

Making Big Plans

Seniors give tips to fellow students interested that will be going on a college visit.

Senior Alleigh Becht

Visited
Belmont University
Indiana State
Indiana University

Planning on going
"IU (Indiana University), it's where I feel most at home and has lots of great opportunities."

Advice?
"Have an open mind and bring your walkin' shoes!"

What good does it do?
"Helps to get a feel for the college before actually going there."

Why go?
"It really helps you decide if you're debating between schools."



Senior Trevor Axsom


Visited
Franklin
Lindsey Wilson
Indiana State

Planning on going
"Probably Franklin, to play football, baseball and to study Business."

Advice?
"Go see what it's like but do not make a decision yet."

What good does it do?
"See the college and meet some people."

Why go?
"Nice campus and FREE LUNCH!"



Senior Jaclyn Thomas

Visited
University of Southern Indiana
Going to Visit: Purdue

Planning on going
"Purdue University, to study vet technology, because it is the best school to go to for my major."

Advice?
"Ask questions and really focus on what you like and dislike about the school so you can compare."

What good does it do?
"To see the college and whether you like it or not."

Why go?
"To see if this is a college you like and if it's right for you."



Trial Run

College visits allow seniors to make informed decisions

For most graduating students, the next step in their lives, and by far one of the biggest of their lives, is choosing a college.

What college one chooses is a very large decision that often dictates how the rest of your life will turn out. However, if one goes past all that, it can be a fun, liberating experience. You and you alone can make a decision that is monumental to your future as an adult, for the first time.

This big job can be made easier with a few tips and some basic college visiting information.

Seniors are only allowed two excused college visits per year. Students need to prearrange these visits with the school before you go. To confirm that you were, in fact, there it would be a good idea to get a form from either the college's visitors' center or admissions office. Your guide will know which.

College visits are a great idea for anyone planning to attend a college. Picking the right one can be overwhelming and challenging, but with these tips and information perhaps your search for the perfect fit can be a bit easier.

Story & Info By Gracen Dunn

Guided tours are a great way to get to know a college better and to ultimately make your decision.

Guidance Counselor Brandon Crowder has a few tips to get the most out of your visit.

1. Get directions to the school and print a campus map out prior to the visit.
2. Contact the admission office and schedule a tour.
3. Make time to explore campus outside of the tour, because they will not show you all of the campus.
4. Ask if you can talk to a professor and current students.
5. Ask if you can sit in on a class, and try for a class in your planned major.
6. Locate and eat at a dining hall so you can sample the food.
7. Ask to see housing options; most tours will include at least one dorm.
8. Find out if you can stay overnight on campus, some schools offer programs for this.
9. Take notes and pictures to document you visit and to compare colleges later.
10. Ask questions, a lot of questions!

Senior Skylar Hodges


Visited
Indiana University
Depaw
Ivy Tech

Planning on going
"Vincennes or Purdue, because of good engineering programs."

Advice?
"Pay attention to how everything is set up."

What good does it do?
"To get a good feel of the college's atmosphere."

Why go?
"Helps make decisions."



Senior Brianna Smetzer


Visited
Indiana State University
Evansville University
Franklin University

Planning on going
"ISU; it has my major, I love the campus, and the location, it is great."

Advice?
"Make a list of questions you want to ask the admissions counselor and pay attention to what they have to offer academically."

What good does it do?
"Helps to get a feel for the college before actually going there."

Why go?
"You can't decide where you'd be more comfortable, until you actually visit the school."



Senior Colton Phelps

Visited
University of Southern Indiana
Indiana State University

Planning on going
"USI (University of Southern Indiana), they're a bigger engineering school."

Advice?
"Ask questions"

What good does it do?
"See the college and meet some people."

Why go?
"You need to go look at the campus. If you don't like that, then you probably won't want to go there."

