**Activity 1: Introduction to College Scorecard**

**Handout 1**

Scenario: You are interested in studying engineering. You would like to attend a college in-state that has an annual cost less than $15,000 a year. Use the College Scorecard (collegescorecard.ed.gov) to find schools that align to these criteria. Once you have located a few options for schools, choose one and find the following information on the school’s scorecard.

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| Name of Institution |  |
| Where is the school located? |  |
| What is the size of the university? |  |
| What is the graduation rate? Is this higher or lower than other 4-year schools? Than all schools?  (Hint: Use the midpoint to help you) |  |
| What is the average annual cost? Is this higher or lower than other 4-year schools? Than all schools? |  |
| What is the median earnings? Is this higher or lower than other 4-year schools? Than all schools? |  |
| What is the median earnings for students majoring in engineering? |  |
| What is the median total debt after graduation? What is the median total debt after graduation for students majoring in engineering? |  |
| How many students graduated with a degree in engineering? |  |

Which three pieces of information above are most important to you?

How can this information help you make an informed decision about college?