

Successful College Visits

Visiting a school should play a major role in decoding whether or not you actually want to attend that college. You should not be selecting a college for its prestige or because all your friends are going there, you should select a college because it's right for you. The visit can help you decide. Listed below are some guidelines that you are encouraged to keep in mind when visiting colleges:

- The best time to get a true sense of the college is when all the students are there and all classes are in session.
- If you want to visit on a day other than when the college has a pre-arranged visit, call ahead, don't show up unannounced. Try to give the college a two-week advance notice.
- Read campus literature and make a list of questions prior to your visit.
- Get directions and allow enough time for travel.
- Dress in neat, clean casual clothes and comfortable shoes.
- Sit in on a class, try to eat lunch on campus, and/or consider spending the night. Pick up a campus paper and read it.
- Ask to meet personally with a current student, professor, coach, and/or athlete in your area of interest.
- Be prepared to answer questions about yourself.
- Relax and enjoy yourself.
- Thank those you meet and send thank you notes when appropriate.
- Seniors and juniors are allowed up to 3 absences during the school year for college visits. You must get an official, signed and dated note from the college stating when you were there to return to Bradley's attendance office. Absence will be made official with note.
- Representatives from colleges and universities visit Bradley to meet with students, generally in the fall. Seniors are permitted 5 visits, juniors 3 visits. Students sign up in the guidance office to attend.