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The Fiske Guide to Colleges 2021

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Dear College Student,

Remember how complicated it was to pick the “right” college when you were a high school senior? For more than 35 years, the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* has helped students decide which schools might be the best fit for them. It contains profiles of the “best and most interesting” colleges in the nation—including perspectives and quotes from the students who attend them. Perhaps you used it yourself during your own college search.

We are now preparing the 2021 edition of the *Fiske Guide*, and we need your help. We want to find out as much as we can about your college—its academic strengths and weaknesses, the types of students who go there, the social life, the extracurricular activities, and so forth. What, in short, makes your future alma mater a special place?

You have been selected as one of a small number of students to provide us with this information. The questions are open-ended to give you maximum freedom to express your ideas. If you feel that you are not in a position to answer any particular question, just skip it and move on to the next one. We would appreciate receiving your thoughts by May 17, 2019.

Thanks in advance for your help. We appreciate your assistance, and so will tens of thousands of high school students and their families who may read your responses in the *Fiske Guide*.

Sincerely,

Edward B. Fiske
Editor-in-Chief
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1. How would you describe the **academic climate** of your school?
2. How would you rate the **quality of instruction** you have received?
3. Please suggest any **special academic programs** or **learning opportunities** that prospective students ought to know about. We're thinking of anything from living/learning communities and study abroad to interesting undergraduate research opportunities. Have any of these been important to you?
4. How would you rate the quality of **student support services**, such as career advising and counseling services, that your school offers? Are any of these services particularly strong? Or weak?
5. Describe the **general character of students** at your school. What do they have in common?
6. How **diverse is the student body**—racially, socioeconomically, geographically, and otherwise? Who might have a tough time fitting in?
7. How would you describe the **political climate** at your school? Are there any hot-button social or political issues?
8. What steps has your school taken to deal with the national issue of **sexual assault**? Are they effective?
9. Tell us about **housing**. How are the accommodations? Is there any trouble getting a room?
10. What about the **dining facilities**? How good are the meals? Are the provisions for special tastes and needs satisfactory?
11. Tell us about the **social life** at your college. Does most of it take place on campus or off? Does the surrounding area offer a good social scene?
12. Please describe the **party culture** on your campus. Do Greek organizations set the tone for social life? Are campus policies regarding alcohol effective?

13. What are the annual **festivals, athletic rivalries, or other traditions** that make your school unique and interesting?

14. Like students themselves, every college and university has its own **unique institutional personality** that differentiates it from other schools. How would you characterize the special culture of your school?

15. What is the biggest way that you've seen your school **evolve** since your first semester there?

16. What are **students' biggest complaints about your school**? Is there anything you would like to improve?

What is your **major**?

What is your **current year**?

Freshman
Sophomore
Junior
Senior
Other

Thanks again for your help!