

Making The Most Of Your College Visit

(NAPSA)—If you and your high schooler plan to scout college campuses this year, you may appreciate a few tips that can help your visit make the grade.

• Arrive Early. Be sure your travel itinerary gives you enough time to arrive at each college campus 15 to 20 minutes earlier than your scheduled appointment. You'll want plenty of extra time to park, make your way to the right building on campus and freshen up.

• **Dress to Impress.** While your initial visit might just include a tour of the campus with a current student, always have your college student-to-be dress to impress. You never know who you might come across while you're checking in at the admissions office or on a campus tour.

• **Dine On Campus.** Ask for a voucher for your high schooler to experience a meal in one of the dining venues on campus. This will provide a chance to test out the food and get a better sense of the overall vibe and social scene on campus.

• **Take Note.** Be sure your high schooler makes notes about each college that you visit. Have them write down specific anecdotes that will help them recall what they liked best about that college, such as great academic honors program or unique majors. Also, grab the school's newspaper to learn more about the college



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• Rest Up, Comfortably. If the college campus is a good distance away from your home, you may want to stay overnight in a hotel. Choose a hotel like Embassy Suites Hotels, which offers a two-room suite with a bedroom and a separate living room with a sofa bed so everyone in the family has plenty of room to unwind. The family can also enjoy Embassy Suites' extra amenities such as complimentary drinks and snacks at the nightly Manager's Reception* and a free cooked-toorder breakfast for the same price as an ordinary hotel. Visit www.EmbassySuites.com for more information and to make a reservation.

*The service of alcoholic beverages is subject to state and local laws.