

When thinking about your future, it's important to start with purpose first! We hope you've used the summer as an opportunity to reflect on your hopes and goals, the things you love to learn and do, and the pathways forward you can imagine in your life and education and work that will be the most meaningful to you. That sense of purpose will be like a compass for you as you look for a strong match college or postsecondary program. ***Below are all of the resources shared in the series along with the recordings!***

<p>LIST MAKING & APPLICATION PROCESS</p>	<p>"Creating your list without going broke" Match for Postsecondary Pathway</p>
<p>Questions to keep in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> What CAREER PATHWAY are you excited about exploring? <input type="checkbox"/> Which PROGRAMS are you more likely to earn a degree from? For example- what is the school's graduation rate? <input type="checkbox"/> What are the most SELECTIVE SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS you are eligible to apply to? 	<p>Resources to check out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Building a Strong Match Postsecondary List Student Workbook <input type="checkbox"/> Applying to CUNY, SUNY & Private Colleges & Universities on the CommonApp <input type="checkbox"/> This list of free and low-cost career training programs and Co-op Tech which offer great alternatives to for-profit training programs <input type="checkbox"/> The multiple points of entry into military service and the ASVAB exam <input type="checkbox"/> Public Service programs like Americorps & City Year <input type="checkbox"/> Resume Writing Module & how to ask a trusted adult to be a job reference
<p>BEST FIT COLLEGES & PROGRAMS</p>	<p>"Exploring campuses & Programs that support me" Match for Belonging & Support</p>
<p>Questions to keep in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Where will you feel SAFE and SUPPORTED? <input type="checkbox"/> Will there be students who LOOK LIKE you? <input type="checkbox"/> Which programs are committed to helping you COMPLETE your degree or credential? 	<p>Resources to check out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> College Greenlight and First in the Family for First Generation College goers <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity Programs at SUNY and NYS Private Schools <input type="checkbox"/> Transition and College Access Centers for Students with Disabilities NYCTCACs@schools.nyc.gov <input type="checkbox"/> Resource landing page for Multilingual Learners <input type="checkbox"/> City University of NY (CUNY) support programs like ASAP, SEEK, College Discovery, or transition programs like CLIP and START <input type="checkbox"/> Bottom Line
<p>FUTURE READY FAMILIES</p>	<p>"Discussing cost as a family" Match for Affordability</p>
<p>Questions to keep in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Which programs are AFFORDABLE for your family? <input type="checkbox"/> What career pathways and programs will help me to become FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT? 	<p>Resources to check out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Guide for avoiding loan distress, Smart Track financial planning tool, Get Banked NYC, loan repayment calculator <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding FAFSA Guide, available in 8 languages <input type="checkbox"/> Dream Act for Undocumented Students
<p>ESSAY WRITERS WORKSHOP</p>	<p>"Crafting your story: Tell people who you are?" Submitting Strong Applications</p>
<p>Questions to keep in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> How do you want to represent yourself to others? <input type="checkbox"/> What personality traits and skills do you possess that make you uniquely you? 	<p>Resources to check out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The College Essay Guy resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Access to the Choose Your Own Adventure essay tool <input type="checkbox"/> Student (individual) sign-up for September workshops beginning 9/12 <input type="checkbox"/> CCPT Lesson: Writing a Personal Statement for Your College Application <input type="checkbox"/> Additional resources: PROMPT, Quill, Story2, Essay Busters