

CHOOSING A COLLEGE

There are nearly 3,000 colleges and universities (plus hundred of vocational and technical schools) in the United States and no two are quite the same. Colleges can be

- large or small
- coed or single sex
- wide open in their admissions or very selective
- specialized or diversified in their curriculums
- affiliated with a particular religion or non-sectarian
- expensive or low cost
- near your home or far away
- suburban, urban or rural setting.

How do you sort out all the possibilities and finally make a choice? Work with your Counselor and Parent in making this decision. The above are considerations you should make now before thinking about specific colleges. When you have, your Counselor can assist you in identifying colleges that will offer the kind of experience you would like.

Questions to Ask Yourself:

For one thing, think about your goals. What do you want from your college experience?

- Preparation for a particular career?
- An opportunity to meet new people from different backgrounds?
- A diversified education in the liberal arts?
- Vocational training?
- A chance to live in another part of the country?
- An opportunity to participate in intercollegiate athletics or amateur theater productions?

For another, think about the kinds of situations in which you learn best and feel most comfortable.

- Do you think you can handle large classes, or do you need more individual attention from your teachers?
- Do you like doing special projects and independent study on your own, or do you work better in a very structured classroom situation where everyone's working on the same subject matter?
- Do you like a very competitive environment or are you happier in a more relaxed learning situation?
- Do you like being with lots of different kinds of people or are you more comfortable with people whose interests and abilities are pretty similar to your own?

How you want to learn is just as important a factor as what you want to learn in choosing a college.

CERTAINLY A LOT OF QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF. RELAX!
WITH GOOD PLANNING BEGINNING NOW, CONSULTATION WITH YOUR COUNSELOR AND PARENT, YOU STAND A PRETTY SOLID CHANCE OF MAKING A GOOD DECISION.

...Begin your comprehensive evaluation now...