COLLEGE 101:

Preparing for College While in High School!

Agenda

- College Options & Degrees
- Next Steps
- ▷ Xello
- Questions!

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College Options & Degrees

4 Year University

- ▶ What's Offered?
 - Bachelor's Degrees
 - Comprehensive Experience
- Public vs Private
- CSU & UC System (UCLA, SDSU, UCSD, etc.)

Bachelor's Degree

- 4 Year Degree includes general education credits
 - ► Arts (B.A.)
 - Sciences (B.S.)
- Specific subject area
 - Ex: B.A. in Psychology, B.S Engineering,B.S Exercise Science, etc.
- Whatever your major is in college, is what you would get your degree in!

Public vs Private

Public

- State School Systems
 - ► In/Out of state tuition
- Funded by Taxes
- "Bigger" schools
- Examples: UCLA,Rutgers, Ohio State,Washington State,Berkeley, SUNYBinghamton

Private

- Funded by PrivateDonors not taxes.
 - No difference in tuition
- Most expensive option
- Examples: Harvard,
 Stanford, University of
 Miami, Yale, NYU,
 Columbia, University
 of Chicago

Who Should Attend 4 year University?

- Great option for students who know exactly what career they want to pursue
 & what degree they need to do so.
- Great option for students wanting to live on campus and fully **immerse** themselves in the **university experience**.

2 Year Colleges

- What's Offered?
 - 2 Years Associate's Degree
 - Certificate/Licensure
 - General Education Credits to Transfer to a 4-Year
- Most affordable option (hands down!)

Associate's Degree

- 2 Year Degree includes general education credits
 - ► Arts (A.A.)
 - Science (A.S.)
- Shows you the credits you earn give you a preliminary degree in the subject but are also eligible to transfer to a 4-year College
- Area of focus is what you would get degree in

Programs

- Cybersecurity
- Nursing
- Welding
- Electrician
- Auto Mechanic
- Cosmetology
- ▶ & SO MANY MORE!

Who Should Attend 2 year Colleges?

- Great option for students with undecided career goals.
- Great **affordable** option to begin college and complete general education (transfer).
- Best option for students wanting to pursue certificate/licensure programs and enter the workforce sooner.

Trade/ Vocation Programs

- What's Offered?
 - Programs that teach specific skills for a specific job.
- Provide a **direct pathway** to enter a career with a good paying job
- Graduate with certificates/licenses

Certificates & Licenses

- Job Training
- Usually used in Trade or Vocational programs
- Not responsible for taking general education credits
- Teaches you skills to succeed in a specific job

Programs

- Computer Technician
- Medical Assistant
- Dental Hygienist
- Paralegal
- Plumber
- Construction Management
- ▶ & SO MANY MORE!

Who Should Attend a Trade Program?

- Great option for students who are not interested in a formal education past high school.
- Great option for students who are interested in one of the mentioned careers.
- Great option for students who want to enter the workforce sooner.

Next Steps

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- 1. Maintain highest GPA possible
- **2.** Beginning exploring Xello to help guide your future! *Login through Clever Dashboard*
- **3.** Get involved in extracurriculars! These can often help students determine what they want to study in the future!
- **4.** Apply for Scholarships!

Xello

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- **1.** Xello is replacing Naviance as our college readiness platform
- **2.** It is important for students to get experience on the platform to become familiar so when they are in 12th grade, they are comfortable using it!
- **3.** Students can request transcripts and even learn about scholarships through Xello

Xello

- **1.** Exploration tools for:
 - **a. Careers** (Information includes education needed, daily tasks, salary, job outlook and more!)
 - **b. Majors** (information includes what careers a major can lead you to, what you study)
 - **c. Colleges** (information includes demographics, cost, student life, programs available and so much more!)
- **2.** You can create a college list and start saving schools you are interested in.

Next Meeting

Financial Aid 101: Feb. 24th at 6pm

Bonus Resources

- > Youvisit.com
 - Virtual college campus tours
- College Board
 - ► Contains a matching tool where you can input preferences and colleges that match that show up (something similar exists on Xello)

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Any Questions??