

Determining the Right College(s) for You

Every student is unique - each student has his/her own personality, interests, needs, and academic performance

Colleges differ significantly as well – they each have their own personality, strengths, requirements, and academic offerings



• **28 Key Factors to Consider** – **match** each College to your needs & interests in these key areas:

- Academic Requirements
- Academic Intensity
- College Personality
- Breadth of Academic Offerings
- Strength of Academic Offerings
- Strength in your Major
- Location – which is best for you
- Size – which is best for you
- Diversity
- Prestige
- Sports Programs
- Retention Rate
- Graduation Rate
- Friends attending
- Your Personal Qualities vs. the ones the College values
- College's Teaching style vs. Your Learning Style
- Student Body Personality and how well you fit
- Social Activity Drivers and how well it fits your personality
- Level of Student-Faculty Interaction
- Strength of Programs to help you determine a Major
- Strength of Career Center (in your major)
- Level of supportive campus environment
- Housing options and availability
- Strength of Study Abroad Program
- Activities of interest/importance
- Availability of Scholarships for you
- Availability and types of Financial Aid for you
- Cost

- Know much of the above information, before you visit a college



- Utilize your college visit to help determine:
 - If and why the college is right for you
 - How you can take advantage of the college's offerings and programs
 - How you can contribute to the campus community/bring something the college values
 - What differentiates you from other students who are applying
 - Why you believe you can be successful in the college
and,
 - To develop supporters within the college that could advocate on your behalf