

WHERE DO I BEGIN? RESEARCHING COLLEGES

*Students can begin researching colleges as early as their Freshman year.
We highly recommend students to start this process no later than their Junior year!*

- 1** Begin by figuring out what **major/field of study** you are interested in pursuing. **It is important to make sure the college you are looking into offers the major you are interested in.*
- 2** **Identify your priorities & preferences.** The first step in tackling the college search process involves thinking about what you want out of your college experience. Some factors can include location, size, cost, academic programs, housing, social scene, extracurricular activities, etc.
- 3** Take advantage of **virtual college fairs, virtual rep visits, virtual college tours, & virtual informational webinars**(which you can do from the comfort of your own home) to learn more about each college. Visit the college websites for information.
- 4** Once you have gathered plenty of information, it's time to **tweak your list of schools** so that it has a nice balance of different options. List should include a mix of reach schools, likely options, and safety schools.

Go and get your research on!!