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Afrofuturism Lightning Talk Presentation

College and Career Preparation for Black Students

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Problem

There are many Black students, like my prior experience in high school, who do not know exactly what they want to do right after high school or only have a vague idea.

Unfortunately, they are unaware of the many resources and options that exist in and beyond college (Jones, 2024).

Solution

- I am creating a college/career preparation talk that includes strategies for picking a major/career path, resources for support, advice for navigating life as a college student, and other relevant topics that would be beneficial.
- I also believe in broadening students' horizons to other paths, like trades, so they know there are options in life to pursue a wider range of interests.

Process in Solving the Problem

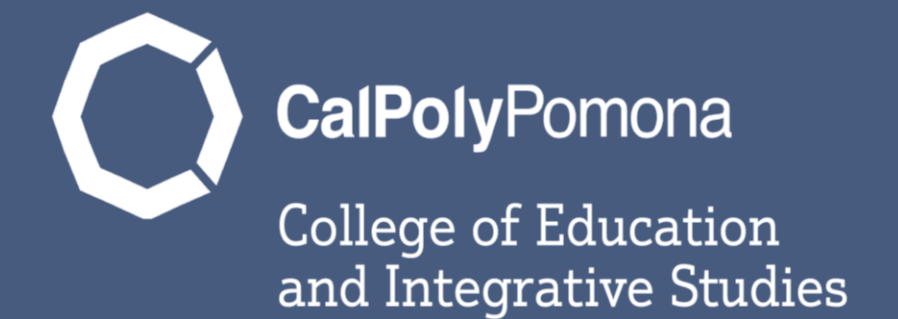
- Collaborating with Jake Northington, Assistant Coordinator from the Black Achievement Success and Engagement in Science (BASES) program, and Keshia Beh from the nonprofit organization, KARES, Inc.
- Finalizing a college/career preparatory meeting for high school students with Mr. Northington on Monday, August 12th at noon on Zoom.
- Coordinating a tour with a construction company supported by Ms. Beh
 - Purpose: Students receive exposure to a trade and learn about the process of becoming an apprentice.

Gratitude and Next Steps

- Thank you to Dr. Hypolite, Jake Northington, and Keshia Beh for helping me through this process.
- My next steps are to set up another college preparatory meeting and tour in the fall semester to expose more students to career options.
- If you are in the audience and you would like to help, you can:
 - Connect me with youth who want to learn more about various career options
 - Share the details about my college preparation meeting with youth you know
 - Volunteer to share your college and career experiences with youth
 - Connect me with people from different industries who would like to share their perspectives with youth
 - My email address is: jtalford@cpp.edu

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- Unfortunately, many students are unaware of the resources and options that exist in college and career preparation programs (Jones, 2024).

Solution


- I propose creating a college and career preparation session for high school students about their options.
- It will help them by providing strategies for picking a major/career path, offering resources for support, advising them on navigating life as a college student, and detailing other relevant topics.
- I also believe in broadening their horizons to other paths, like trades that could be helpful, so they know there are options in life to pursue a wider range of interests.

Process in Solving the Problem

- I have met with Jake Northington from the BASES program, and Keshia Beh from the nonprofit organization KARES.
- Mr. Northington and I are co-hosting a college and career preparation Zoom meeting.
- I am also setting up a tour with a construction company that Ms. Beh is connected to where students will get exposed to a trade and learn about the process of becoming an apprentice.

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Monday August 12th at 12pm on Zoom

- ✓ College Applications
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- ✓ Picking a School
- ✓ Planning for Graduation
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- ✓ Programs and Resources for support

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