

COLLEGE CORNER

Finding The Right College

(NAPSA)—Finding a college, comparing colleges, applying to college...what's a busy family to do? Many are logging on to the Web where, often, a fast solution is just a click away.

Increasingly, college and university Web sites are often proving to be a gold mine of information for time-pressed families who cannot visit each and every school. Web-based descriptions of current course offerings, academic environment, social environment and photographs of the school all help to paint a portrait of the institution. Some Web sites even offer an interactive space where prospective students can interview current students and glean insights into which dorm is the coolest for freshman and where to get a good pizza on campus.

Other Web sites serve as interactive guides to help students choose from among many colleges. Collegeboard.com, a Web site affiliated with The College Board, is one of the leading sites in this area. It provides a free and unique interactive tool that allows students to quickly locate colleges with similar characteristics to schools students are already considering.

For example, a student inter-



GETTING HIGH GRADES among students who are getting ready to apply to college, collegeboard.com is a site that does everything from locating and comparing colleges to where to find the best pizza on campus.

ested in attending a four year public university with a strong engineering school can input criteria into LikeFinder on the collegeboard.com Web site, and get back from the site a list of similar schools. Students can also use this tool to narrow down choices and to find in-state schools with similar characteristics to schools that are far from home. Then, with list in hand, families can plan campus visits to a few institutions that best meet the student's personal choices.

For more information on planning, finding, applying, testing and paying for college, visit www.collegeboard.com.