Event Packet: Post-Secondary Research

AGENDA	
ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Welcome and Ice Breaker (15 min)	The facilitator will welcome pairs and review the event agenda.
Chat and Chew: Interviewing My Mentor (20 min)	While eating, mentees will interview their mentors regarding their post-secondary experience.
Post-Secondary Research (40 min)	Pairs will work collaboratively to identify post-secondary options to add onto the mentee's list.
Updating the Post-Secondary Tool (10 min)	Pairs will reflect on the tasks they have accomplished and set goals for the tasks they want to accomplish.
Event Close Out (5 min)	The facilitator will share important announcements and information.

Chat & Chew: Interviewing My Mentor

Directions: Mentees, please interview your mentors to learn more about their post-secondary pathway!

Questions:

- 1) What pathway did you choose after high school? What led you to this choice?
- 2) Where was it located?
- 3) If the pathway was college or a certification program: How large was the program? Did the program's size affect the education/training you received?
- 4) How did you build community/find "your place" during your post-secondary experience?
- 5) Were there any supports provided by your post-secondary pathway that helped you succeed?
- 6) Did you face any struggles as you were completing your post-secondary education/training?
- 7) Is there anything you wish you had done differently?

Directions: Work together to create a list of at least 6 colleges and, if interested, 3 pro-pathway options. Getting this research done now will make your senior year applications run much smoother!

How to Research Colleges:

The website <u>Big Future</u> contains a college database that can be filtered by <u>fit factors</u> and <u>selectivity bands</u>.

Please use the website to create a list of *at least* 6 college options that contains 2 safety, 2 target and 2 reach schools.

Base your research on the mentee's fit factors and safety, target, and reach selectivity bands.

Forgot how to use Big Future? <u>Use this guide for support.</u>

How to Research Pro-Pathways:

Pro-pathways include a variety of post-secondary options such as joining the military, pursuing a vocational/certification program, completing a volunteering/service program, or joining the workforce.

Please use the <u>Pro-Pathway Guide</u> to explore pro-pathway options. The regional directories, found in the guide, will provide you with specific programs to explore.