



COLLEGE MATCH

Presentation Notes

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As 10th graders, now is the time to start looking at where you want to go after high school. By 2018, 60% of the jobs available will require workers to have some type of postsecondary education. But where will you go? There are over 4,000 colleges and universities in the United States.

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Oklahoma is home to 25. Forty-eight if you include satellite campuses. How do you choose which one is right for you?

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A college education comes in many forms from very large universities to small community colleges. Sometimes we think we have a pretty good idea as to what type and where we want to go to school. For many of you, the choice will be simple. You will go to whatever college is closest or wherever your friends go. But will that choice be the right fit for you? Will it offer you what you need? Today we're going to talk about making the **best** college match for you.

When you pick a college, it's like picking a home. You need to like the people you will live around and the environment you will live in because it will be your home for the next 4-5 years.

Question: If you were going to college today, what would be important when choosing? (Write top four on a piece of paper).

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Ask them to raise hand/stand as you call out the following. Location, Cost, Major, etc.

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As I have talked to students around the state, I have heard the following very bad reasons for choosing a particular college.

1. Huge Fan: Going based on the sports
2. Heard the school had great parties and beautiful people
3. Attending because everybody want you to go someplace else
4. Just wanting to be as far from home/family as possible
5. Going because family went there
6. "Heard" it was a good school
7. Going because your friends go.

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You had some great qualities.

Question: Ask one or two why "Location" was on their list. Why was it important

Explain that these five are the top reason that students choose a college

But more so, the following are equally as important. Explain why each is important.

Explain that you will look at some places where you can find this information to help find the college match for you.

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Explain okcollegestart.org.

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Explain to them how to use the College Planning and College Match functions. (*Walk students through the handout.*)

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Take students to My Portfolio. Briefly explain the function of the section.

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Take them to the College Planning Portfolio and explain how you can store their college planning searches and information in this easy to use space.

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Earlier we talked about other information to consider when choosing a college. There is another site that you can to compare schools nationally as well as can give you graduation rates, financial aid distribution, diversity and cost. **College Results Online** sponsored by Ed Trust is a great resource.

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In just a few clicks you can Compare Oklahoma colleges and those outside of Oklahoma to find your college match.

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When you choose a school it gives you the characteristics, cost and admission, student body statistics, student success rates (retention and graduation).

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You can also compare colleges side by side. Enter in the schools you are interested in attending and you will get a host of information to compare.

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Point out the different information that is displayed for the selected schools (i.e. cost graduation rate, etc.)

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College takes you great places in life. It can give you the career you want and the life you've dreamed about. Choosing the best college match for you can make your college experience one that you will never forget.

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Fun (Give away some GEAR UP swag or candy)

Questions 1: How many college and universities are in Oklahoma?

Question 2: Ask school related questions or fun fact: When was your school built? How many students in your sophomore class?