**Family Workshop: College 102**

DESCRIPTION

This workshop will discuss the four types of colleges (community colleges, public 4-year, private, and for-profit) as well as the pros and cons of each. In addition, it dispels many myths that people hold about college and provides the facts. Consider inviting representatives from local community colleges or universities to interface with parents in small groups.

SUGGESTED MONTH

October

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE

Parents & 9th-12th grade students

MATERIALS

College 102 Power Point

Small prizes (optional)

HANDOUTS

* [ECMC Finding the Right College Fit](https://www.ecmc.org/students/resource-guides.html) (available in English and Spanish)
* [ECMC Opportunities Booklet](https://www.ecmc.org/students/opportunities-guide-workbook.html) (available in English and Spanish)
* [Big Future Parent Action Plans by Grade](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-parents)
* [BigFuture Campus Visit Checklist](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/campus-visit-guide/campus-visit-checklist)
* [Federal Student Aid College Preparation Checklist](https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/resources.jsp)
* Newsletter: Which college should I choose?

AGENDA

First 5 minutes General Welcome

Next 15 minutes Icebreaker: Find Your Match

Give half of the room a “COLLEGE” card and the other half a “STUDENT” card (see next page for template). Then, parents and students need to mingle and ask questions to find their “match”. Once a match finds each other, they should discuss what they/their student might be looking for in a college (consider program, degree, distance from home, size of campus, etc.)

Next 25 minutes Present College 102 power point. Allow time for questions.

Final 5 minutes Send the participants off with the following Action Steps:  
1) Encourage parents to visit at least one college, either virtually (by perusing the college’s website and social media) or in person (for example, as a chaperone on a campus field trip) with their student this year.  
2) Distribute handout(s)  
3) Reminder about next event

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| COLLEGE  Utah State University  good engineering program  ROTC program  large school | STUDENT  David  interested in robotics, math and science  likes to meet new people  considering entering the military |
| COLLEGE  Southern Utah University  has multicultural clubs and supports  strong dance and theater department  teacher preparation program | STUDENT  Maria  considering a career as a teacher  interested in her Latina heritage  loves to act in school plays |
| COLLEGE  Salt Lake Community College  lowest tuition  nursing program  has a college basketball team | STUDENT  John  interested in being a nurse  wants to keep college costs low  starting point guard |
| COLLEGE  Southern Utah University  offers an Associate of Arts –Degree  has performing choirs and music groups | STUDENT  Cheryl  loves to sing  wants to eventually transfer to a 4-year school  lives in Southern Utah |
| COLLEGE  Willamette University  small liberal arts school  numerous study abroad programs  requires good grades for admission | STUDENT  Hannah  would prefer a smaller college  3.8 GPA  loves to travel |
| COLLEGE  Harvard University  gives full scholarships to students who need them  most selective college (good grades required!)  located in Cambridge, Massachusetts | STUDENT  Pedro  would like to be close to family in Boston  4.0 GPA and lots of extracurricular activities  needs a scholarship to attend college |
| COLLEGE  Pacific Northwest College of Art  located in a city  offers degree in animation  clubs related to art and design – but no sports! | STUDENT  Jasmine  not an athlete  wants to live in a big city  draws a comic for the school newspaper |
| COLLEGE  MTECH  has Emergency Medical Services program  near ski areas  average class size of 28 students | STUDENT  Rob  learns best in small classes  wants to be an EMT  loves to snowboard |
| COLLEGE  Utah Valley University  can live on campus in dorms  offers a degree in Fire Services Administration  student government | STUDENT  Kevin  wants to be a firefighter  president of his class  wants to live in the dorms |
| COLLEGE  University of Phoenix/SLCC  online programs  criminal justice degrees | STUDENT  Brianna  self-motivated  needs to take classes at night  interested in criminal justice |