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CU Boulder

SEEK NEW HEIGHTS

Choosing a College

College Factors, Visitations and Acceptance!

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Meet Your Trainer

- Japeechen #341
- New Egypt, NJ
- Fun Fact:
  - I am the youngest of 5 and I am the only Eagle Scout!

Richard D'Allassandro

Housekeeping Items

1. Session
2. Restrooms
3. Emergency Procedures
4. Safety Moment:
   a. Barriers to Abuse
   b. Heat Related Illness

Learning Objectives

Learners will be able to…

1. Understand the significance of college visits in the decision-making process.
2. Evaluate key factors in college selection like academic programs and campus culture.
3. Develop a strategy for effective communication with college recruiters.

Session Facilitator College Background

College: The College of New Jersey

Year: Junior

Major: K-12 Music Education

Clubs and Involvement:

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

TCNJ Wind Orchestra

TCNJ NAFME

TCNJ Arts and Comms

1.
The First Steps to Success

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- Military, Vocational Schools, Apprenticeships, Unions, and MORE!

- Do what you love, not all careers today do not need to be defined by a 4 year degree

The First Steps to Success: Location

- Pros and Cons in Urban, Suburban and Rural Settings
- How can the college you attend set you up for the best possible success geographically?

Financial Considerations

- What do your finances look like?
- The BIG Factor
- Commuting VS Dorming
- Factors to Consider
  - Budget, Financial Aid, Scholarships and Tuition

2.
Break Away Challenge

1:Tuition
2:Academics
3:Campus Life (Events/Recreation)
4:Clubs, Organizations, and Sports
5:Location

3. Academics and Campus Life

Academic Programs

- Academics is a TOP priority above all else (except finances)
- Pick what is best for YOU and will bring you the most academic success and joy in your 4-8 years in a college

Campus Life

- Items to Consider!
  - Clubs
  - Sports
  - Student Centers and Recreations Buildings
  - Fraternity and Sororities
  - Other Items (Concerts, On Campus Events, Etc.)

Fraternities, Sororities, Clubs, Etc.

- Professional Organizations
- Clubs
- Sports
- Alpha Phi Omega
  - The National Professional Service Fraternity
- Groups and Support

Facilities and Misc.

- In regards to the facilities that a college can offer, there are many that are overlooked that play a large part in the enjoyment that one has at an institution
- These items to consider are:
  - Dining Halls
  - Mental Health and Physical Health Accommodations
  - Dormitory and On-Campus Living

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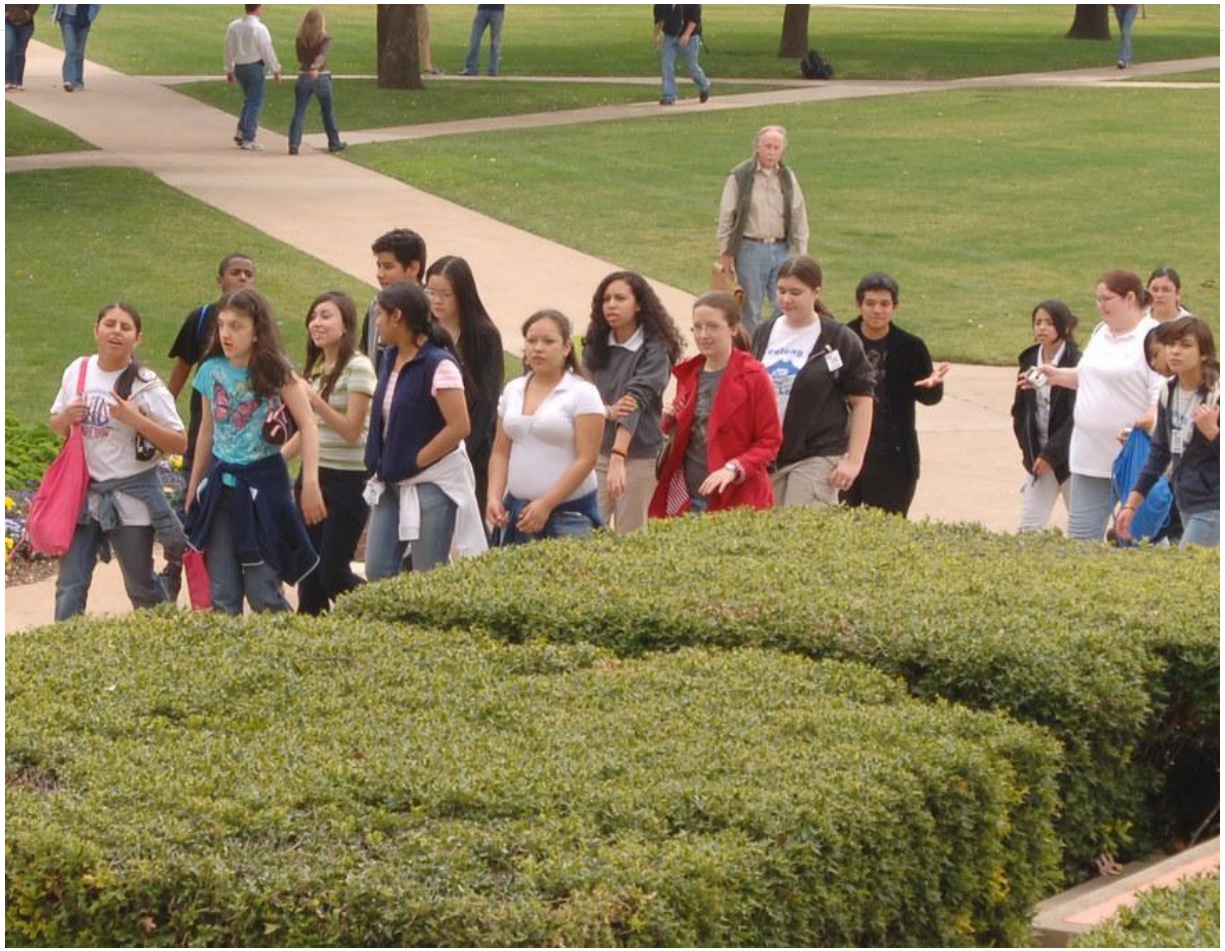
4. Visits and Making the Best Choices

College Visits

- Learn about what makes the college the college!
  - Find Academic Buildings
  - See popular areas
  - Ask Questions!

- First Impressions are EVERYTHING!



Making the Decision

- The most important part of the entire college selection process is not where you will fit in best, but instead, what college will be able to fit YOU and set you best up for success.
- Faculty, Campus Reviews, and More!

5.
Closing Thoughts

Questions and Closing Remarks?

Q&A With Facilitator

Takeaway Challenge

In looking into what you want to do as a prospective college student, what do you value most in a school? The location? The Campus life? The Program? Once you have found this, take a moment to reflect on how these priorities can create a healthy and educational space for your college career

Thank you!

Please take a moment to fill out the feedback form.

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