

## Stafford Soccer - College Planning Guide

### Preparation for College

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### The College Visit

Visiting a college campus is the best way to determine whether or not you might want to spend several years there. You should plan campus visits at the end of your junior year, during summer months, or early in your senior year. Remember to check the college admission requirements prior to visiting a campus...read admission requirements carefully!

Make an appointment for a visit by calling the admission office. Writing a letter to make an appointment is often too time-consuming and doesn't allow for making changes in date and time without needless correspondence. You don't need to speak with an admission officer to make an appointment; the office secretary usually arranges campus visits.

When you visit a college campus.....

- Take a campus tour, check facilities, including dormitories.
- Talk to students, a very useful source of information about a college; but remember that students' personal opinions must be considered with care.
- Visit a class: talk with a faculty member if possible.
- Have a meal on campus.
- Visit the coffee shop, snack bar or pub as a place to meet students.
- Read the campus newspaper as a means of finding out what the issues are on campus during your visit; check the bulletin boards in the student union or cafeteria.
- Ask questions! Don't be bashful...talk to the students on campus!

If you visit the campus of a college that offers personal interviews, be sure to set up an appointment when you call to arrange the visit. When you have the interview, be prompt, neat and well groomed. Read the college website and/or catalog so that you are familiar with all areas of the campus and the program that you are interested in. Speak clearly and maturely, don't forget your manners.