20 Questions to ask college representatives

Whether you meet them at a college fair or on a campus visit, college reps genuinely enjoy talking to high school students and answering questions about their college. The following questions will help start a good dialogue:

- 1. What makes your college unique?
- 2. What academic programs is your college most known for?
- 3. How would you describe the kids that go there? Where do most of them come from?
- 4. Where do kids hang out on campus?
- 5. What happens on weekends—are there things to do on campus or in town, or do most kids go home?
- 6. Are fraternities and sororities a big part of campus life?
- 7. What are the housing options for freshmen?
- 8. Do many students live off campus?
- 9. Is there a sports complex or fitness center?
- 10. What are the most popular clubs and activities?
- 11. What's the security like on campus?
- 12. What's the surrounding area like? Is it easy to get around?
- 13. What are the most popular majors?
- 14. How would you describe the academic pressure and workload?
- 15. What support services are available (academic advisers, tutors, etc.)?
- 16. Do I need to bring my own computer?
- 17. What's the faculty like? How accessible are they outside of class?
- 18. Are there opportunities for internships?
- 19. Is there job placement help for graduates?
- 20. Are any big changes in the works that I should know about?

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