



## *6 Steps to Choosing the Right College or University*

### *Step 1*

*Think about why you want to go to college/university.*

- Preparation for a career?
- Personal goals?
- Opportunity to meet new people?

### *Step 2*

*Decide what is important to you in a college/university*

- Type of school
- Academic programs and degrees that the school offers
- Reputation
- Cost
- Financial Aid
- Size and Location

### *Step 3*

*Get information about schools you are considering.*

- College websites, bulletins, catalogs
- High School counselors and teachers
- Internet sources and directories

### *Step 4*

*Research and compare schools.*

- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CAMPUS VISITS.
- Compare pros and cons of each school.
- Attend college fairs in your area.
- Compare total costs.

### *Step 5*

*Make your decision.*

- Pay a final visit to your top 2 choices.
- Talk with your parents and counselor.
- Select a school that meets your needs.

### *Step 6*

*Watch your deadlines and other final details!*

- Admission deadlines
- Housing deadlines
- Any additional institutional fees
- Financial Aid forms