

# A Visit's Worth a



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**N**o matter how many college brochures and catalogs you pore over, nothing can really replace the value of actually visiting the campus itself.

Each school has a personality of sorts. To really get a feel for what that personality is like, you need the opportunity to roam around the campus, visit the dorms and student union, even sit in on a class or two.

Most importantly, you'll get a chance to talk to other students as well as faculty and the admission staff. Ask the right questions and you can learn a lot.

Prior to your visit, make a list of characteristics that are important to you so you'll remember what to look for. And **DO** take notes. You think you'll

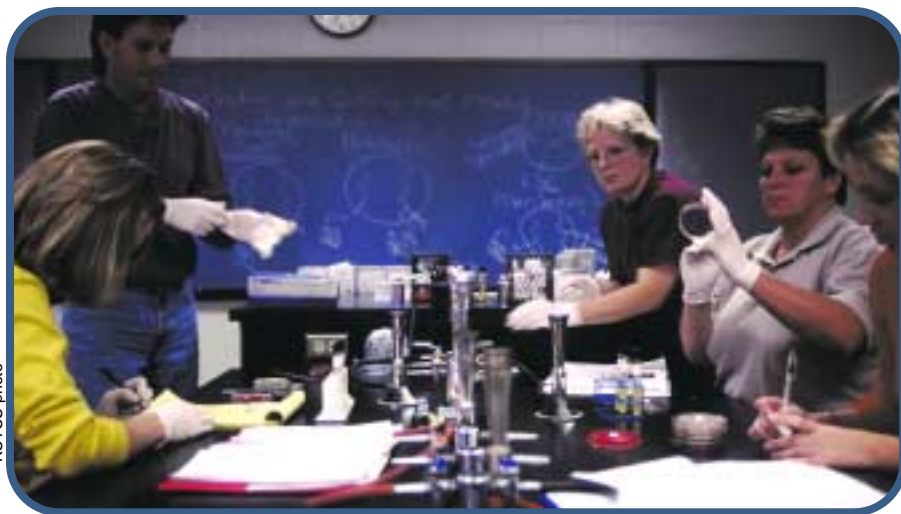
remember everything, but after you've visited two or three schools, you may find that the details begin to run together. Bring along a camera too, so that you'll have the photos to help you recall details.

It's also a good idea to collect business cards during your visit so that you'll have direct phone numbers and addresses for future questions.

Once you've narrowed down your list, compare your notes and weigh out the pros and cons.

Very often, the school that topped the list on paper doesn't quite fit the bill once you've actually taken the opportunity to visit.

So do some exploring – it'll be time well spent. 📷



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