## College Exploration Activity

**Objective:** To have a better understanding of the process to get to college, introduce mentees to different colleges, learn about financial aid, learn different things about college, and answer any questions mentees may have.

#### List of Supplies

- 1. Worksheet
- 2. Pencil
- 3. Pen
- 4. Marker
- 5. Candy
- 6. Computer with internet access

### Steps for the Activity

- 1. Introduce the topic and talk about the background (what, when, where, how and why)
- 2. Give the first worksheet and have Mentee fill it out to their best knowledge
- 3. Go over their answers/help answer questions
- 4. Give suggestions
- 5. Talk about their path working up to college
- 6. Go online and research the questions for the second worksheet http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/
- 7. Allow time for reflection
- 8. With extra time left over, go on the internet and look up information about their desired college

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## What steps do you need to take to get to college?

| specific steps to get to college: | Where do you want to go?                 |   |
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| 1.                                |  |   |
| 2.                                | What do you want to study?               |   |
| 3.                                |  |   |
| 4.                                |  | _ |
| 5.                                | What kind of career do you want to have? |   |
| 6.                                | -  | _ |
| 7.                                |  | _ |
| 8.                                | How will you pay for college?            |   |
| 9.                                |  |   |
| 10.                               |  |   |
| What are some goals you ha        | ve that will help you get to college?    | _ |

### College Research Worksheet

| What college are you looking at?   |
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| Where is it located?   |
| How much is tuition?   |
| How much is the total cost for one year/semester?  |
| Do they offer any scholarships that you would qualify for?                                   |
| What percent of applicants do they accept?   |
| How many students are attending this school?   |
| What are their school colors?  |
| What is their mascot?  |
| Interesting facts about this college:  |
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| Describe a way you can get in to this college:   |
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| What are some things you can improve in your academics/involvement to get into this college? |
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