

WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING TO PREPARE?

Before the fair

- ◆ Review the list of colleges attending the fair. Make your own list of 15-25 colleges you would like to get information from at the fair.
- ◆ Review the Buffalo College Fair website (wnyschoolcounselor.org/bncf) to get the most updated list of the colleges attending the fair and review the booth assignments of those colleges.
- ◆ Look at the websites of the colleges that interest you. The NACAC website (nacacnet.org) provides links to all the colleges/universities attending the fair.
- ◆ **Students Personal QR Code Needed** – Pre-register to save time at the fair. Once registered, print out the QR coded sheet (or save the image on your phone) and bring it to the fair.
- ◆ This will save a lot of time; you will be able to visit more Colleges and universities at the fair and they will be able to scan your QR code and get your information automatically - without having to fill out any cards. Use this time to talk to college reps and get all your questions answered. The data collected will only be used or released to colleges that you allow to scan your sheet.

During the fair

- ◆ Review the map of the convention center floor plan well before the fair and review the listing of the colleges at the fair with their corresponding booth numbers. Find and circle your colleges of choice.
- ◆ Visit the booths of your top choice schools first, and don't forget to ask questions.
- ◆ Act appropriately at the fair, use the hour of time you have there wisely, don't group together with your friends and stand around wasting valuable time.
- ◆ Listen to the PA system for the announcement of your school leaving.
- ◆ Once your school has been announced (ie. Clarence High School students please report to your busses). At that time – go to the escalator – and go down to the main level entrance and board the busses.

After the fair

- ◆ Review all of the materials you received at the fair, share the information with your parents.
- ◆ Cross off or add colleges to your list of schools you are interested in.
- ◆ Go online, visit the colleges' websites, and set up a visit to colleges of interest. High school calendars are often different from college calendars – there are times throughout the school year when colleges are in session and your high school might be on vacation – this would be an opportune time to set up a college visit. It is **VERY** important to visit a college before you commit to attending there.