College Fair Information and Questions

At the Fair:

- When you approach a representative, introduce yourself.
- Ask questions! (See below for a sample list of questions.)
- Get the contact information of the representative at the fair, if you are very interested in attending their school. Follow up with them after the fair with an email.
- Speak up. College fairs can be loud, and you want the representative to be able to hear you.

After the Fair:

- Go through the materials you received from the schools and any notes you might have taken.
- Get rid of the materials on schools that will not be a good fit for you.
- Research the colleges that interested you to learn more!

Sample Questions to Ask When Attending a College Fair

General Questions:

- ✓ What are your most popular programs/majors? Does your college offer ______ (your major)?
- ✓ What's special about the campus? What makes it different from other colleges?
- ✓ Tell me about the town the college is in? Where is the biggest city?
- ✓ What kind of financial aid do you offer and what do you need to do to be considered?
- ✓ Do you offer merit scholarships? If so, what are the requirements and how can I be considered?
- ✓ Do you have an Honor's Program? Can you tell me about it?
- ✓ What are your admission requirements? How important are SAT/ACT scores?
- ✓ When is the best time to visit campus? How would I make arrangements?

Academic Questions:

- ✓ Are courses readily available to the students?
- ✓ When must I declare a major?
- ✓ How difficult is it to change my major?
- ✓ What is the average class size?
- ✓ Do professors or graduate students teach courses?
- ✓ Is the college on semesters or quarters?
- ✓ Does the college have a study abroad program?
- ✓ What about internships related to my major?
- ✓ Will I need my own computer?
- ✓ What is the percentage of students getting jobs after they graduate?
- ✓ What is the percentage of freshmen returning for sophomore year?
- ✓ What percentage graduates in four years?

Non-Academic Questions:

- ✓ What percentage of students lives on campus?
- ✓ What is the availability of dorms for freshman?
- ✓ What kinds of extracurricular activities does the college offer?
- ✓ What do the students do on weekends?
- ✓ How is the food? If necessary, ask about special dietary accommodations such as being a vegetarian, which meal plan is most often used by freshman?
- ✓ What is available for students in the surrounding community?
- ✓ Are there shuttles or buses for students?