Evaluating a College Visit

Name of College________________________________________ Date Visited___________________

Special Circumstances Affecting the Visit (“There was a blizzard,” “I had a stomach bug,” “I was visiting a family friend,” etc.)___________________________________________________________

Names of People to Remember (tour guide, admissions officer, etc.)___________________________
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Distinctive features of the school (What is it promoting about itself? What is it most proud of?)
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Academic programs (strong majors, popular classes, classes I would love), including any special programs (engineering, architecture, dance, etc.)___________________________________________
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Core or General Education requirements (foreign language, math, science); possibility of double major or minor, pre-professional advising (pre-med, pre-law, pre-business)____________________
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Career counseling (Does the school help students find internships, jobs? Where do graduates go?)
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Appeal of the physical campus (buildings, grounds, neighborhood, facilities for art, athletics, etc.)
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Off-campus opportunities (Does the surrounding town/city offer additional social outlets or cultural opportunities that students take advantage of?)

Extracurricular programs in my areas of interest

Quality of life (food, housing, social activities, community spirit)

Are students (tour guide, friends from my school, others I met) happy? Are they academically motivated? Are there students like me here? Would I fit in?

How are the relationships among students, and between students, faculty and administrators? What are “hot topics” on campus? Do people talk about tension, recent changes, problems?

Admissions profile (important criteria, testing requirements, essay topics)

My general impressions (both positive and negative)

Definitely on my college list _____ Maybe on my list _____ Off my list _____