

Session I: Goal Setting: Taking Stock

Activity #3: Who Are You?

Opening Discussion:

Now is a time to reflect on individual goals and accomplishments. Give a brief introduction of the "College Counseling Resume" and let students know that this information can help them find a college that is a good match. Students should also be encouraged to share this information with their high school counselor and family as they work together to research colleges.

Activity/Handout:

Personal Résumé

Instructions:

- 1. Ask students to complete the "College Counseling Resume" and encourage them to ask questions.
- 2. Make sure to collect the questionnaires.
- 3. Try to allow time for individual Q&A with the students during this activity.
- 4. Use this interaction to help you determine the needs of this group and to plan future sessions.

College Counseling Résumé

Section I—Family:

	Parent 1	Parent 2	Guardian	Siblings
Name(s)				
Educational Background (high school, post-high school, etc.)				
Occupation				

Section II—Academics/School:

1. Check the following:

	English	History	Language	Math	Science	Computer	Art	Other
Which subjects do you like the best?								
In which subjects have you done the best?								
Which subjects are more difficult for you?								

- 2. Your academic record: How would you describe your academic record? Are your grades above, below or consistent with your ability? Why?
- 3. Your finest academic moment: Describe that achievement or experience.

Section III—School Activities:

Activity

Grade Level

	9	10	11	12	Beyond
Athletics (sport and level [JV, varsity, etc.] and any awards)					

Extracurricular Activities (clubs, organizations)								

Employment and Summer Activities							

Church/Community Service

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Section IV—College/Career Interests:

1. List the college majors that interest you.

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2. Identify the profession(s) in which you see yourself working.

Section V: FACTORS AFFECTING YOUR COLLEGE CHOICES:

- 1. Besides getting an education and preparing for a career, why you are going to college?
- 2. What type of college environment will challenge you to grow the most academically and personally?
- 3. What are your top four-six criteria in selecting a college?
- 4. In college, what extracurricular activities do you want to continue or begin?
- 5. What professions interest you the most?
- 6. List college majors that interest you.
- 7. What pressures, if any, are you feeling from yourself or others about going to college?
- 8. What are your major concerns about attending college?
- 9. College Type: Single Sex____ Coed____ Either____

- 10. College Locations—Check regions and circle states of particular interest:
 - □ Midwest (IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI)
 - D Southeast (AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV)
 - D Mid-Atlantic (DE, D.C., MD, PA, NJ, NY)
 - □ New England (CT, ME, MA, NH, VT, RI)
 - U West (AK, AZ, CA, CO, ID, HI, KS, MT, NE, NV, NM, OK, OR, ND, SD, TX, UT, WA, WY)
 - □ Canada, England, Scotland

If you are interested in specific cities, list them here and explain why:

11. Community (check all that apply):

- small town
- □ large town
- near a city
- $\hfill\square$ near the mountains
- $\hfill\square$ near the coast
- □ undecided
- 12. College size (check all that apply):
 - □ under 500–1,000
 - □ 1,000-2,000
 - □ 2,000-5,000
 - □ 5,000-10,000
 - □ more than 10,0000
 - □ no preference

Section VI—Final Thoughts:

Is there anything else you'd like to share about yourself?