The College Search:

If a student would like more details regarding a college the following are steps a student can take to complete a thorough investigation of a college:

- courses offered within an intended major
- degrees and graduation requirements
- dialogue with current university students regarding major(s)
- research housing options
- read campus publications
- scholarship opportunities
- Visit the admissions
- Take a virtual tour
- Find contact phone numbers or e-mail addresses such as admissions, financial aid or housing

Helpful College Search Web sites:

- The University of California www.ucop.edu/pathways
- The California State University System www.csumentor.edu
- California Independent Colleges & Universities
- o www.aiccumentor.edu
- Colleges and Universities Nationwide sorted by state
- o www.utexas.edu/world/univ/state/
- Campus Tours: Virtual Colleges Tours <u>www.campustours.com</u>
- Global Computing, Inc. <u>www.globalcomputing.com/university.html</u>
- Common Application <u>www.commonapp.org</u>

Colleges by Affiliations:

- Black Excel: The College Help Network <u>www.blackexcel.org/</u>
- Historically Black College HBCU www.smart.net/~pope/hbcu/hbculist.htm
- Independent Colleges of Art <u>www.aicad.org/</u>
- Accredited Art Schools <u>www.arts-accredit.org/</u>
- 6 and 7 year Medical Programs http://services.aamc.org/currdir/section3/start.cfm
- American Medical Colleges Association <u>www.aamc.org/</u>
- Jesuit Colleges and Universities www.ajcunet.edu/
- Christian College Search <u>www.christiancollegesearch.com/</u>
- Catholic Colleges <u>www.catholiccollegesonline.org/</u>
- European Council of International Schools www.ecis.org/
- Universities.com http://universities.com/Search/

Colleges by Affiliations:

- International Colleges <u>www.ies-ed.com/</u>
- University Sports Program <u>www.universitysports.com/</u>
- Top 10 Activist Colleges <u>http://bsd.mojones.com/mother_jones/SO98/wieczore</u> <u>k.html</u>
- Trade and Vocational Schools <u>www.overview.com/colleges/</u>
- International B.A. Programs/College Abroad <u>www.britishcouncil-usa.org</u> or <u>www.ucas.com</u>
- Common Black College Application <u>www.edinconline.com</u>
- National Portfolio Day Association help for students interested in the arts www.npda.org/
- Art Schools http://www.artschools.com/
- LCBT Resources in Higher Education- Safe Zone/Allies Programs http://www.lgbtcampus.org/faq/safe_zone_roster.htm

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A comprehensive and successful college search should contain all of the following fundamental elements:

- A career and preference survey
- A college search
- Visit College web sites
- Visit College campuses/virtual tours
- o Completion of a financial aid estimator
- A merit scholarship search
- Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Grade Point Average Verification Form
- Completion of on-line college and scholarship applications where available

The Following are comprehensive websites that can assist you on your journey towards college selection:

- The College Board <u>www.collegeboard.com</u>
- Peterson's Education Center <u>www.petersons.com</u>
- My College Guide Search www.mycollegeguide.org/ACG/search.html
- US News College Search <u>www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/cohome.htmm</u>
- College Xpress Search <u>www.collegeexpress.com/collegesearch/default.asp</u>
- Independent Higher Education Network <u>www.fihe.org/tools/map.asp</u>
- Colleges and Universities Search <u>www.universities.com/</u>
- Making College Count <u>www.makingcollegecount.com/</u> Student.Gov <u>www.students.gov</u>
- AnyCollege.Net <u>www.anycollege.net</u>
- Education Online Search <u>www.education-online-search.com</u> K12 Academics-A National based Education & Disability Resource Center http://www.k12academics.com
- CollegeSource Online <u>www.collegesource.org</u>