

College Guidance Memo

September, 2019

With over 40 college admissions representatives signed up, so far, to visit us this fall (see upcoming visits below), we encourage all sophomores, juniors, and seniors to attend at least one during their free period. If a class occurs during an admission rep visit, please be sure to ask your teacher for permission to attend at least 24 hours in advance and put a reminder in your phone.

A few tips from Mr. Blackard and Ms. Belcher:

- Present the best version of yourself. Admission officers take note of this.
- Do not wear college swag from a different college. For example, do not wear a Bates sweatshirt to a Bowdoin visit.
- Ask questions that can't be easily answered online. For some ideas on what to ask college reps, [please see this link](#).

A few tips for attending college rep visits from Megan Tyler, our rep at Wofford College:

- Identify what is important to you in your college experience before you attend any college rep visits.
 - Once you know what is important to you, you'll be able to ask questions that help you better understand how a particular college might support your goals.
- Your interaction with a college rep should be conversational not transactional.
 - Be willing to engage with the college rep. Don't just show up and expect to passively receive information. Show up and be ready to communicate your interests. By doing so, you allow the rep to focus on providing the information that's important to you, rather than giving a general presentation that may or may not address your specific concerns.



- Frame your questions "open-endedly." This allows you to learn information that goes beyond the surface level. This is the difference between asking, "Do you have a psychology major?" and asking, "What research opportunities do psychology students have?/What are your psychology majors doing after graduation?"

Upcoming School Visits:

- Furman University and St. Lawrence University (September 4)
- Randolph College (September 5)
- Stetson College (September 6)
- Northwestern University, High Point University, University of Alabama, Savannah College of Art and Design, University of Lynchburg, and Providence College (September 9)
- Elon University, University of South Carolina (Columbia), Roanoke College, Illinois Wesleyan, and University of Alabama (Huntsville) (September 12)
- Georgia Institute of Technology, Wofford College, and Mississippi State University (September 13)

To see upcoming college visits beyond those listed here, visit the [School Calendar](#) and look for blue College Guidance items, or sort the calendar by College Guidance.

