



Interview Questions

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Bucket A: Background information

1. Introduce yourself with your name (including maiden name), class year, and what was your major or area of study at Saint Bens?
2. Tell me a little bit about what your professional and/or personal life path has looked like since graduating from Saint Ben's.

Bucket B: Warm-up questions

3. Let's start by talking about your time at Saint Ben's. Tell me about the first time you visited campus. What was your first impression?
4. When you started at CSB what major(s) interested you?
5. What did you think you wanted to do when you graduated?
6. What dorm did you live in your first year?
7. What was your favorite place on campus?
8. Did you or your friends have any rituals? (ie: Did you always meet at the library on Sundays?)
9. How would you describe your 18-year-old self when you arrived on campus? How would your Bennie friends have described you?
10. Tell me about your experiences with the sisters and with the monastery during your time as a student.
11. What else was going on in the world while you were a student at Saint Ben's (ie: the women's liberation movement)?

Bucket C: The impact of Saint Ben's on your life

12. Reflecting back, how would you describe yourself as a student in the classroom when you were here?
13. How would you describe who you were when you graduated and who are you now?
14. Share with me a specific professor or class that you still see the impact from in your life.
15. Share with me an extracurricular activity (study abroad, clubs, sports, student employment, internships, etc.) that you still see the impact from in your life.
16. Who was the most influential person in your life that you met during your time at Saint Ben's?

17. Did you encounter any hardships in college you are comfortable sharing with me?
18. What obstacles have you overcome since leaving Saint Ben's?
19. Life is full of choices. How has Saint Ben's impacted some of the big choices you have made or how do you see CSB connected to the decisions you made?
20. Which of the Benedictine Values resonate most with you? Why? (If necessary, share the Benedictine Values cheat sheet.)
21. How do you see your liberal arts education playing out in your life now or how has your liberal arts education impacted how you engage with your community, workplace, friends, etc?
22. Saint Ben's vision statement is to prepare women to "think critically, lead courageously and advocate passionately." Which one of these three is the most meaningful to you and share how you live it in your daily life?
23. Saint Ben's is a college for women. How has CSB helped you find your place and your voice in the world?
 - a. Additional questions
 - i. How has CSB helped develop your strengths, leadership style, etc?
 - ii. Tell me what it is like to be a woman in your workplace, your industry, your community, etc.
24. Tell me about a time you gave back to your community through volunteering.
25. How is/how has Saint Ben's experience impacted your personal life?
26. What would you tell an incoming first-year student? What would you say to a student that is about to graduate?

Bucket D: Additional questions

27. What do you value most about Saint Ben's and why do you value that the most?
28. When you talk to your friends about Saint Ben's, what do you say?
29. What has surprised you about your relationship with CSB?
30. What role do you think Saint Ben's should play in your life?

Bucket E: Conclusion

31. Saint Ben's motto is, so let your light shine, how do you shine in your life today?
32. How do you see other Bennies changing lives and shining their light?
33. How would you like to be remembered or do you have a personal vision statement?

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