

## 10<sup>th</sup> grade AVID college project

Timeframe: 1 term

### Objectives:

Students will learn about the factors to choosing a college.  
Students will learn about different colleges from across the U.S.  
Students will be able to write a professional letter of request.  
Students will be able to identify the main characteristics of a college.  
Students will be able to create a PowerPoint to summarize their findings.  
Students will be able to practice their oral presentation skills.

### Steps:

1. Have students brainstorm a list of universities from across the U.S.
2. Take students to computer lab to look up colleges they are interested in investigating
3. Make a class list of the college each student will research. No duplicates! The college must be outside of the San Diego area.
4. Take students to computer lab to type letter of request (see template below). Mail letters in school envelopes. The information should be sent to AVID teacher at school.
5. After all students have received their informational brochures and have time to read through information, take students to computer lab to create PowerPoint presentation (see guidelines of what should be in PP).
6. The oral presentation will be their final exam for Term 1.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES TO DO THAT RELATE TO CHOOSING A COLLEGE:

1. Factors to choosing a college PowerPoint (students take Cornell Notes)
2. Articles: students can do a jigsaw with this activity (small groups each get one)
  - a. "It's About You Choosing Them"
  - b. "Should You Use College Rankings?"
  - c. "Small Schools"
  - d. "Religiously Focused Schools"
  - e. "Urban Schools"
  - f. "Rural Schools"
3. website [www.actstudent.org/college/factors.html](http://www.actstudent.org/college/factors.html)
  - a. have students print out the worksheet from this website and rank their top five factors listed
4. website [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)
  - a. tab "college"
  - b. tab "schools and majors"
  - c. tab "counselor-o-matic"
  - d. after students complete the questionnaire it will give them a list of which colleges are the best "fit" for them; they can print out the list to turn in and perhaps do a summary of why each college is a good fit for them)
5. website <http://studentcenter.ja.org>
  - a. find a college