College Panel Program:

How NOT to fall on your face in college





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College-bound Special **Education** and Section 504 Juniors and Seniors will walk through the famed doors of Hamilton Hall to embark on a college learning experience like no other - driven by former HHS graduates that have continued their academic success at the college level.









Prepare students for the demands of college and arm them with strategies to not only "survive" those demands, but to thrive through:



- -fun, interactive games
- -eye-opening conversations
- -college students lead discussions
- -study skills assessments
- -tour of the campus & dorms









PROGRAM GOALS

- Increase the college <u>retention</u> rate of Special Education and Section 504 students.
- Prepare you for the demands of college and arm you with strategies to "survive" those demands.







Rationale for the program

- High school upperclassmen will be more apt to listen to their older peers about the realities of college, thus curbing the college drop out rate due to being unprepared for the high demands of post-secondary education. (No more blue-in-the-face!)
- Allow us to stay connected with graduating students.
- Students will walk away with valuable information year after year.



2011 New York State Income by Education Level

\$60,000 \$52,448 Median Income \$50,000 \$40,851 \$30,564 \$40,000 \$24,390 \$30,000 \$20,000 \$10,000 \$0 Bachelor's High School Associate's Graduate or Graduate Professional Degree Degree Degree **Education Level**

With the help of the college students, we will discuss the differences between high school and college.

- A real eye-opening conversation for the H.S. students.
- The Wow factor!







How much do YOU really know about college?

- Pass out the "How much do you really know about COLLEGE?" questionnaire to the H.S. students and discuss the following topics with everyone:
 - common terms and jargon
 - modifications and accommodations
 - do you know your disability and how to overcome obstacles
 - cost of books
 - personal academic strengths







- Conducted selfassessments on:
 - concentration & memory skills
 - time management
 - note taking
 - testing
 - strategic learning
 - attitude/motivation
 - reading ability
 - writing ability
 - study skills





Stress the student's responsibility to advocate for support, accommodations, and services for themselves.

They can no longer rely on the following individuals to

do the work for you:

- Parents
- Special Education teachers
- Guidance counselors
- Social Workers
- Teaching Assistants
- Administrators
- Academic teachers







TOP 5 REASONS TO GO

FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

- Onuts
- Muffins
- Bagels
- Juices
- Coffee
- Water
- Soda





- Deli platter for sandwiches
- Baked ziti
- Potato salad
- Tossed salad w/ dressings
- Sliced fresh fruit tray
- Potato Chips

Awesome Brownies and cookies



#4 \$98 IN FREE COLLEGE SUPPLIES







TOUR OF THE CAMPUS

- HHS class of '08 & current EC student gives a tour of the campus, highlighting certain parts, such as
 - Library
 - Dorms
 - Dining room
 - Commons
 - Classrooms/lecture halls
 - and anything else he wants to show





"WELCOME TO COLLEGE" GAME

Class



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- * Introduced possible college experiences.
- * Helped you understand how choices (good or bad) may affect your success at college.

Pub



Cafeteria



Library



And the number ONE reason to attend the College Panel Program

is....

Drum roll, please!!!

A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH EACH COLLEGE STUDENT, ALLOWING TIME TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT COLLEGE.







More pictures of roundtable discussions









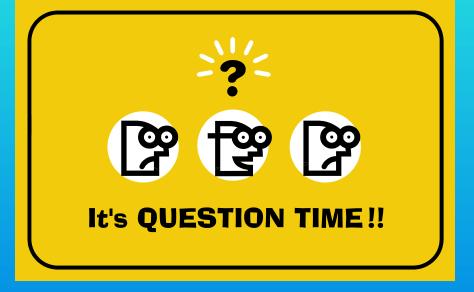
Permission Slips

- Space is limited.
- The first 30 students that hand in their completed permission slip can go (over 60 students are invited, so hurry to get those signatures).
- Turn it in to me, Mr. McCarthy, in Room 255 ASAP!
- You'll need all of your "B Day" teachers' signatures and your parent's.
- We reached capacity the last 2 years.













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