Cheap, Easy, and Brief College Going Activities for Middle and High School

Educational Journey

Share your Educational Journey with your students
Have students interview other adults at school, in their family, or community about their Educational Journeys
Present interviews-surprises, reflections, how it relates to students lives

Discuss the kinds of “messages” your students are getting about their lives “after high school” from:
- School
- Home
- Community
Are these messages they want to embrace, are these messages they need to struggle with?
What tools can we provide to help them?

Using the Fast Forward to College Newsletter (http://outreach.berkeley.edu)

Read the first person stories on the covers of the FFWD to College Newsletter
Discuss students reactions/thoughts/reflections
Could do a quick-write

Quick Writes (help students think about the kinds of things they will need to write about in their college essays)

Where do you see yourself five years from now?
What was the best conversation you ever had?
What is the one thing you are really good at?
What would you like to learn before you turn 18?
What is the one thing you would really like to be good at?
If you could go to any college or university, regardless of cost or grades etc., where would you want to go and why?
What is your favorite book? Why?
If you could meet/have dinner with one person in all of history, who would it be? Why?

Students conduct interviews

Teacher:
Where did you go to college?
Did you like it?
What did you study?
What influenced you to go to college?
Who did you look up to?

**Tutor/College Student**
Have you been to college?
Did you graduate?
What did you most enjoy studying?
Do you plan to go to college? Why or why not?

**Parent**
Did you attend college, why or why not?
If you had a chance to further your education, what would you study?
Do you want to go to college?
If yes, do you need support?
Did you know there is financial aid?

**All**
What did you like to study in school? Why?
Does your job require a college degree?
When did you decide you wanted to go to college?