

CLIC MENTOR MEMORIES

DESCRIPTION: Mentors share college memories and The CLIC's collection of college pages to introduce students to the factors that go into choosing a college.

OBJECTIVE(S):

- Introduce students to a college where they personally know a graduate;
- Guide students to selecting one possible college to attend in the future;
- Help students identify and prioritize university offerings;
- Advance Internet navigation skills;
- Enhance decision-making skills.

CLASS(ES): English, Humanities



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At the end of this activity, students will be familiar with the unique offerings of a personal contact's alma mater and will have tested their own tastes in evaluating another university.

STEPS:

- **Talk college.** Ask your student what they know about at least one four-year college – for instance, its location, a famous alum, a popular event, etc.
- **Set up your own alma mater quiz.** Tell your student what life was like when you went to college, including how you paid for it – but don't mention the name of the school. Personal pictures add to the fun.
- **Sign up for The CLIC.** Not as you are now – but as the student you were back then! Walk your student through how you earned your grades, what clubs and sports you did and why, your first SAT test, etc.
- **Review some of your colleges matches.** Bonus points if your alma mater is a match! Visit a couple of matches to see if your student can guess if it is where you went to college. If your college is a match, 'fess up. If not, use CLIC College Search to subscribe to your alma mater and add it to your home page.
- **Scout your alma mater's official Web site.** Use some of the links on your college's CLIC page to check out freshman admissions, the honors experience...explore even more of your memories.
- **Sign your student up for The CLIC.** Walk them through each profile field and really talk to them about where they are personally and academically, what interests them and what kind of colleges they are considering.
- **Explore one matched college.** Let your student take you on a tour of one of their matches. Guide them by suggesting they search the site for interests that match their own, like the school band, sports or theater.
- **Subscribe to a school.** Your student may want to subscribe to the first college they mentioned – or they may want to subscribe to your alma mater! Let them click the subscribe button on the college's CLIC page, then go back to their Student home page to see the calendar deadlines populate.
- **Follow up.** Now that you two share a "team," keep your eye out for news and fun factoids about that campus to keep your student's enthusiasm going in the weeks and/or years to come!



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