COLLEGE 101: Preparing for College While in High School!
Agenda

▸ College Options & Degrees
▸ Next Steps
▸ Xello
▸ Questions!
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, SUNY Binghamton

Private
- Funded by Private Donors - 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.
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
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
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)
Any Questions??