Future Ready RESOURCES

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!***

LIST MAKING & APPLICATION PROCESS

"Creating your list without going broke" **Match for Postsecondary Pathway**

Questions to keep in mind:

- ❑ *What CAREER PATHWAY are you excited about exploring?*
- ❑ *Which PROGRAMS are you more likely to earn a degree from? For example- what is the school's graduation rate?*
- ❑ *What are the most SELECTIVE SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS you are eligible to apply to?*

Resources to check out:

- ❑ Building a Strong Match Postsecondary List Student Workbook
- ❑ Applying to CUNY, SUNY & Private Colleges & Universities on the CommonApp
- ❑ This list of free and low-cost career training programs and Co-op Tech which offer great alternatives to for-profit training programs
- ❑ The multiple points of entry into military service and the ASVAB exam
- ❑ Public Service programs like Americorps & City Year
- ❑ Resume Writing Module & how to ask a trusted adult to be a job reference

BEST FIT COLLEGES & PROGRAMS

"Exploring campuses & Programs that support me" **Match for Belonging & Support**

Questions to keep in mind:

- ❑ *Where will you feel SAFE and SUPPORTED?*
- ❑ *Will there be students who LOOK LIKE you?*
- ❑ *Which programs are committed to helping you COMPLETE your degree or credential?*

Resources to check out:

- ❑ College Greenlight and First in the Family for First Generation College goers
- ❑ Opportunity Programs at SUNY and NYS Private Schools
- ❑ Transition and College Access Centers for Students with Disabilities NYCTCACs@schools.nyc.gov
- ❑ Resource landing page for Multilingual Learners
- ❑ City University of NY (CUNY) support programs like ASAP, SEEK, College Discovery, or transition programs like CLIP and START
- ❑ Bottom Line

FUTURE READY FAMILIES

"Discussing cost as a family" **Match for Affordability**

Questions to keep in mind:

- ❑ *Which programs are AFFORDABLE for your family?*
- ❑ *What career pathways and programs will help me to become FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT?*

Resources to check out:

- ❑ Guide for avoiding loan distress, Smart Track financial planning tool, Get Banked NYC, loan repayment calculator
- ❑ Understanding FAFSA Guide, available in 8 languages
- ❑ Dream Act for Undocumented Students

ESSAY WRITERS WORKSHOP

"Crafting your story: Tell people who you are?" **Submitting Strong Applications**

Questions to keep in mind:

- ❑ *How do you want to represent yourself to others?*
- ❑ *What personality traits and skills do you possess that make you uniquely you?*

Resources to check out:

- ❑ **The College Essay Guy resources**
  - ❑ Access to the Choose Your Own Adventure essay tool
  - ❑ Student (individual) sign-up for September workshops beginning 9/12
- ❑ **CCPT Lesson**: Writing a Personal Statement for Your College Application
- ❑ **Additional resources:** PROMPT, Quill, Story2, Essay Busters