



College visits are one of the most valuable opportunities we have at IA. Mrs. McKenzie, our College & Career counselor, shared “For the Georgia Tech visit, I had over 106 students come.” They give students a chance to learn about schools they might have never considered and to hear directly from representatives who know the admissions process inside and out. She added, “College visits at our campus are an excellent way to connect to colleges.” Whether or not it’s a school on your list, these visits can open your eyes to schools you may have never considered.



Another big reason to attend is the connections you can build. Mrs. McKenzie explained, “The person that comes is the person who will read your college app.” This means the representative you meet during a visit could be the same person deciding on your admission later. Asking questions, showing interest, and introducing yourself can leave a strong impression that may help your application stand out. She also said, “Even if you’re not interested in that particular college, you will

still learn useful information.” Every session teaches something new about applications, scholarships, or programs that could benefit you in the future.

Additionally, college visits aren’t just for upperclassmen. “Visits are open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors,” said Mrs. McKenzie. Starting early allows you to explore your options without pressure. Sophomores can begin learning what colleges look for, while juniors and seniors can focus on narrowing down their choices. She recommends, “Every student should make it a goal to attend two to three visits per year.” With over 30 colleges visiting this semester alone, there are plenty of chances to reach that goal.

Make sure to stay updated! Following @IA.college.career on Instagram or looking at canvas announcements ensures you won’t miss any opportunities for sign-ups and dates. Plus, she encourages students to request schools they’d like to see at our school. “If there

is a school you want, let me know so I can reach out,” she said. Come visit Mrs. McKenzie in Flight School!

