

## **Common interview questions:**

**Why are you interested in this college?**

(AKA – Why are you a good fit for this college?)

**What is your proudest accomplishment so far?**

**Can you tell me about your high school?**

(Pretend I've never heard of it before)

**Why do you want to go to college?**

**Who is your favorite teacher? Who is your role model?**

**What would you change about your school, if you had the opportunity?**

**What are you most excited about for senior year?**

**Can you tell me about the curriculum at your school?**

**What majors or jobs have you been thinking about?**

How have you explored those interests already?

**What do you do outside of academics?**

**What are three adjectives you'd use to describe yourself?**

What are three adjectives your friends/teachers would use to describe you?

**Can you tell me about a book you've enjoyed recently?**

**What did you do over the summer?**

**Is there anything you would change about your academic career so far?**

**When you think about how college will be different from high school, what are you most excited about?**

**What are you either nervous or unsure about when you think ahead to college?**

**Can you tell me about a challenge you've overcome?**

**Have you learned anything about [specific college] that has surprised you?**

**What is one of your weaknesses? (Your strengths?)**

**Can you tell me about your family and your place in it?**

**Can you tell me about a time when you resolved a conflict?**

**Can you tell me about a time when you took on a leadership role?**  
(formal or informal)

**What are your career aspirations?**

**What do you hope to achieve in life?**

**What do you think it takes to be successful?**

**Can you tell me about a news story you've been following recently?**

**\*Can you tell me about the recruitment process so far?**  
(athletes)

**\*Can you tell me about the audition/portfolio you are preparing?**  
(artists/performers)

## Job or Internship Questions:

Can you tell me about a time when you resolved a conflict?

Can you tell me about a time when you took on a leadership role?

Where do you see yourself in five years?

What are your career aspirations?

What role do you take when working on a team?

What do you hope to achieve in life?

What do you think will be the most challenging part of this job?

What do you think it takes to be successful?

## How to approach difficult questions:

**If a question is too broad, you can frame the scope of your response, so there's an obvious stopping point.** *(Ex: Tell me about yourself.)*

"Here are three things I want you to know..."

**If a question is too narrow and could be answered with one word, pretend you were also asked "Why" or "Why not" or give an example.** *(Ex: Are you enjoying your senior year?)*

"Yes! I'm most excited about..."

**If a question feels too personal, answer without answering, or politely decline.** *(Ex: Where else are you applying?)*

"I'm considering schools in [region] that all have strong programs in [your intended major] and offer [club, team, or organization you hope to join]."