Ask open-ended questions to uncover what is important/how things are significant

- **Classes**
  - What is a topic/class where you’ve excelled?
  - What is a class you wish had existed at your high school?
  - What’s an area where you hope to grow? What have you found challenging to learn?
  - If you could take a class on absolutely any topic, what would that be?

- **College Knowledge**
  - Have you ever heard about…?
  - Would you like me to explain this?
  - What is your familiarity or knowledge with…?
  - Tell me about something you learned in high school, and how this might help you in your first semester?
  - What is one of your super strengths or skills? How might this show up while you’re in college?

- **Interests**
  - What do you care about?
  - What do you love learning about most?
  - What would you like to know more about?
  - What is a skill you want to learn while in college?
  - What is a question you keep coming back to?
  - What activities have you been interested in but have not had access to?
  - What majors and careers have you been exposed to through your family members and friends?

- **Motivations / Aspirations**
  - What drew you to this university?
  - What excites you about college?
  - What is something you want to experience and accomplish as a college student?
  - Is there anything that would make your college experience more interesting/fulfilling/supportive?
  - Imagine a few years from now, you have a degree, how might that change your life and/or those around you?

- **Successful First Semester**
  - What is one goal you have for your first semester?
  - Describe what a rewarding/supportive/ideal school environment would look like to you…
  - What does a successful and satisfying first semester look like to you?
  - What are your strengths? As a student? As a person? How might these help you as you start college?

- **Support / Build Your Collective**
  - Who is rooting for you? Who is cheering you on?
  - What’s a community or group you’ve been a part of?
  - What is a community or group that was important to you in high school?
  - Which professors, community, and/or family members have shown you they care? Are you still in touch?
  - What kind of environment/experience would help this university feel like a home?

- **Values**
  - What would you say is most important to you?
  - If you could solve one problem, what would it be?
  - Tell me about an accomplishment you are proud of.
  - What is a community or issue where you would want to make an impact?
  - If you won 1 million dollars and had to donate half of it, where would you donate this money?

**REFERENCES**
