

THE

Social Student's Guide to College Search

Find a college that fits your outgoing and energetic personality

As a social student, you're interested in getting involved on campus, making life-long friendships, and building connections that could lead to exciting career opportunities. Academics are a part of the college experience, but not the only part that matters to you! You should focus on a college that has plenty of opportunities for you to make unforgettable memories and long-lasting relationships.

WHAT YOU SHOULD LOOK FOR IN A COLLEGE:



CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Not only is it important for you to identify clubs and organizations that you're interested in but find out if students can create their own. Who knows — you might want to launch your college's first TikTok dance team or Post Malone fan club! Saint Rose has 60+ clubs, organizations, and musical groups, and students are constantly adding new ones to our line up.

PRO-TIP Don't judge a book by its cover! Even small campuses can have a large student-life scene.



ACTIVITIES:

Does the campus host an end-of-the-year music festival? What about trips to theme parks or professional sporting events? Are there leadership programs or a student government? How about campus-wide fundraisers or dodgeball tournaments? (At Saint Rose, the answers to these questions are yes, yes, yes, and yes).



SCHOOL SPIRIT:

If you're looking for opportunities to bond with your peers, then you want a college with an exciting athletics program. Whether you aspire to be a part of a team or cheer them on from the sidelines, sporting events are a great place to forge friendships! Saint Rose has 19 Division II athletic teams, including an all-star women's soccer team that made it to the Final Four in 2019.



SMALL CLASS SIZES:

If you're looking to make connections with like-minded students, you might want to consider a college with small class sizes. Instead of getting lost in a sea of hundreds of students, you will stand out and really get to know your peers.



OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER:

Location: Do you want to stay close to home or go somewhere out of state?

Affordability: The Net Price Calculator can estimate how much financial aid you'll receive.

Academics: Are there any industries that interest you? Do any majors stand out?

Livability: Is the campus the right size? Do you like the surrounding community?

HOW YOU SHOULD SEARCH FOR A COLLEGE:

ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE OR LARGE EVENT:

Colleges have a catalog of visit opportunities. If you want to get a sense of the campus vibe, try going to a larger event, where you can mix and mingle with current students, faculty, staff, and other students like you!

FOLLOW SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

Check out the social media accounts of the colleges you're interested in! These accounts shouldn't just post boring announcements — see if they highlight their students, clubs, campus activities, outcomes, and more!

GO TO A GAME OR A CONCERT:

Ask the admissions team if there are any on-campus events you can attend. Get a feel for the college's school spirit by attending a game. Think of it as test-driving the student-life experience.

SCHOOL SPIRIT:

When you visit college campuses, keep a lookout for what students are wearing. Are they repping their college mascot or logo? That's a sign that students have school spirit!

OTHER COLLEGE SEARCH TIPS:



MEET WITH YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR:

They know you best and can help you with the admissions process from start to finish.



RESEARCH ONLINE:

See if your school has a subscription to online search and match databases.



CHECK YOUR MAIL:

You'll get a ton of mail from colleges — keep only the content that interests you!



VISIT CAMPUSES:

This will help you narrow down the colleges that interest you the most.

SAINT ROSE STATS:



60 clubs, organizations, and musical groups



Students from 39 states and 70 countries



19 Division II athletic teams

COVID-19 DISCLAIMER:

The COVID-19 pandemic might limit visit opportunities and other aspects of the college search process. Despite these challenges, many colleges have made adjustments, and you should still be able to have a rewarding search experience. For example, Saint Rose now offers virtual visit opportunities. Learn more at www.strose.edu/visit.

Do you have any questions?

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