

## COLLEGE VISITS:

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Contact a coach, assistant or even a team member and ask to have a meeting to learn more about their athletic program (bottom of page has hints to help w/ meeting).
- Register for a tour by going to the college's website.
- See the freshman dorm
- Eat in the cafeteria
- Visit the Library and Gym
- Sit in a class (large and small)
- Talk to department heads in the majors you are most interested in.
- Check out the local community: (grocery stores, music scene, slopes, food, transportation, closest airport).

### **Possible Questions: ACADEMICS:**

- How much support is available outside of the classroom from professors?
- What is the average class size of introductory classes?
- How widely used are teaching assistants on your campus?
- What is the average class size of upper-division courses?
- Which majors offered are the strongest?
- What opportunities are there for undergraduate research?
- What services does your Career Center offer?
- Job Placement Services?
- Do you have a learning community or other freshman experience?
- Do AP and DE credits transfer?
- Do I have to declare a major during your application process?
- If I apply and don't get into first choice major will I still be considered for acceptance?
- Does it look bad on the application if I declare undecided?
- How difficult is it to change your major once declared?
- What type of tutoring programs do you have?
- How do you provide academic advice to students (Is there an advisor from my department)?
- Do you have a writing center and how do I access it?
- What kind of learning disability resources for academic accommodations do you have?
- How many students at the college get internships?

- What percentage of student's study abroad?

## **FINANCIAL AID:**

- What is your average financial aid package?
- How much do students typically spend each year with tuition and room and board? (What is the yearly cost of attendance, including books, tuition, fees, housing and meal plans? In other words, what is the all-inclusive cost?)
- What percentage of financial need does the school typically meet?
- What is the average merit award and how do I apply?
- Any perks such as help with a ski pass or transportation?
- What is the average college debt that students leave with?
- What work-study opportunities are there?
- What's the cost of living off campus?

## **GRADUATION TRACK RECORD:**

- What is your four-year graduation rate?
- What is your five-year graduation rate?
- What's the average credit load students take each semester (15 credits each semester)?
- What does it take to graduate in four years?
- What percentage of freshmen return for sophomore year?

## **STUDENT LIFE:**

- What kind of dorm choices are there?
- What percentage of students live on campus?
- How long are dorm accommodations guaranteed?
- Do most students go home on the weekends?
- What percentage of the study body belongs to a sorority or fraternity?
- What activities off and on campus are offered to students?
- What do students typically do outside of class? (music, recreation, theatre, restaurants, sporting events).
- What clubs do you have on campus? (outdoor, theatre, dance, religion, sports).
- How easy is to get to places off campus? Are there places within walking distance? (shuttle to slopes?)
- What meal plans are offered and is it required freshman year? (hours of operation, cost, dietary needs met?)
- How safe is campus? What steps are made to help ensure safety?

**Questions to ask yourself**

- 1.How did the staff members interact with students? Were they friendly or authoritarian?
- 2.Do most of the students seem like you, or are they completely different?
- 3.How would you feel about being in a classroom with these students? Sharing a dorm with them?
- 4.Dis the students try to make you feel at home? Were they helpful in answering your questions? How did they interact with one another?
- 5.Does the campus seem like a good size for you?
6. Are the dorms single-sex or co-ed? How do you feel about that?
- 7.Are the dorms too quiet? Too noisy? Too crowded? Not enough action?
- 8.How large are the rooms? Is there space to study? Have time to yourself?
- 9.Does it look like there is much to do outside of campus?
- 10.How easy is to get to places off campus? Are there places within walking distance?
- 11.Do you feel comfortable and safe?
- 12.Are there places to get supplies, clothes, extra furniture for your dorm room?
- 13.Is there a supermarket nearby to stock up on snacks and soda?
- 14.If you move out of a dorm after freshman year, what are the options in apartment complexes or buildings?

### **Meeting with Coaches:**

- Call ahead and arrange a visit when you plan your campus tour
- See training facilities
- Discuss training schedule
- What time of the day do your athletes go to class?
- How often are you training on snow?
- How much travel is expected?
- Is there any scholarship money available for incoming freshman?
- What costs are the athletes on your team responsible for? Training, uniforms, travel, gear, competitions?
- What is the make-up of your team? What would my freshman year look like on your team?
- Based on my GPA and test scores, what are my chances of joining your team?

- What advice do you have to help make my application stronger?
- When do you expect decisions to be made regarding joining your team?

Be prepared to talk about yourself, what you could bring to the team, and why you want to be a part of that specific schools team.

I encourage you to talk about what you've learned being a full time athlete with SSCV and how you've been successful juggling athletes and academics.