

## QUESTIONS TO ASK A COLLEGE

The following questions may be helpful in your college search. You can use this list as a guide or create your own list from these questions. Research these questions by going through college view books, using the internet and visiting the College and Career Center. Ask people you know at college some of these questions, older siblings, and college representatives when they visit QCHS, admission representatives or tour guides when you visit campuses or representatives at college fairs. Find out what is *important* to you.

### Admission Questions

- What are your admission requirements?
- What is your average GPA and ACT/SAT scores?
- What are your acceptable ranges for a GPA and ACT/SAT scores?
- What are your course requirements?
- Do you require a foreign language and if so how many years?
- What are your deadlines?
- Do you require letters of recommendation?  
If so, how many and from who?
- If letters of recommendation are not required are they read as part of the application?
- Is there an essay that is required?  
What are you looking for in an essay?
- Do you have other requirements? An ACT or SAT writing sample?

### Academic Questions

- Is the college public or private?
- What is the average class size and what is the student-to-faculty ratio?
- Do professors teach undergraduate courses, or do you use teaching assistants?
- Do you have lecture halls and what is your largest lecture hall or class size?
- Will I graduate in four years?
- What type of academic calendar do you use? (semesters, trimesters)
- Are faculty members easy to reach outside of class?
- Who will be my academic advisor?
- Do you accept AP credit and where can I get a list of the AP credit that is accepted?
- Do you accept dual credit classes and where can I get a list of courses that are accepted?
- Are there undergraduate research opportunities available to me?
- What are some of your strongest academic programs?
- What percent of students attend graduate or professional school?
- Is there an Honors Program and if so what are the requirements?
- Do you have my interested areas of study?
- What types of programs are in place for undecided majors?
- What types of tutoring services are available and are they free?
- What types of academic, counseling, and career services are available to me?
- What types of services are available for career placement?
- "Do you have student job placement?
- What type of internship opportunities do you have available for your students and with what companies or organizations?

## ***Student Body***

- What is your undergraduate enrollment?
- Do you have graduate programs?
- What is your graduate enrollment?
- What is the male/female ratio?
- What is the diversity like on campus? Cultural, religious, geographic
- What do students do for fun?
- Do most students stay on campus on the weekends?
- Do you have the extra-curricular activities that I am interested in?
- What is the school spirit like on campus?
- Is there a Greek system? Is there presence significant?
- What are some of the most popular student activities on campus?
- What percentage of students complete internships?
- What percentage of students study abroad and where?
- What percentage of the students live on campus vs. commute?
- What are retention and graduation rates?

## **Campus**

- Where is the campus located?
- What is the setting like- rural, suburban, urban?
- How far away is the campus?
- How easy is it to get home -Best transportation?
- What is the campus atmosphere on a daily basis?
- What types of housing are available?
- Is the campus compact or spread out? How long does it take to walk from one side of campus to the other?
- Is there a bus system?
- What are some special features of the campus?
- How can I schedule a visit to your campus?
- What types of jobs are available on campus?
- What are the classroom, housing, theater, athletic, library, lab facilities like on campus?
- What computer and other specialized facilities are available for student use?
- What does the community or area have to offer where the campus is located?
- Safety- How safe is the campus? Safety programs in place?

## **Financial Aid**

- What is the total cost for one year at your institution?
- Do you have a fixed tuition rate?
- What types of scholarships and financial aid are available?
- Do you require additional forms with the FAFSA for financial aid? (Examples: the CSS Profile, or a college's own institutional form for financial aid)
- What percent of students receive some form of financial aid?
- What is the average loan package?
- How do I go about applying for scholarships to your school?

**\*\*Be sure to ask about any specific major, activity, or other thing you are interested in\*\***