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Conversation Starters

Take Advantage of Every College Planning Event Available – 11th Grade

You know your student the best, so the following talking points are simply a guideline to use in starting a conversation with your 11th grader about taking advantage of college planning events.

- ▶ The easiest way to learn about multiple colleges is to attend a large college fair where multiple colleges are in attendance.
- ▶ Ask your school counselors for the dates and locations of college fairs to see which one(s) would be easiest for us to attend.
- ▶ To get the most out of it, you will need to create a list of features you are looking for, such as degree offerings, academic programs, location, campus life, class size, facilities and most importantly, cost and financial aid.
- ▶ What are your most important features?
- ▶ Does the college offer any summer camps that are tied to your potential career interest or major? Getting on campus in this way will give you a good feel for it to see if we should include or exclude it on our official visit list.



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