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Is this your first time visiting a college campus? You probably have lots of questions, and I hope I can answer many of them on your tour today.

A college campus is a pretty amazing place. You can pursue your interests and hobbies, meet new friends, go to concerts and movies - even grab a Starbucks Frappuccino anytime day or night.

But most important, you get to make your dreams come true.

Follow me to find out how...

(And be sure to count how many squirrels you see on campus today. They’re everywhere!)
You might be surprised to know that getting into college is not all about your grades and test scores. Those things will be important, but colleges also look for other things.

And even though you might not realize it, you can begin preparing to get into college now—and be a leader in and out of the classroom.

One of the fun things you’ll get to do in college is choose the classes you really want to take. Do you want to be a doctor? Lawyer? Video game designer? Maybe an artist or a filmmaker? There are a lot of possibilities and a college can help you prepare for any of these.
To prepare, you should try to get A's in all your classes throughout middle school and high school.

Ask a teacher, mentor, or parent for help if you need it.

Focus on the subjects you like and take more classes in them.

What does it mean to be a leader?

You can do it!

It means listening to others and carefully considering their ideas.

It means looking for ways to make things better for your school or your community.

Colleges look for those students who are not content to simply follow others, but who are willing to step up and make things happen.
What Is It Like Living on a College Campus?

Life on a college campus will be very different from your life at home. For one, you will have more freedom. Your schedule will be mostly up to you but you will also have more responsibilities. It will be up to you to make sure you go to your classes, complete your class assignments and buy your textbooks. You will eventually decide on a major, the favorite subject you want to study the most.

But college is also a lot of fun. You will most likely live on campus in a residence hall, like McCarthy. Or you may live in an apartment. While it is possible to live with your friends, you will probably be living with many other students from across the U.S. and around the world. You will be meeting people who may become your friends for life.

Do You Get to Travel While You’re in College?

Yes! At any given time, at least 6,000 USC students are travelling overseas - to study, to work, or to do both. USC encourages students to travel and learn more about the world.
What are your hobbies and interests?
So much is happening on a college campus at any given time - from movies to concerts to football games!
What Activities and Special Events Can You Join?

Did you know:

USC students participate in an event called Primal SCream each semester. Every night during Finals Week, students are encouraged to get away from their books for 15 minutes and scream away their frustrations. Even studying for exams can be fun and light-hearted on a college campus.

Conquest!

Each fall, Trojans show their school spirit in a bonfire and rally before the annual showdown with USC’s crosstown rivals. The day’s events include concerts, a carnival, food trucks and fireworks. It’s a great time to be a Trojan!

Springfest

This full-day music festival is held every April in McCarthy Quad. Students can eat at various food trucks and buy cool stuff from vendors. But the best part? All the concerts are free! Previous performers have included 2Chainz, Katy Perry, and Macklemore.
If you’re visiting campus on your own or with your family, this self-guided tour will help you find important USC landmarks and introduce you to some of our history and traditions. We hope you enjoy your visit, and we look forward to seeing you on campus again someday!

**Hahn Plaza & The Trojan Shrine (“Tommy Trojan”)**

Located near the center of campus and surrounded by some of USC’s historic buildings, Hahn Plaza buzzes with activity throughout the school year. Special events such as outdoor concerts, pep rallies and other campus celebrations are frequently held here. This is also where you will find the Trojan Shrine, better known as Tommy Trojan. Made in 1930 to celebrate USC’s 50th anniversary, he embodies the five traits of an ideal Trojan. Look at the base of the statue to find out what those five traits are.

**Did You Know:** Tommy is also performing a feat that’s physically impossible for humans: flexing every single muscle in his body at once.

**Tutor Campus Center**

Opened in 2010, Tutor Campus Center is where past, present and future Trojans meet. It houses the Admission Center, the Alumni Association, Campus Activities offices and quiet areas for students to work or study. You can also grab a bite to eat at one of the many restaurants. Students, staff and visitors can enjoy the sunny Southern California weather in the Center’s outdoor International Plaza.

**USC Bookstore**

Not only does the USC Bookstore provide all the textbooks students need for their classes, it sells everything from greeting cards, to USC gear, to computer equipment, to makeup, gifts and shoes.

**Heritage Hall**

USC has a proud tradition of supporting its student-athletes. Home to the Athletic department, Heritage Hall also serves as a kind of “walk-in trophy case,” displaying the many trophies USC teams have won over the years. It’s one of the only places in the world where you’re invited to touch a Heisman Trophy.
**Bing Theatre**
The Anna Bing Theatre serves as the primary performance space for the hundreds of plays, musicals and dance performances USC’s performing arts schools sponsor each year. The USC School of Dramatic Arts produces about 20 shows per year in this theatre, showcasing the talents of its students. But productions aren’t limited to just Dramatic Arts majors. Students across all majors are invited to participate in other shows throughout the year.

**Cinematic Arts Complex**
Home to the top-ranked USC School of Cinematic Arts, the Cinema complex is one of the few places where a filmmaker can make an entire film from start to finish – without ever needing to leave campus. Students have access to everything from sound stages to costume shops to post-production facilities.

Over the years, USC Cinema alumni have received 271 Oscar nominations and won 78.

**Thornton School of Music**
The Thornton School of Music is consistently ranked in the top one percent of music schools and conservatories in the U.S. Students can pursue majors in a wide variety of music styles from classical to jazz to popular music. There’s even a program in composing music for film and television. Even if you aren’t a music major, there are many opportunities for you to learn and play music, including a course in Hip-Hop Music and Culture, where you can study artists from Tupac Shakur to Kendrick Lamar.

**Widney Alumni House**
Just east of Doheny Library you will find the Widney Alumni House, USC’s first building, constructed in 1880. When USC opened its doors to its first incoming class, there were 53 students and 10 teachers. At the time, Los Angeles was still a rough-and-tumble frontier town, lacking paved streets, electric lights, telephones or a reliable fire alarm system. The building cost a whopping $5,060 to build.

**Did You Know:**
The Widney Alumni House has been moved four times during its history. Today, as its name suggests, it serves as one of the offices for the USC Alumni Association. It has been listed as a state historic monument since 1955.