

## COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS AT GACS:

Each fall (and increasingly during the spring), many colleges and universities send admission representatives to GACS to speak with students and answer their questions. These presentations are a convenient way for students to establish contact with an admission office and to learn more about the school and its application procedures from someone working there. The meetings are also a good chance for you to learn more about schools which you may know very little about. Students should attend at least a couple of the meetings just to find out what they are like and to hear what an admission officer has to say to prospective applicants. One added benefit to the meetings is that, in many cases, the representative will be one of the people who will be reading the applications from GACS and then contributing to the decisions made by the admission office. It is definitely to your advantage if that person gets to know you personally rather than just another application.

In most cases, colleges will usually visit between the hours of 11:30 and 1:30. You are permitted to miss class to attend the meetings with college representatives, as long as you: sign up in advance in the College Counseling Office, inform your teacher before the meeting takes place, and are not excessive in missing class for the meetings. You will not be able to attend a meeting during a class period in which a test is scheduled. Arrive at the meetings on time and with at least some knowledge of the school so that you can ask informed, intelligent questions and make a good impression. Locations for the meetings are generally held in the Counseling Conference Room with a few selected schools held in the Wista Worthen Room.

**NOTE—A LISTING OF THE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES THAT WILL BE VISITING GACS WILL BE POSTED ON THE NAVIANCE WEBSITE AND BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE. THIS WILL BE UPDATED AS THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES CONFIRM THEIR VISITS.**

**VISITING CAMPUS—**Before you become too serious about attending any school, it is very important that you spend some time there to “get a feel for the place.” Spring break, summer vacation, and weekends are good times for you to visit campuses, and you should do so with your family at those times. All admission offices offer campus tours and information sessions for prospective students. You should try to revisit those schools in which you are most interested, however at a time when classes are in session. Most college admission offices will help arrange for you to spend a night in a dorm, attend classes, and eat in the cafeteria. In some cases, Mr. Lewis in the College Counseling Office can help you get in touch with a GACS student at the college, if there is one.

When visiting a college, try to simulate as best you can what life there will be like. How large are the freshman classes? Do you like the food? The dorms? What information can you learn from the flyers posted around campus? The school newspaper? How are people dressed? How far do you have to walk to get to classes? Do the people walking around look happy? Visit campuses with a critical eye and do your homework on the school before you go. See Mr. Lewis in the College Counseling Office if you have difficulty thinking of questions to ask during your campus visit. GACS allows seniors to miss three (3) and juniors to miss two (2) school days to visit colleges. The necessary permission forms are available in Dean Harsh’s office. Always call the admission office(s) in advance to find out the times of tours and information sessions and to schedule your visit. You can usually get the names of contact people and phone numbers off the particular university website.