Are freshmen required to live in the dorms?
 - b. Is housing guaranteed for all four years?
 - c. Are the dorms co-ed?
 - d. Are there "quiet" floors and if so, what are the regulations?
 - e. What appliances can you bring?
 - f. Can you paint your own dorm room?
 - g. How are roommates selected? What are the steps for changing roommates if necessary?
 - h. Do they have a safety plan? Can you call campus security to walk you to your car or dorm after dark?
- C. Social Aspects
 - a. Do students remain on campus or leave on weekends?
 - b. How important is the Greek system? If you plan to pledge to a fraternity or sorority, do your research to ensure that they are aligned with your beliefs and standards.
 - c. Are the students politically active?
 - d. Do they have a wide variety of clubs, programs, and organizations? GET INVOLVED!!
5. Stop by the Placement Office or ask your academic advisor the following questions.
 - a. How many students graduated in YOUR MAJOR last year?
 - b. How many of those were employed within six months?
 - c. How many were employed in their field?
 - d. What summer internships might be available?
6. Ask what support systems are available (i.e. tutoring, writing or math labs, etc.)
7. Ask if there are former high school students from Guyer who have volunteered to host or mentor prospective students.