# College Characteristics

Check your preference for each major characteristic in bold. If you have a preference (examples listed below the major heading), write in or circle it. Highlight the 5 most important to you.

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