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We've created a list of 10 things you should consider as you and your child prepare for Illinois.

As a top-ranked university, we help some of the nation's most talented students develop the skills necessary for success in any field they choose to pursue. Through our support and yours, your child won't have to worry about the future.

1. LEARN THE FACTS ABOUT ILLINOIS

Statistics and rankings aren't everything, but they help showcase who we are and what we value.

How many students attend our university, and how many states and countries do they represent? How many majors and courses do we offer, and what's our student-to-faculty ratio? How do we match up against other schools? Discover the answers to these questions and more.

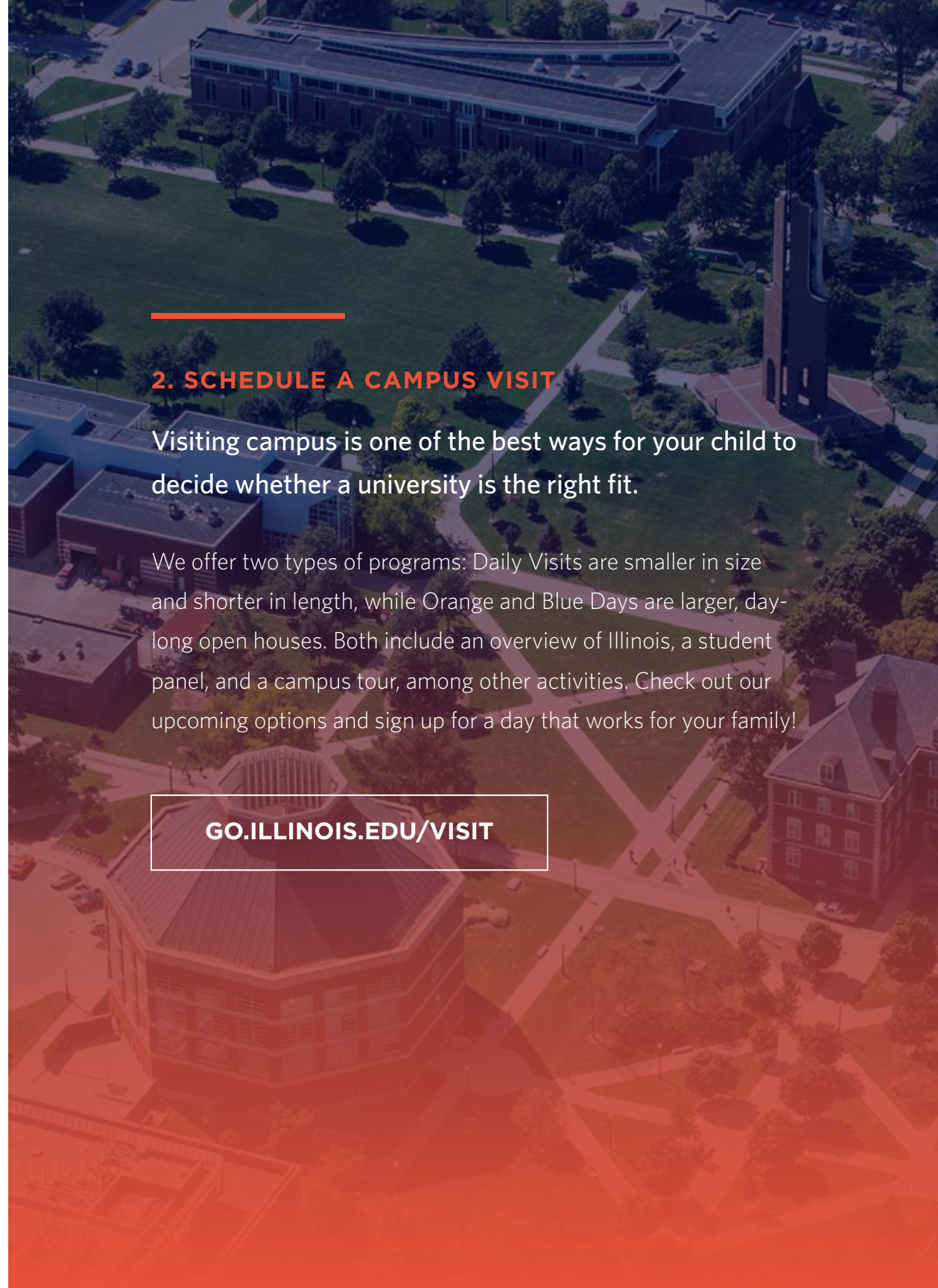
[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/FACTS](https://go.illinois.edu/facts)

2. SCHEDULE A CAMPUS VISIT

Visiting campus is one of the best ways for your child to decide whether a university is the right fit.

We offer two types of programs: Daily Visits are smaller in size and shorter in length, while Orange and Blue Days are larger, day-long open houses. Both include an overview of Illinois, a student panel, and a campus tour, among other activities. Check out our upcoming options and sign up for a day that works for your family!

[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/VISIT](https://go.illinois.edu/visit)



3. REVIEW THE ESTIMATED COST TO ATTEND ILLINOIS

Learn how much your child may pay, including potential aid.

Visit us online to calculate your child's estimated cost of attendance. The exact amount will depend on their major, housing, meal plan, and overall lifestyle. You can also estimate the amount of financial aid your child may receive.

[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/COST](https://go.illinois.edu/cost)

4. UNDERSTAND ILLINOIS AS AN INVESTMENT

Illinois doesn't just provide the complete college experience—it prepares your child for what comes next.

In addition to possessing a strong alumni network, Illinois plays host to big-name recruiters from Fortune 100 companies. Discover the success our students achieve after graduation, including where they're employed, the average salaries they're making, and what graduate schools they're attending.

[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/SUCCESS](https://go.illinois.edu/success)



5. GET FAMILIAR WITH OUR ACADEMICS

Your child will take part in transformative learning experiences inside and outside of the classroom.

Illinois fosters intellectual curiosity and change while developing skills that can be used over a lifetime. With over 150 majors and 7,000 courses to choose from, students can pursue almost anything here. What's more, they have extraordinary professors to help guide them along the way.

[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/ACADEMICS](https://go.illinois.edu/academics)

6. DISCOVER LIFE AT ILLINOIS

We know how important it is for your child to feel at home on campus.

Incoming freshmen have plenty of options to choose from when it comes to housing, and the ways they can get involved on campus are endless. We also go to great lengths to keep our students safe. For extra peace of mind, you can sign up for our alerts to stay updated on any urgent situations that may arise in the area.

[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/CAMPUSLIFE](https://go.illinois.edu/campuslife)

7. PREPARE FOR APPLYING

Your child's journey to Illinois starts long before it's time to apply.

Help your child get a head start on the process by reviewing our requirements, including high school coursework and grades, extracurricular activities, and testing. We'll also provide you with action plans for your child's junior and senior years, as well as early credit options.

[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/PREPARE](https://go.illinois.edu/prepare)

8. KNOW WHAT WE LOOK FOR IN AN APPLICANT

We want to get to know your child and learn why they belong at Illinois.

Our review is a holistic one, which means we consider many factors when making an admissions decision. We'll look at your child's achievements in and outside of the classroom, ACT or SAT I score, application essay, and more.

[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/REVIEW](https://go.illinois.edu/review)

9. FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay in the know on everything Illinois by connecting with us online.

Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and more. Whether you are looking for admissions reminders and updates or want to see what life is like on campus, we're here to share it with you.

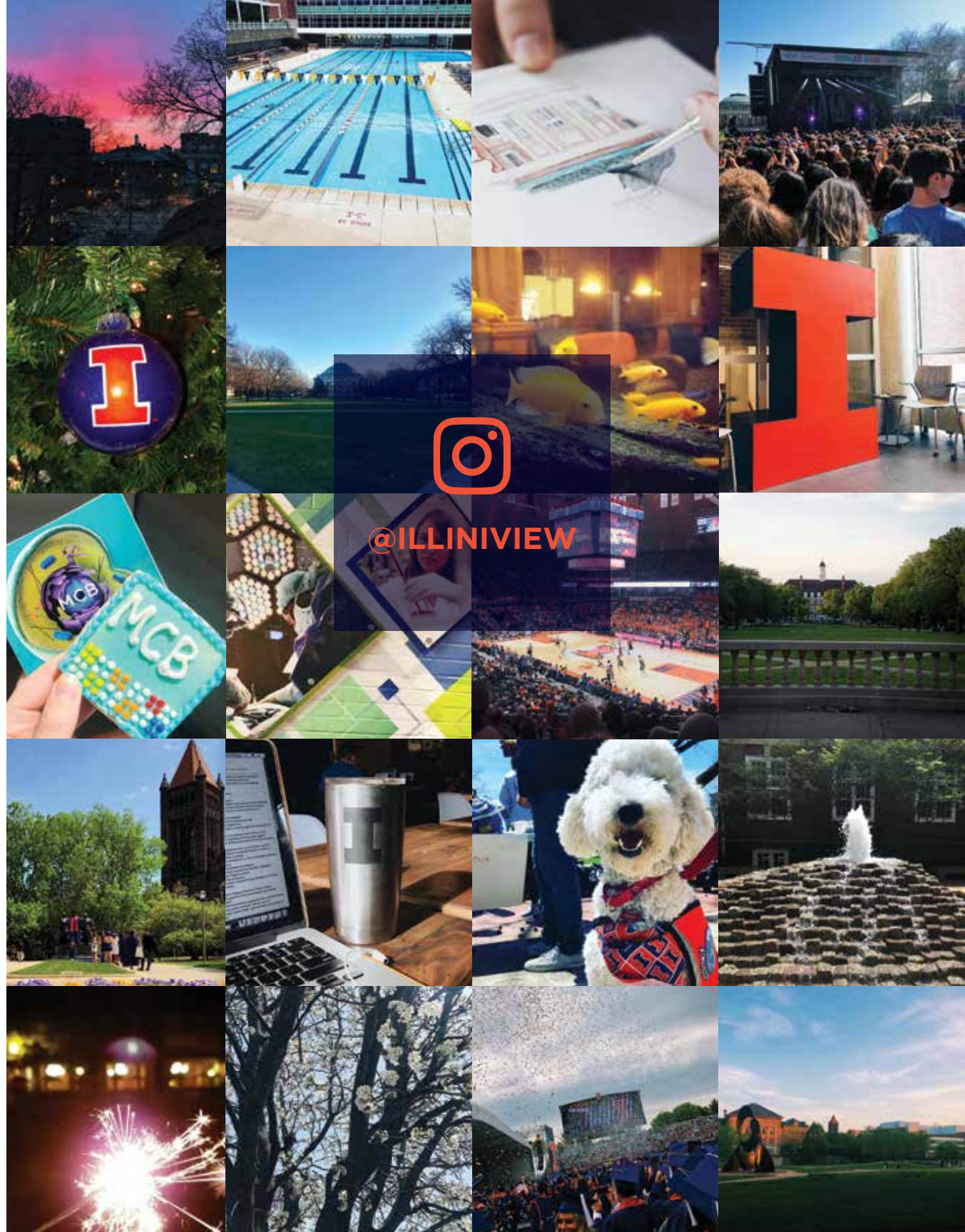
[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/CONNECT](https://go.illinois.edu/connect)

10. READ OUR BLOG

We're here to guide you and your child through the entire college search process.

Our blog answers common questions related to college search. It also includes content just for parents, like how to talk to your child about college and how you can help along the way.

[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/COLLEGEPREP](https://go.illinois.edu/collegerep)



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(U.S. News & World Report)

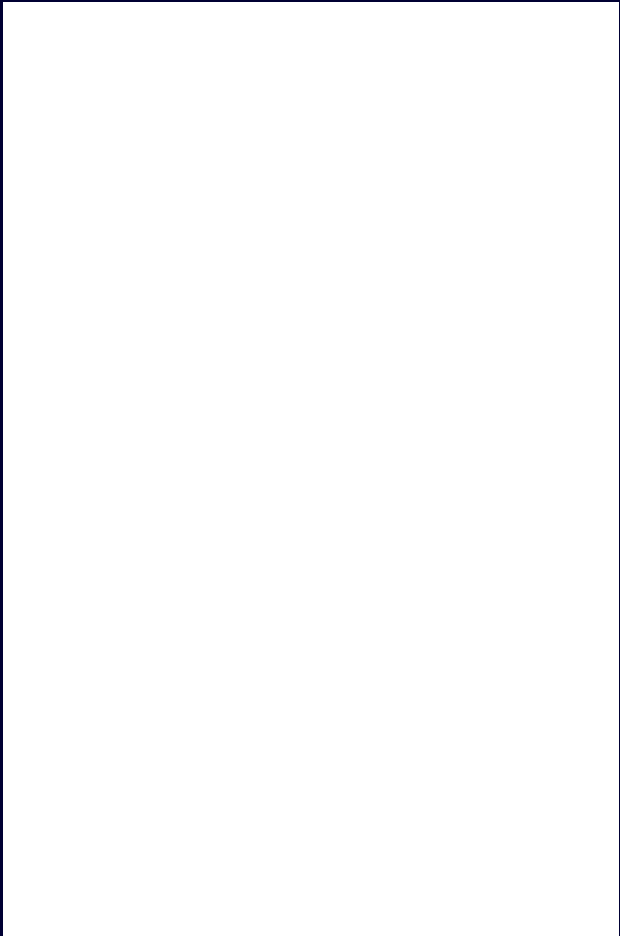
**#1 return on investment
in the Big Ten**

(PayScale)

**#20 best value in
U.S. higher education**

(Money)

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