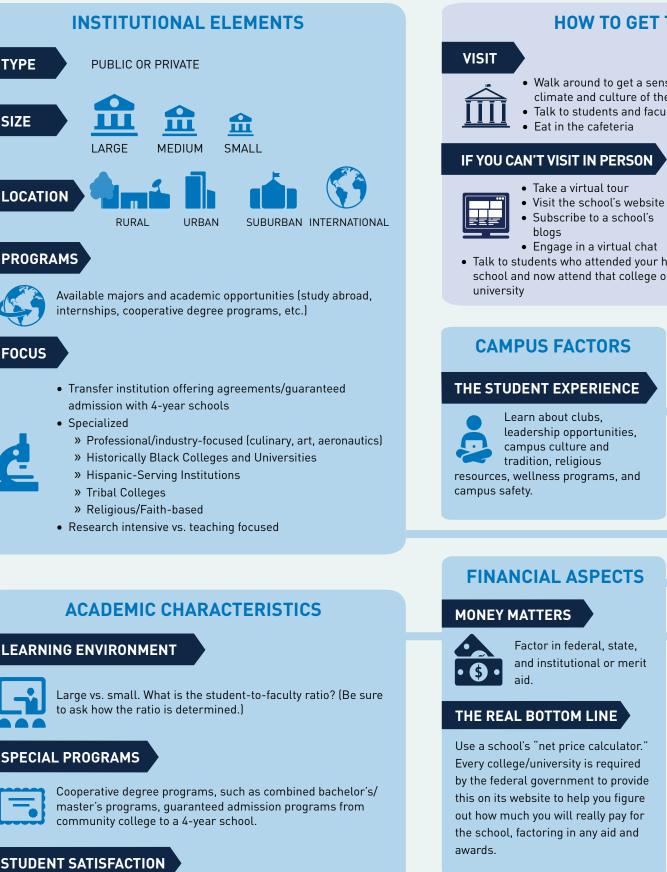
Are you starting your college application wish list? Or have you applied and been accepted by 2, 3, 10, 15? How will you pick? How will you decide? This visual guide from the National Honor Societies might help!

Choose the College that's Best for YOU

With 4,000+ colleges and universities in the U.S., how do you find the one that's right for you? Here are some things you'll want to consider:



HOW TO GET TO KNOW A SCHOOL

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- Walk around to get a sense of the climate and culture of the school Talk to students and faculty
- Talk to students who attended your high school and now attend that college or

• Spend the night in a residence

• Check out the NHS Virtual College Fair: www.nhs.us/virtualcollegefair

• Does it "feel like home"?

To show you're truly interested in a school, make sure you cite any and all of your engagement experiences when applying. Many schools now look for "demonstrated interest" on an application.

YOU DECIDE! Your college experience is yours.



Time to shine Go somewhere where you can thrive and grow.

Friendly competition The best place for you may

not be the same as the best place for your friends.

Attention, parents...

The best place for you may not be the one your mom or dad thinks is best. While finances must be considered, the ultimate choice should be a joint decision.

Remember to have fun as you explore. Then, pick a college or YOUniversity that is truly yours!

ABOUT THAT MAJOR



SPECIAL PROGRAMS



STUDENT SATISFACTION



Retention and graduation rates. How many students return for their sophomore year? How many students graduate in 4 years? 6 years?

Your major doesn't necessarily dictate who you will be or what you will do.



NEXT STEPS

How many students go on to grad school? Can the school help me find a job? Where are the school's alumni working?

SUPPORT MECHANISMS

Find out about



- First-year experience programs, freshman seminar classes
- Academic advising and facilities, such as Math Labs, Writing Centers, Disability Support Services, and support for "undeclared majors"



Actor Matthew McConaughey Pre-law (University of Texas at Austin)



Comedian/host Conan O'Brien History and American literature (Harvard)



Actress Brooke Shields Romance languages (Princeton)



Basketball legend Michael Jordan Geography (University of North Carolina)

Source: Buzzfeed

About 80% of college students change their major at least once.

Source: National Center for Education Statistics

RESOURCES

» College Scorecard, from the U.S. Department of Education ightarrow

https://collegescorecard.ed.gov

- » NHS college admission planning webinar series, for NHS members and $\mathsf{parents} \rightarrow \mathbf{www.nhs.us/webinar}$
- » NHS Virtual College Fair -> www.nhs.us/virtualcollegefair
- » NHS Scholar Dollars, a scholarship search tool for National Honor Society (NHS) members → www.nhs.us/scholardollars

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