

Crew Activity, BCS 100% College Bound Celebration

Learning Target: I can begin to imagine my future as a college student.

Time required: 30 minutes

Introduction 8 minutes

- *Reading* (suggestions below, choose 1 or 2)
 - *“Knowledge is power. I need you to know that...the sooner you recognize this, the better. And you're hearing this from me, and you know me, and how I was in school. That I fought hard against learning things I thought I didn't need to know. So believe me...take advantage of the opportunities you have, to educate yourself...or you'll be taken advantage of.” --Kaisha Caraballo, BCS Class of 2010, Kingsborough Community College Class of 2012, current student at Medgar Evers College*
 - *“College means to me a chance. A chance to break the cycle of my neighborhood. A chance to see my mother smiling because she is wondering if I am going to be a film director or doctor and not sad about whether or not I will ever find out what I want to do with my life. Most of all, college means to me to possibility to dream of an infinite future.” --Luis Hernandez, BCS Class of 2013, University of Southern California Class of 2017*
 - *“When I hear the word ‘College’, I hear ‘Future.’ I hear ‘Career’, and that means a better life, for me and those that are around me who I care about. To me, ‘College’ means taking the next step closer to the real world. College is a necessity because education is a key that opens doors to opportunities in life.” --Brielle Jones, BCS Class of 2013*
 - *“Getting my education in college is bigger than just my being successful in my own life. It also means I am breaking a chain of stereotypes, and opening a door for the generations that follow me.” Karin-Jolie Rosado, BCS Class of 2011, Muhlenberg College Class of 2015*
- *100% College Bound Celebration and Learning Target*
 - Students should understand what is happening on 12/14 and why it matters--for our seniors and their families, for our entire school community, and for them. On that day, we are celebrating the fact that every single one of our seniors has applied to college, and that college is a choice for every BCS graduate. We are celebrating their accomplishments, their courage and persistence in getting to this place in their educational career, and their aspirations for themselves, their families and their communities.
 - We hope our whole school community will celebrate with our students and families, and that our younger students, from grade 6 to grade 11, will take this occasion to imagine and aspire to their own futures as college students. BCS=College-bound.
- *Quick response*
 - All students should have post-it's or index cards to write 3-4 min response to one of the following questions (Crew leaders can choose):
 - What does College mean to you?
 - What are your hopes and dreams for the future? What is pushing you forward or

holding you back?

Main Activity 12-15min (Choose one of the three below.)

1. Human Bingo

Students each get a gamesheet (shared separately). Each box in the sheet contains a statement. Students have to find one person from their crew about whom each statement is true. That person must sign student's game sheet. Object is to fill every box on the game sheet. Same person can't sign more than once. Game can be over when first person completes, when all crew members complete, or when time runs out.

2. Human Barometer

Activity description shared separately.

3. Screening of Senior Slideshow

Screen a truncated version of senior slideshow to be screened on Friday 12/14 for the 100% College-Bound ceremony. Every slide features a photograph of each individual senior, along with text excerpted from each student's reflections about why college is important and who helped them to get where they are. Slideshow will not be available until Thursday, and crews would need A-V tech to screen.

Debrief 7-10min

Crew leaders can decide how best to structure debrief, but students should focus on responses to:

- What did you find out?
- What do you think/feel about it?
- How have your thoughts/feelings about your future changed?