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SESSION 2: THERE IS A COLLEGE FOR EVERYONE!

ACTIVITY # 4: USING THE INTERNET TO RESEARCH COLLEGES

Opening Discussion:

As early and as often as possible, students should make use of internet tools in researching:

- specific colleges
- the college admission process
- financial aid and scholarships

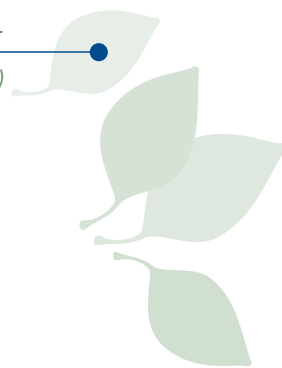
Activity/Handout:

Internet Sites Focused on College Exploration

You will want access to computers, if possible. Alternatively, you may want to photocopy examples of web pages, which students may access for free.

Instructions:

1. Distribute handout listing good, free websites for exploring colleges.
2. Explain the difference between free websites and those which charge fees for use.
3. If a computer with a projector is available, walk students through one of the websites. Alternatively, use photocopied web pages to talk about the kinds of information available on exploration websites.
4. Encourage students to use computers at school, the library and home to begin researching colleges and college matches.
5. If computers are available, allow students to begin exploring. Circulate to be of assistance throughout this activity.



INTERNET SITES FOCUSED ON COLLEGE EXPLORATION:

COLLEGE INFORMATION

CSO College Center: www.imfirst.org

The College Board: www.collegeboard.com

KnowHow2Go: www.knowhow2go.org

Hobson's CollegeView: www.collegeview.com

Peterson's: www.petersons.com

The Common Application Online: www.commonapp.org

Colleges That Change Lives: www.ctcl.org

Colleges Navigator: <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>

Undocumented Students: www.nacacnet.org/issues-action/LegislativeNews/Pages/Undocumented.aspx

Universal College Application: www.universalcollegeapp.com

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Federal Student Aid: <http://studentaid.ed.gov>

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):
www.fafsa.gov

FAFSA4caster: www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

Colleges Score Card: <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>

CSS/PROFILE: <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com>

The Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid: www.finaid.org

FastWeb: www.fastweb.com

FindTuition: www.findtuition.com

Sallie Mae: www.salliemae.com

TESTING

ACT: www.act.org

ACT Fee Waiver Instructions: www.actstudent.org/faq/feewaiver.html

SAT: The College Board: www.collegeboard.org

SAT Fee Waiver Instructions: www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenfees/feewaivers.html

Preliminary SAT (PSAT): www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html

Free Test Prep from Number2.com: www.number2.com

The Princeton Review: www.princetonreview.com

Kaplan's Test Prep: www.kaptest.com

ASSOCIATIONS/ORGANIZATIONS AND RESEARCH/POLICY

National Association for College Admission Counseling: www.nacacnet.org

MemberPortal/United Negro College Fund (UNCF): www.uncf.org

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities: www.hacu.net/hacu/Default_EN.asp

National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education: www.nafeo.org

First In The Family: www.firstinthefamily.org

ATHLETICS

The Official NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse: <http://eligibilitycenter.org>

Athletic Aid: www.athleticaid.com

National Association of Interscholastic Athletics: <https://naia.org>

CAREERS

The Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/ooh