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It's College Visit Time!



It is that time of year for Juniors to start visiting colleges!

Use your spring break wisely and get out and visit some campuses! Campus tours are great, but there is still a lot to see! Consider some of the points below when traipsing around! Enjoy!

Find the hangout spot! It could be a lawn or a quad. If this school doesn't have one, you may want to rethink this school!



Check out the dorms! Be sure to look at freshmen dorms, but look at upperclassmen dorms, too. Want to make sure housing gets better!



Pop into a classroom! Big or small? Flat or stadium-style? Technology adequate or maybe advanced? It all matters!

Put a face to a name! Stop by Admissions and say hi! Maybe even try to schedule an interview while you're there! Be on your best behavior!

Find the Health Center! You never know what you may need in an emergency!

What are the athletic facilities like? Some schools have state-of-the-art gyms, others not so much. If that's important to you, be sure to check it out.



Visit the office of your academic department chair. It's a great idea to call ahead and try to schedule a quick meeting with a professor in your prospective major. Profs love that and you'll get valuable insight into courses and academic opportunities. It's a win-win!



Browse the bookstore! Always fun to pick up a hoodie or a pen! Mom, get prepared for hefty prices!

And most importantly, **TALK TO STUDENTS!** If school is in session, make a point to approach some students. College kids are friendly! Ask them what they like about their school. You'll get honest answers.

Don't stress out! This is a process. Enjoy the visits, meet new people and keep an open mind!

Leadership Opportunities – Student government? RAs? Leadership classes?

Strong Alumni/Alumnae Network – A super powerful tool for guidance and opportunities!

*Most importantly, **GO FOR A VISIT!** You will know the *right college* when you find it.*