Preparing for the Northern Virginia Regional College Fair

ASK YOURSELF:

1. Academics
   ◆ What are my interests?
   ◆ What are my strengths in school?
   ◆ What areas do I need to work on?

2. Financial Aid
   ◆ What resources does my family have for college now?
   ◆ What do I need to be able to pay for college?

3. Campus Environment
   ◆ How do I learn best?
     In large classes? Small classes?
     Independently? In a group?
   ◆ Where do I want to live?
     In a city? In a small town?
     In a college dormitory? At home?
   ◆ How do I think life will be different in college?

ASK THE COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE:

1. Academics
   • What kind of programs do you offer in (name an area that interests you)?
   • What are your most popular majors?
   • What does your college look for in a successful applicant?
   • Does your college require SAT I/ACT and/or SAT II test results?
   • What type of opportunities are there for internships/work experience and study abroad?

2. Financial Aid
   • What kind of merit and need-based scholarships are available? What are the eligibility requirements?
   • Do you fund 100% of the student’s financial need?

3. Campus Environment
   • What is the size of your student body? What is the male/female ratio? Ethnic groups?
   • What is the average class size?
   • What do students do on weekends?
   • How available are faculty? What are typical office hours?
   • How is your institution unique? What distinguishes it from other colleges?
   • What are some popular campus traditions?