

## *Thinking About College?*

Plan to Attend the  
**Illinois Regional College Fair**  
Parkland College Gymnasium  
Wed., Sept. 20, 2017  
6–8 PM

- ✓ Visit with representatives from both in-state and out-of state colleges and universities.
- ✓ Learn about programs, campus life, admission requirements. Take questions, get answers.
- ✓ Open to all students and families. Free parking, no admission charge.
- ✓ College financial aid personnel and school counselors available to answer questions.
- ✓ More info (including a list of colleges attending) on the Urbana Guidance Office web site  
**<http://www.usd116.org/uhs/guidance/ircf.html>**

(Students are encouraged to print labels with their name/address to avoid the need to write it on cards for the colleges.)

### **Twenty Questions to Begin a College Search**

Source: Newsweek: *How to Get Into College*

1. Do I want to commute or live on campus?
2. Do I want to attend college in a city or in a small, college town?
3. In what area of the country would I like to attend college?
4. What size college appeals to me? Small: up to 3,000 students, Medium: 3,000 – 7,000, or Large: over 7,000
5. What kinds of weather do I prefer?
6. Would I prefer a single-sex or coed college?
7. Does fraternity or sorority life interest me?
8. Can I live with restrictions and regulations?
9. Do I want to participate in extracurricular activities?
10. Do I want an extensive athletic program?
11. Do I want a strong creative arts program?
12. Do I want an academically demanding environment, or would I prefer a school where I can do well without knocking myself out?
13. Do I need a highly structured academic framework, or can I work with a curriculum that allows for independent projects and has no requirements?
14. Do I want a liberal arts or pre-professional curriculum?
15. Do my personal or career interests require specialized facilities?
16. Would I want to participate in an off-campus internship?
17. Would a year-round cooperative work-study program in which classes alternate with periods of employment interest me?
18. Will my family be able to support my college costs? Is this true even at a private college?
19. Would I be willing to work part time while I attend college?
20. Do I want to spend part of my college years studying in another country?