

COLLEGE FAIR TIP SHEET

Before the fair...

- Ask yourself the following questions:
 - Do I want to attend an extra-large, large, medium or small school?
 - What major do I wish to study?
 - Do I want to attend an urban, suburban or rural school?
 - Do I want to attend a 2-year, 4-year, single sex or religiously affiliated school?
 - Do I want to participate in athletics, clubs, fraternities or sororities, or special programs such as study abroad or cooperative education?
- Research colleges that are attending the fair to determine if they meet your search criteria.
- Make a list of questions to ask college representatives. Try to select questions that are insightful and not easily answered in the literature or on their web site.

At the fair...

- Pick up a fair directory and bag for all of the material you collect.
- Visit schools that match or are the closest match to your search criteria.
- Ask the same questions you have developed to each college representative you visit.
- Make notes about information that you found most interesting/helpful.
- Be adventurous. Do not just talk to the “well known” schools.
- Attend information sessions offered to gather additional resources on the college search process or financial aid.

After the fair...

- Review information gathered and narrow down your choices.
- Email the college representatives as a way to reinforce your interest in their school.
- Add your colleges to your Naviance | Student ‘colleges I’m thinking about list’.