Here are some good questions to ask as you take your college visits:

The Basics

- 1. Why did you choose this school?
- 2. Are you happy here?
- 3. What are your school's strengths?
- 4. What's your #1 complaint about your school?
- 5. What else could stand to be improved?
- 6. How accessible are administrators, registrars, financial aid officers, etc.?

Academics

- 7. What majors are popular?
- 8. What departments or programs have the best reputations?
- 9. What's your favorite class?
- 10. Are your professors good teachers?
- 11. Do your professors hold office hours, and will they meet with you outside of class?
- 12. Are most of your classes taught by professors or teaching assistants?
- 13. Were you able to take most of your first-choice classes?
- 14. Are your classes lecture-based or discussion-based?
- 15. How much reading and writing is required in your courses?
- 16. How often are collaborative work or group presentations required?
- 17. How satisfied are you with academic advising?
- 18. Do students use any on-campus tutoring programs or writing centers?
- 19. How big are your classes?
- 20. Does your major require an independent study or capstone project?
- 21. Are professors available for research with students?
- 22. Is it popular to study abroad?

Campus Life

- 23. What's it like to be a first-year student here?
- 24. What's a typical day like?
- 25. How much time do students spend studying per week?
- 26. What do you do when you're not in class?
- 27. What do you do on the weekends?
- 28. What is the social scene like?
- 29. What kinds of things are there to do in your school's hometown?
- 30. How's the food?
- 31. Do most students live on-campus? Do you have to live on campus?
- 32. How are the dorms? What is the process for picking your dorm and/or roommates?
- 33. Which clubs and student organizations are popular?
- 34. Do lots of students belong to fraternities or sororities?
- 35. What's your favorite place on campus?
- 36. Where do you like to study?
- 37. What are the facilities like (science labs, libraries, theatres, gyms, etc.)?
- 38. Are there enough computer labs?
- 39. How is the WiFi on campus?
- 40. Is it easy to get around campus?
- 41. Are sports popular?

Student Body

- 43. How would you describe your fellow students?
- 44. Are the students here friendly?
- 45. What makes the student body unique?
- 46. Is there diversity on campus?
- 47. Are there many students from other countries?
- 48. Do students of different races and classes interact easily?
- 49. Are students cliquish?

Career Services

- 50. Are internships available? How do you find them?
- 51. Is Career Services helpful?
- 52. Do you have a mentor?
- 53. Does your school have a co-op program?
- 54. Are there opportunities to build leadership skills on campus?
- 55. What options exist for service learning in the community?
- 56. Do employers recruit students on campus?
- 57. How easy is it to find summer jobs and other kinds of work through your school?
- 58. Who are some of the notable graduates from your college?
- 59. How visible is your school's alumni association on campus?
- 60. What kinds of hands-on or practical experiences have you had in and outside of the classroom?