Best Practices for Developing College & Career Readiness for K-12 Students

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Session Agenda

- Ice Breaker
- National/NC College Facts
- ABSS Demographics
- ABSS Student Support Services Initiatives
- Best Practices at each level
- Small Group Collaboration/Sharing
- Questions & Answers
- Session Feedback /Evaluation
Session Objectives

- Participants will increase knowledge base of comprehensive K-12 college and career readiness activities and lessons (internal & external)

- Participants will develop vertical team alignment outlines for college and career exposure
Ice Breaker

“Step to the Line”
What are your thoughts???

- What is college readiness?
- What is career readiness?
- Is your program aligned with your local/state standards for career and college readiness?
Why is College and Career Awareness needed for all students?

• Add TED video [http://www.ted.com/talks/ken_robinson_changing_education_paradigms.html?source=email#.T1RFeCCYMBk.email](http://www.ted.com/talks/ken_robinson_changing_education_paradigms.html?source=email#.T1RFeCCYMBk.email)
Colleges & Universities Across the United States

25,741 Colleges & University Nationwide
North Carolina

K-12 Schools
2,338 Public Schools
+ 93 Charter Schools
2,431 Schools

Colleges & Universities
58 Community Colleges
+ 43 Public/Private Colleges & Universities
110 College & University Options
Alamance-Burlington Schools 2010 Demographics

- High School Graduation Rate (75.5%)
- College Acceptance/Entry (60.4%)
  * 86% of these enrollments were at public state campuses.
Alamance-Burlington School System & Student Support Services Department
Policy and Initiatives

School Board Policy
• College Access

The Three E’s
• Enrollment (in college)
• Enlistment (in the military)
• Employment (with a living wage)

ASCA National Model
• Academic
• Career
• Personal/Social
Impacting Stakeholders

**Parents**
- Financial Aid Workshops
- FASA Completion Assistance
- Athletic Scholarship

**Students**
- Highlights 1st generation college students
- Exposure to multiple after high school opportunities
- Early exposure for elementary students

**Community**
- Local employment
16 Career Clusters

- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
  (Includes section titled Have You Considered Teaching?)
- Finance
- Government & Public Administration
- Health Science
  (Includes section titled A Career as a Health Care Professional)
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Greening the Workforce
  (Two-page article on the emergence of green careers)
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

http://www.careercluster4me.com/
Elementary Level

- Classrooms named after national college/universities
- Teacher’s post I graduated from….ask me about it.
- K-5 students are informed of HS graduation year (addressed throughout elementary career)
- College tours for 3-5 male students
- College Application Week poster/door decorating contest
- College T-Shirt Day
- College Activity/Coloring Books
- Career Day (community support & former ABSS Students)
- Academic Summer Camps Scholarships
- Distinguish Gentleman’s Club/Leading Ladies Club
- Career Lessons (Cluster & Interest Inventories)
Elementary College Awareness

WE GRADUATE...
YOU CAN TOO!
YOUR ROAD TO GRADUATION:
BEING YOURSELF.
Middle Level

- Teacher’s post I graduated from….ask me about it.
- College tours
- Career Fair (brochure completion)
- Interest inventories (CFNC, F24K)
- College Application Week poster/door decorating contest
- District level annual “Success By Design” Conference
- College For Every Student (Middle School College Core)
- Summer Enrichment Scholarships (@ 5 NC college/universities)
- Career Lessons/Inventories
Career Day Unit
High School

- College Acceptance Bulletin Board Teacher’s post I graduated from….ask me about it.
- Former ABSS Students *Words of Wisdom*
- US Dept. of Education FAFSA Completion Program (1 of 20 school districts nationwide)
- College Application Week poster/door decorating contest (clubs)
- College Representative Presentations
- CACRO College Fair
- District level annual “Success By Design” Conference
- Athletic Clearing House Scholarship Sessions (2x a year Parent Navigation Information Sessions)
- Parent Nights
- Career & Technical Center
Student Initiatives...

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE AHS CLASS OF 2021

"The Importance of the Senior Year and Preparing for College..."

Senior Tutorials Newsletter, Summer 2011

Keep up with deadlines and college apps.

Do well. Apply for all scholarships and take advantage of all opportunities.

Stay focused.

Don’t procrastinate.

Manage your time wisely.

STUDY

Do great and study the best you can because you'll have a way better life if you go to college.

Do your very best. Work hard and take advantage of all opportunities in and outside of school.

Start looking for scholarships early and don’t forget you can use the same essay on a bunch of applications!

Take your senior year seriously and don’t get caught up in the drama.

Don’t slack off and turn in your homework.

Get your stuff together early so 2nd semester will be smooth.

Don’t mess up!

Apply early and go visit colleges and talk about it!

Start applying now. Figure out what you want and how you’re going to get there. Have a plan.

Don’t limit yourself. Apply for all scholarships even if you think you won’t get them.

Enjoy every day of your high school career!

Do not slack off and do what you have to do to get into college. Always study and work hard in time so you can succeed when it comes time for college. Don’t let anyone get the best of you.

"Success By Design"

College Access Conference for Parents & Students

PRESENTS

The Summerville High School Class of 2022

What’s After High School? Program

Saturday, October 29, 2011

Summerville High School
Reaching All Students & Families

- Brochure
- Newsletters
- Public Announcements
- School Profiles
- Technology (social media)
- Video
- Stats (NC, National)
Questions they need to ask....

Students:
• How do I determine my GPA?
• How important is my class rank?
• What’s the big deal about AP/IB courses? And Why are they important?
• How will I pay for college?
• How/When do I apply for financial aid?

Parents:
• When does my child need to start preparing for college and/or a career?
• How will I know if my child’s school has college ready academic standards?
• What are the special hurdles facing all students?
• How can I be an effective advocate?
• What types of financial aid are available?
Internal Partnership

- What’s After High School Program
- School Counselor
  Vertical Team Alignment
- Career & Technical Center
External Partnerships

- College For Every Student (www.collegefes.org)
- College Board
- ACT
- Parent Volunteers
- Local Men’s Group (donations)
- Local Community College and Universities
- NC State Employee Credit Union (FASA completion Assistance)
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Internal Support Needed:  
External Support Needed:
Feedback

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In closing.....

You get what you focus on.

Instill to all students...
“You can go to college!”

Instill to all parents...
“Your child(ren) can go to college!”