

The Colorado Springs School Annual College Fair

Monday, September 30, 2019

Tutt Field House

12:30pm-2:30pm

College fairs are terrific opportunities to collect admissions information on potential schools and help you to narrow down your options for your college search! College admissions officers are available to connect with you and answer questions you have about their respective institutions. While college fairs can be overwhelming and intimidating for some students and parents, the key to using the fair to your advantage is to arrive prepared.

1. Make a College Fair Game Plan

Before you arrive at the fair, do your **research!** Which college representatives do you want to meet? What do you know about their college already, and what more do you want to know? Depending on your priorities, you might decide to focus your attention on schools that have a strong program for your intended major or look into scholarship information to help pay for college.

2. Ask Colleges Great Questions

If a college rep can clearly see you are interested and familiar with the school, that impression can have a huge impact. A few thoughtful, well-researched questions are best. If you can find the answer on their website (like, “Where is your school located?”), ask something else.

3. Dress the Part

You don’t need to rent a tux, but you don’t want to look like you just peeled yourself off the couch, either. College reps will remember students who seem well put-together and who demonstrate serious interest in their schools. Show them you’re interested by smiling, making eye contact, and being polite. Wear comfortable shoes and carry around bottled water. You’ll be doing a whole lot of walking and talking.

4. Go Off Script

It’s okay to approach a school you are unfamiliar with. Smart students seize the opportunity to learn about new schools, understanding that one of these freshly discovered colleges might be the perfect place for them. The college reps will be thrilled to tell you about their school, and you should be prepared to talk about yourself and what you are looking for.

5. Get Contact Information and Use It

When you’ve asked all your questions and (hopefully) feel good about the college rep you just spoke with, be sure to ask them for their contact information and use it if you have more questions after you’ve left the fair.

Helpful Questions to Ask Colleges

Admission counselors are here to help you with any questions you may have about their school and to see if it is the right fit for you. Here are a few sample questions to help you uncover key information. Remember to ask anything specific to your needs and interests and prioritize your questions in order of importance.

1. What do students like most about your school? What is the biggest complaint from students?
2. What kinds of students are happiest at your school?
3. Does your school use demonstrated interest in the admission process?
4. Where do students hang out on campus? Do students mostly live on or off campus?
5. What financial aid programs does your college offer?
6. What academic programs are the most popular at your college?
7. Do admission officers make decisions solely on numbers and stats, or do extracurricular activities truly matter at your school?
8. What kinds of extracurricular programs do you offer, ie. Study abroad, greek life, community service?
9. What student body traditions does your college have?
10. How would you describe the academic pressure and workload?
11. What is your retention rate? What is the average time for graduation?
12. How does your career planning department compare to other colleges/universities?
13. What are the faculty like and how accessible are they outside of class?
14. Are there internships available specific to my major?
15. Is there job placement help for graduates?

COLLEGES PLANNING TO ATTEND:

Babson College
Belmont University
Beloit College
California Polytechnic State University
Carleton College
Coe College
College of Charleston
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Cornell College
Eastern Washington University
Eckerd College
Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne (Switzerland)
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Prescott

Emory University
Fort Lewis College
George Mason University
Grinnell College
Hastings College
IE University in Spain
Juniata College
Kalamazoo College
Kansas State University
Kenyon College
Knox College
Linfield College
Luther College
Marist College
Marymount California University
Middlebury College
Northern Arizona University
Occidental College
Oklahoma City University
Quest University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rollins College
Sacred Heart University
Saint Michael's College
Santa Clara University
Sewanee University of the South
St. John's College
St. Lawrence University
St. Louis University
St. Michael's College in Vermont
Sweet Briar College
Texas Tech University
Trinity University
University of Alabama
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
University of Dayton, Ohio
University of Denver
University of Missouri
University of Oregon
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

University of Tulsa

University of Wyoming

Vanderbilt University

Wartburg College

Whitman College

Whittier College

Worcester Polytechnic Institute