

BEACHSIDE BARRACUDAS

National College Fair – Jacksonville

Date: Saturday, September 23, 2023

Time: 9 am-1pm

Location: Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center, 1000 Water St, Jacksonville, FL 32204

Register: <https://www.nacacattend.org/23jacksonville>

School counselors highly encourage all high school students who are planning to attend college to take advantage of this opportunity.

What you need to know for In-Person college fairs

<https://youtu.be/ToJAK7k-WAO>

Before the Fair

Register online - <https://www.nacacattend.org/23jacksonville> - before the fair to receive a barcode for easy onsite access to college representatives. Print the barcode and bring it to the fair as your electronic ID. Online registration leaves more time for you to meet one-on-one with admission representatives.

Ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I want to attend a large, medium, or small school?
- What major do I wish to study?
- Do I want to attend an urban, suburban, or rural school?
- Do I want to attend a two-year, four-year, single-sex, or religiously-affiliated school?
- Do I want to participate in athletics, clubs, fraternities, sororities, or special programs such as study abroad or cooperative education?

Research colleges attending the fair to determine if they meet your search criteria and make sure to reference your College Matchmaking™ email to ensure you connect with your best fits!

[Learn more about College Matchmaking™](#)

Make a list of questions to ask college representatives. Here are some sample questions: <https://www.bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2023/08/twenty-questions-to-ask-college-representatives.pdf>

At the Fair

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Pick up a fair directory and bag for all of the materials you collect.

Visit the schools on your College Matchmaking™ list that aligned best with your attributes that you provided at the time of registration or are the closest match to your search criteria. Be adventurous. Don't just talk to the well-known schools.

Ask the college representative to scan your barcode. This will allow the representative to follow up with you directly—and quickly.

Ask the same questions to each college representative you visit.

Take notes. Write down what you find most interesting about each college.

Attend an [information session](#) to learn more about the college search process, financial aid, and other topics.

After the Fair

Review college websites, catalogs, and viewbooks to gather more information to help narrow your choices.

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