

## Pre-College Information

If you are planning to attend college or university in the fall of 2010 you need to start planning now. Spring vacation is a great time to make college visits. I have listed some tips to make the most of your visit.

- To plan a college visit, call the admissions office in advance and let them know that you are interested in visiting their school-some will even let you stay overnight.
- Prepare for your visit by learning as much as you can about the school. Check out the school website and college catalogs.
- During your tour note the atmosphere and size of the campus and the student body, talk with students-they were incoming freshman once too.
- Meet with an admissions counselor and if possible attend a group information session.
- Find out if they have special programs or services for freshman.
- Sit in on a class and talk with someone in the department you plan to major in.
- Visit a dorm, inquiring about freshman dorm options, and eat in the cafeteria.
- Stop by and visit the financial aid and scholarship office-they should be your new best friend!
- Double check the admission requirements-you don't need any surprises!
- See how you compare academically to other incoming freshman.
- Verify all costs including tuition, room and board and other fees.
- Inquire about campus tutoring centers and visit the bookstore.
- While you are there get a college newspaper-you can find out a lot about the school climate by reading the school newspaper.

You will be required to take the SAT or ACT for college admission. These college placement tests are offered year round. SAT test dates are listed at the College Board website ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)). ACT test dates are listed at the ACT website ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org)). For more information and online registration you can visit the websites or visit the Career Center. Test fee waivers are also available, contact Deb Crapes to see if you qualify.

College is a huge investment of your time and money. Spend your money wisely and research the schools you are interested in.