

## Starting Your College List



### *"Finding Your "Fit"*

- 1. Start early and have fun.** *We are going to start your college search process. We will create fun activities and discussions to aid you and your parents in your search. Remember that the guidance office is here to help.*
- 2. Keep and search with an open mind.** *Students sometimes start this process with a fixed mindset, rather than a growth mindset. Keep an open mind and search while being flexible to the process. Your college search priorities may change throughout high school.*
- 3. Prioritize by fit.** *Students, please consider prioritizing your search list by what appeals in terms of fit (i.e. distance, activities, major, size, etc.). A personal fit will tailor your college matches to promote a successful college choice where you feel that you belong.*



### First Step

#### Big Future College Search

[bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/college-101/5-steps-to-creating-a-college-list](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/college-101/5-steps-to-creating-a-college-list)

#### **Helpful Tips:**

- \*Consider your "must haves" vs. "want to have". Are you flexible or fixed?**
- \*Selecting filters may increase or decrease results. Filter your most important preferences.**
- \*You can always go back to adjust. These results are a starting point of your discovery.**