

# CTCL

## COLLEGES THAT CHANGE LIVES

**As you travel to campuses or conduct online visits, here are some questions that will help you sort through your college options. Tear this off and keep it with you as a reference—and add some of your own questions to the list.**

### ON THE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

- Do faculty members hold students to high standards?
- How much time do students spend on work outside of class?
- What type of evaluations (i.e., exams/papers) do faculty members use most often?
- What type of thinking do exams and assignments require?
- How do students receive feedback on academic work, and how often do they receive it?
- Do students work together on projects?
- How often are students required to do presentations in class?
- Are faculty members accessible?
- How often and how many students work on research projects with faculty?
- How often do students discuss ideas in class?
- Is there a required first-year program and a culminating senior experience?
- Are students able to easily access courses outside of their major?

### ON THE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

- Do students and faculty serve together on campus committees?
- How well do students get along with each other?
- How many students participate in community-based service projects?
- How easy is it to be involved in student leadership activities?
- How often do students interact with peers of different racial or ethnic backgrounds or social, political, and religious views?
- How many students study abroad?
- What do most students do for fun?
- Are there opportunities for spiritual activities?
- What kinds of activities are students involved in outside the classroom, and how accessible are these activities to first-year students?
- Are activities in music, theatre, and fine arts limited to students majoring in these areas?
- Are the students satisfied with their experience? Would they make the same college choice if they had to do it again?
- Is athletic participation limited to varsity athletes?
- What percentage of students are involved in athletics or intramural sports?

### ON CAMPUS RESOURCES

- What types of financial aid and academic scholarships are available? Are they renewable each year?
- Who assists students with course selection and career advising? How often does this happen?
- How accessible are library and technology resources?
- What safety/security services are available, and how often do students use them?
- What health and personal counseling services are available?
- What career planning and job placement services and/or internship experiences are available? How early can these services be accessed? What data is available on graduate and professional school enrollment and job placement for students?