

Student Name (First & Last)

School and Class

## College Navigational Survey

***There is no “best college” there is only the “best college for you!”***

The task of selecting a college to attend can be both overwhelming and daunting. If you feel this best describes your current state, relax its normal. Ask other family members, friends, or teachers who have faced the same challenge and you will find that most were in the same boat. Too often students are left to select a college based solely upon familiarity with the college (friend or family member who attended, strong reputation, successful sports team, nearby location, etc.) Although these factors should not be discarded, they are only a few of the many components of a college a student should consider when making their selection. The following survey will help your counselors get a better sense of what you are looking for in a college to better assist you in the selection and application process. Information gathered from this survey, along with your GPA, course load, SAT/ACT Scores, extracurricular involvement, etc. will allow you and your counselors to target schools that will best match your qualifications and interests. The answers on this survey are not written in stone, they are merely another tool we can use to assist you in your college search.

**For each question select one of the following answers:**

**1-Strongly Disagree   2-Disagree   3-Neutral   4-Agree   5-Strongly Agree**

|                                                                                                              | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| 1. I want to live at home and commute to college.                                                            |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2. I want to be able to go home at least once a week.                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |
| 3. I want to be able to go home at least once a month.                                                       |   |   |   |   |   |
| 4. I would be okay only going home during the holidays and for summer break.                                 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 6. I am excited to go away to school to meet new people and experience a new city                            |   |   |   |   |   |
| 7. I want to go to a school where most of my classmates are very similar to me.                              |   |   |   |   |   |
| 8. I want to go to a school that is very diverse.                                                            |   |   |   |   |   |
| 9. The diversity of my classmates is not important to me.                                                    |   |   |   |   |   |
| 10. I want to go to a school where people come from a variety of states and/or nations.                      |   |   |   |   |   |
| 11. I want to attend a school that is located in a small rural town.                                         |   |   |   |   |   |
| 12. I want to go to a school that is in the middle of a larger city, even if it doesn't have a large campus. |   |   |   |   |   |
| 13. I want a college that has a large campus, but is close to a large city.                                  |   |   |   |   |   |

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| 14. I like to participate in class discussion.                                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15. I prefer to remain quiet in class and just listen.                                           |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16. I learn best from being involved in class discussion and asking question.                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17. I learn best from listening to class lectures and taking notes.                              |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18. I want to go to a college where I come to know or recognize most of my classmates.           |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19. I want to attend a college that has a large sports program that I will be able to cheer for. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20. I want to attend a college where I can actively pursue sports or the arts.                   |  |  |  |  |  |

**Select one answer for each question.**

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| 19. | ___ My favorite classes in school are usually Math courses.                           | ___ My favorite classes in school are usually Science courses.                               | ___ My favorite classes in school are usually History courses.                                            | ___ My favorite classes in school are usually English/Literature courses.      |
| 20. | ___ I am pretty sure I know what I want I want to study in college.<br>_____<br>_____ | ___ I have an idea what I want to study, but I'm still somewhat uncertain.<br>_____<br>_____ | ___ I know what career I would like to pursue, but I'm unsure what major this would be.<br>_____<br>_____ | ___ I am completely undecided.                                                 |
| 21. | ___ I would like to attend a small college with 3,000 or fewer students.              | ___ I would like to attend a medium size college with around 3,000 to 7,000 students.        | ___ I would like to attend a large college with 7,000 to 15,000 students.                                 | ___ I would like to attend a very large college with over 15,000 students.     |
| 22. | ___ I would like to attend a college in a large city.                                 | ___ I would like to attend a college with a large campus near a large city.                  | ___ I would like to attend a college with a large campus in a small city.                                 | ___ I would like to attend a college out in the country.                       |
| 23. | ___ I would like to attend a college in the Northeast.                                | ___ I would like to attend a college along the West Coast.                                   | ___ I would like to attend a college in the Midwest.                                                      | ___ I would like to attend a college in the South.                             |
| 24. | ___ I would like to attend a national university.                                     | ___ I would like to attend a regional university (university-master's).                      | ___ I would like to attend a liberal arts college.                                                        | ___ I would like to attend a specialty school (art, business, computers, etc.) |

