MY COLLEGE PRIORITIES

This chart begins the conversation between parents and student on which type of college might be a good fit for the student. Number the importance of each area on a 1-10 scale. 1 = not relevant to 10 = deal breaker. Then write down what your thoughts are on each section, and why you wrote what you did. Copy this page and have each person do their own. Bring together final answers for comparisons. Be sure to ask questions of each other for clarification and write down final thoughts.

### Academics
- Choice of potential majors
- Choice of potential minors
- Academic offerings beyond your academic focus
- Educational opportunities, such as study abroad, honors, internships, and research
- Student-faculty ratio
- Average class size
- Teaching/ class styles
- Graduate or professional school options
- Academic reputation
- Support services, tutoring, office hours, etc.
- Personalized learning and support
- Total Score

### Infrastructure/ Services
- Housing options
- Transportation options (in and out of school)
- Campus and community amenities (medical clinics, study centers, libraries, fitness centers, student center)
- Total Score

### Finances
- Overall cost
- Travel and additional living expenses
- Availability of financial aid and scholarships
- Employment opportunities
- Application fees and deposit
- Total Score

### Social Life/ Culture
- Extracurricular activities, athletics, Greek life, clubs
- Selectivity of college/ prestige
- Private or public college
- Specialty college (Historically Black, faith based, single-sex, Colleges that Change Lives, etc)
- Nightlife/ entertainment
- Student and campus size
- Diversity
- Friends from home, options to make new friends
- Academic pressure/ focus
- Academic reputation
- Total Score

### Location
- Setting (urban, rural, coastal, other)
- School and outside community
- Proximity to home
- Proximity to services and resources, such as medical care or special services
- Safety
- Total Score

Total your scoring can help identify the categories that matter most to you. Use this as a discussion piece between student and parent to see if you agree or disagree.

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