

A Tour of Mount Olive College

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I don't want to be one of those people that are always talking about their job, but hey, that's all I really know now (I'm a pretty boring guy).

I've given quite a few campus tours now, so I've developed a nice little routine. So for an exclusive, condensed text version of the Yeeka Yau Mount Olive College tour, read on.

I'm usually sitting at my desk when one of my colleagues pokes their head in, asking me if I would mind giving a tour.

Absolutely not.

So I head out into the reception area, shake hands and introduce myself, making sure to emphasize the Y in Yeeka so we don't have that awkward name learning conversation.

"Deeka?"

"No, Yeeka."

"Neeka?"

"YYeeka, YYeeka." You get the picture.

After that, the visitors usually pick up one of our viewbooks and applications from our display, thus prompting one of my recycled jokes. See, there is a picture of me in the application, so I always comment on how I am actually in the application and that they should feel free to frame it and hang it up at home. The joke works for all ages and I've had good responses from all so far.

We then head out towards Henderson Building and I tell them a little bit about myself and begin learning about the student, asking them where they're from, what their interested in majoring in - stuff like that. If they're not too responsive, I pretend like I'm on a late night talk show and I'm Conan O'Brien. Gotta carry the show and make it work.

The next stop at Moye Library usually gives me a chance to recycle more jokes. I always begin with, "This is the Moye Library, it has....(pause)..books." The effectiveness of this joke always hinges on the delivery, so the timing and tone has to be just right.

I give a lot of facts too: our school being only one of 3 in the state to offer Agri-Science Education and Agribusiness. And think of what agriculture covers, the food supply, clothing (and you know how much people love clothes), etc. I mention our technology and small classes in Raper Hall, our equipment being at the fore-front of colleges, even the more expensive schools.

Our residence halls are also top-notch. Wireless internet, cable TV, individual AC units. In all honesty, very good facilities comparatively speaking. Become an RA or RD, and the perks get even better.

Then comes the new student housing. My favorite part of campus at the moment. Probably because it is brand new and I boast about how I was on the Residence Life committee and how I was asked if students should be able to open the windows in their rooms, and I replied yes. So whenever they open their windows in there they should think of me.

And that's about it, for now. There is plenty more, but if I tell you everything, there is no need to come visit is there?

Peace.