**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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| COLLEGEUtah State Universitygood engineering programROTC programlarge school | STUDENTDavidinterested in robotics, math and sciencelikes to meet new people considering entering the military |
| COLLEGESouthern Utah Universityhas multicultural clubs and supportsstrong dance and theater departmentteacher preparation program | STUDENTMariaconsidering a career as a teacherinterested in her Latina heritageloves to act in school plays |
| COLLEGESalt Lake Community Collegelowest tuitionnursing programhas a college basketball team | STUDENTJohninterested in being a nursewants to keep college costs lowstarting point guard |
| COLLEGESouthern Utah Universityoffers an Associate of Arts –Degreehas performing choirs and music groups | STUDENTCherylloves to singwants to eventually transfer to a 4-year schoollives in Southern Utah |
| COLLEGEWillamette Universitysmall liberal arts schoolnumerous study abroad programsrequires good grades for admission | STUDENTHannahwould prefer a smaller college3.8 GPAloves to travel |
| COLLEGEHarvard Universitygives full scholarships to students who need themmost selective college (good grades required!)located in Cambridge, Massachusetts | STUDENTPedrowould like to be close to family in Boston4.0 GPA and lots of extracurricular activitiesneeds a scholarship to attend college |
| COLLEGEPacific Northwest College of Artlocated in a cityoffers degree in animationclubs related to art and design – but no sports! | STUDENTJasminenot an athletewants to live in a big citydraws a comic for the school newspaper |
| COLLEGEMTECHhas Emergency Medical Services programnear ski areasaverage class size of 28 students | STUDENTRoblearns best in small classeswants to be an EMTloves to snowboard |
| COLLEGEUtah Valley Universitycan live on campus in dormsoffers a degree in Fire Services Administrationstudent government | STUDENTKevinwants to be a firefighterpresident of his classwants to live in the dorms |
| COLLEGEUniversity of Phoenix/SLCConline programscriminal justice degrees | STUDENTBriannaself-motivatedneeds to take classes at nightinterested in criminal justice |