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# Unlocking the Secrets of College Visits: Unconventional Activities that Determine Your Perfect Fit

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When it comes to choosing the right college, the decision is not to be taken lightly. It can shape your future trajectory and impact your overall college experience. Yet, many students often overlook some crucial aspects during college visits, focusing only on the scripted information sessions and tours offered by colleges.

To truly determine which college will be the best fit and set you up for success, we recommend pairing up with [Princeton College Consulting](#) – a dedicated team of experts that help students maximize their potential.

Here are some unconventional yet highly valuable activities that PCC advocates for:

### **Discover the Career Center:**

The career center is a vital resource that often goes unnoticed. However, it can significantly influence your post-graduation opportunities and set you on the path to a successful career. When visiting the career center, look for services like career counseling, resume and cover letter assistance, mock interviews, job and internship postings, career fairs, networking events, and alumni connections. These resources can play a pivotal role in shaping your professional journey after graduation. Moreover, don't hesitate to inquire about the percentage of students who find jobs within six months of graduation, the average starting salary for graduates in your field, and the number of employers recruiting on campus. These questions will provide valuable insights into the college's commitment to students' career goals.

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### **Unveil the Surrounding Area:**

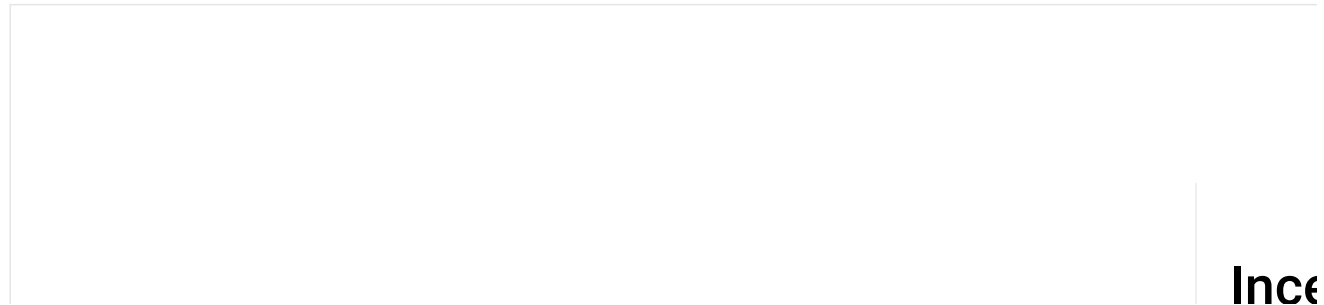
The college's location and surrounding area can significantly impact your overall experience. Take the time to explore the surroundings and get a glimpse of the local community and nearby recreational and entertainment opportunities. Consider factors such as the proximity to city centers, access to outdoor activities, and cultural attractions. This exploration will help you determine if the area aligns with your preferences and contributes to your overall college experience.

### **Embrace the Student Center:**

The student center is the vibrant heart of campus life. It is where students congregate, engage in various activities, and find essential resources. Visiting the student center during your college visit can offer valuable insights into the campus culture and available resources. Observe how current students interact with the space and what services are offered. This experience will provide you with a better understanding of the campus environment and the opportunities available to students.

## Unleash the Power of Conversations:

Engaging in conversations with current students can provide invaluable insights into the college experience. Take the opportunity to ask questions about their academic and extracurricular experiences, the campus culture and community, accessibility to professors, workload, dorm life, career services, and the college's support for student well-being. Talking to juniors and seniors about their college experiences and whether they would choose the same college again can offer valuable perspectives. Don't shy away from asking candid questions, as these conversations will help you gain a more accurate understanding of the college's fit for you.



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College visits go beyond the typical tours and information sessions. Engaging in these unconventional activities can significantly enrich your college visit experience and provide you with invaluable data to inform your college decision-making process. By attending classes, exploring study abroad opportunities, immersing in the campus library, dining on campus, and speaking with current students, you gain unique insights that will help you refine your college list and set you up for a fulfilling and successful college journey.

As you embark on your college application journey, remember that genuine engagement and personal experiences hold the key to making well-informed decisions. Transcend scripted tours and embrace the true essence of colleges. Seize the opportunity to explore, take notes, and ask bold questions, as they will undoubtedly provide you with a wealth of valuable information to guide your path. When it comes time to write essays and interviews, you'll have a treasure trove of experiences to draw upon, showcasing your genuine interest and fit for your dream college.

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