Getting Ready for the Transfer Fair

Make a plan before you attend the fair

• Find out which colleges may be at the fair (available online at bhcc.edu/transfer).
• Make a list of the colleges you are already considering. Visit their websites and write down your questions.
• Also make a list of colleges you never heard of before and visit their website. Plan to stop by their table. It could be the school you end up transferring to!
• Be prepared; bring a pen, paper and a bag to hold college brochures. Dress well, use appropriate email.

While you’re at the Fair

• Visit colleges from your list, but stop by other colleges – you may stumble onto a great college you hadn’t considered.
• Ask the questions from your list and inquire about open houses to visit their campus.
• Gather additional information about the colleges and your program.
• Jot down any information you have collected before moving on to the next table so you don’t forget.

Possible questions to ask at the fair or during college visits:

• What is the application deadline for transfer students? Application fee?
• What application is required? Common Application or schools own online application?
• Can you use the MassTransfer application?
• Do you need a letter(s) of recommendations? How many?
• Is there a minimum GPA for your desired major? How competitive is your desired major/school?
• What are the course requirements for your desired major?
• What student activities are available: track, football, honor programs etc.?
• What are the requirements and deadlines to apply for financial aid? What about scholarships?
• How can the American Student Assistance Program help you? Stop by their table or visit them online at asa.org

When you get home

• Ask yourself which colleges stood out and why.
• Organize the college materials you collected and review it that week while it’s fresh in your mind.
• Discard pamphlets of colleges you’re ruled out so you can focus on the colleges you’re truly interested in.
• Do more research on the colleges you are considering.
• Explore websites, contact their admission office and schedule a campus visit.

Adapted from the College Fair Checklist by College Board revised 3/19
Use this chart to keep college information organized when visiting the Transfer Fair or college websites.

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| Find 3 Schools that are Private | Admission Requirements (Example: college transcript, letter(s) of recommendation), minimum GPA. | Tuition & Fees | Financial Aid & Scholarships | Application Deadlines |
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