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SESSION 3: THE COLLEGE SEARCH

ACTIVITY 1: MAKING A MATCH

Opening Discussion:

This session focuses on how to search for the right “match” in a college. Based on the initial session’s discussion of types of colleges, ask students what kinds of institutions they think they might want to consider. What majors might they want to pursue?

Activity/Handouts:

Résumé from Session I
Selection Criteria Chart

Instructions:

1. Ask students to review their personal resumes from Session I, looking especially at Section V.
2. Ask students to fill in the criteria column of the chart, using the items listed below the chart and referring to their résumé. If they know of particular colleges, they can add them and fill in the blanks if they are able. They will be using this chart for the next exercise.



SELECTION CRITERIA CHART

Primary Selection Criteria	College 1	College 2	College 3	College 4	College 5
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
Other Criteria					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					

LOCATION

Distance from Home
School Setting (Urban, Rural)
Location and Size of Nearest City

SIZE

Enrollment
Physical Size of Campus

ENVIRONMENT

Co-ed, Male, Female

ADMISSION PROFILE

Average Test Scores, GPA, Rank

ACADEMICS

Your Major Offered
Special Requirements
Accreditation
Student-Faculty Ratio
Typical Class Size

COLLEGE EXPENSES

Tuition / Fees
Room and Board
Estimated Total Budget
Percent Received Aid
Scholarships

HOUSING

Residence Hall
Types and Sizes
Food Plan
Fees
On / Off Campus

FACILITIES

Academic
Recreational
Other

JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES

Availability

ACTIVITIES

Clubs
Organizations
Greek Life
Athletics
Intramurals Other

CONTACT WITH PERSON WHO HAS ATTENDED THIS SCHOOL

Their opinion

TYPE OF SCHOOL

State university
Private college
Military Academy
Community College
Trade School