



## Preparing for the Colorado Western Slope College Fair Student Tips

When attending the College Fair, it is important to prepare ahead of time so you do not feel overwhelmed. Using your time wisely is the key to getting the most out of the fair. We have put together some tips to help.

- Review the list of colleges/universities attending and prioritize which booths you would like to visit.
- Research the colleges to narrow down which ones meet your wish list.
- Prepare a list of questions that you want to ask the College Admissions Officers (see our website for a list of questions). They will be the actual people who review your application and read your essays.
- Review the list of workshop options and figure out which ones you would like to attend. Also, note if any of the College Admission Officers you want to visit are sitting on any panels at the workshops. Check the website for the actual schedule closer to the College Fair date. There will be three sessions and we recommend choosing two to attend. Parents and students can attend together or split up and attend different ones.
- Present your best self - dress appropriately (clean and modest - no t-shirts or jeans), smile, make good eye contact, and be polite. Your handshake should be firm, but not overly so. Practice introducing yourself - "hi, my name is (name), I am from (name of school), and I am a (year in school - freshman, sophomore, junior, senior)."
- Take good notes and contact information for the schools that will stay on your list.

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