



Preparing for College Fair Plus 2018

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Be Prepared

- Before the big day
 - To participate in the automated fair visit:
GOTOCOLLEGEFAIRS.com/florida.
 - You can find instructions on how to register by visiting [Ponte Vedra High School College Fair Plus 2018](#)
 - Registration is not required, however highly suggested.
 - Visit [Colleges attending PVHS College Fair Plus 2018](#) and scan through the list of colleges and universities that will be represented. Make a note of the schools that interest you the most, and plan to visit their booths at the fair.
 - Are you looking for colleges that are close to home, or those that are far away?
 - Are you interested in small, private schools, or large, public universities?
 - Which of the institutions in attendance offer your projected major?

Make your questions count.

- Like so many other things in life, a successful visit to a College Fair is marked by quality, not quantity.
- In other words: Rather than focusing on collecting a brochure from every college booth, make it your goal to have in-depth conversations with a few of the college reps on hand.
- Questions:** Use the following worksheet to check off answers that you would like to ask representatives.

Admissions

- What are the admission requirements? How many years of a language are required? Are there special requirements for any particular majors or fields of study?
- What qualities should prospective students have? How do you prioritize GPA, test scores, extra-curriculars, recommendations, essays and class rank?
- Which standardized test scores do you require? Do you super score the ACT? When is the last test date in senior year that will allow my scores to arrive in time for the review of the admissions committee?
- What majors are offered? What's the most popular?
- What are the application deadlines for admission?
- Are interviews required? Are there group or individual interviews?
- How can I arrange a campus visit?
- How long should I expect to wait for an answer once I submit my application?

Financial aid

- How much will it cost?
- What financial aid options are offered? Are merit-based scholarships available? What kind of students receive merit-based aid?
- When is your financial aid deadline? Are there forms that I must complete in addition to the FAFSA?
- Estimate the percentage of work study, loans, grants, and scholarships awarded in your financial aid packages.

Classroom

- What is the average class size? Will I likely be placed in an online class as a part of my studies?
- How accessible are professors outside of class? What kind of personal advisors will I have in my undergraduate years?
- Will professors or graduate students teach my courses?
- When must I choose a major? How many students have a second major or a minor? What percentage of my course work is comprised of classes that I have to take to fulfill a distribution requirement?
- Do I need a computer?
- What student services are offered (tutoring, career counseling, study workshops)? What percentage of the graduating class goes on to professional school and employment. What percentage of graduates seeking employment have a job a year after graduation?
- How are the libraries, computer labs? Are there enhancement programs for writing or research?

Housing

- What type of housing is available? What percentage of students live on-campus?
- Is student housing guaranteed for four years?
- Would I have a roommate or live alone?
- How are roommates selected?

Student life

- What special interest groups, activities, fraternities/sororities are available? If there is a Greek system, what percentage of students are affiliated?
- What's it like on campus on the weekends? How much of student's social lives involves the city or town surrounding campus?
- Are any programs offered to help students adjust to the college life?
- Are intramural, club, and varsity sports offered?
- How are the sports facilities?
- What types of meal plans are available?

Just the facts

- What is the school known for?
 - What are recent graduates doing now?
 - How many freshman return for their sophomore year? What percentage of students graduate in four years?
 - How safe is the campus and its surrounding neighborhoods? Were there assaults on campus last year?
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