

## Students and Families – Questions to Consider

*Show "demonstrated interest" when visiting virtual college booths! What does that mean, why, and HOW? This shows college admissions officers that you're invested in applying to their institution, and are not just a passive applicant—in other words, it may help your chances of being accepted! Some questions to ask college recruiters when visiting booths:*

- What majors are you most known for?
- Where are you located?
- Tell me about your campus and student life
- How big is your school?
- What are your admission criteria?
- Do I have to apply separately to my major?
  - What is the criteria for that?
- What do students like most about your school?
  - *Also, a fantastic follow-up question is:* What is the biggest complaint from current students?
- What kinds of students are happiest at your school?
- Do admissions officers make decisions based on numbers, or do other activities really matter?
- How does your career planning department compare to other colleges/universities?
- Can you give me the names of a few students whom I could talk to about their experience at your school?
- What is the average total cost—including tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, and other estimated expenses—for the first year?
- How much has this average increased over the last three years?
- What percentage of students graduate with debt?
- What is the average amount of student loan debt for graduates?
- Are there on-campus work opportunities for work-study students? What if I don't qualify for a work-study job?
- Does your college practice need-blind admissions, or will applying for financial aid hurt my chances of being admitted?
- How is financial aid affected if I apply early decision or early action?
- If I am awarded a grant, can I expect it to remain constant all four years (assuming my financial circumstances don't change)?

- If I win a scholarship, will you reduce my financial aid package? If so, will you reduce the amount of loans or the amount of grants?
- Do you provide financial aid for summer classes or study abroad programs?