



Student Journey Map

Dallas County – Student Leadership



	DREAM	PREPARE	ENROLL	PROGRESS	COMPLETE	EARN
STUDENT OUTCOMES	Students, parents, and the community are engaged to lead one another around a mission of economic mobility.	Students are equipped with the aspirations, mindset, and skills for success in college, careers and life	Students are matched to the best college programs that are affordable, achievable, and aligned to the workforce.	Students navigate and persist semester to semester with the appropriate wrap arounds supports.	Students complete a credential and experiences that translates to college transfer or a good job.	Students launch into living wage career paths with the skills and social capital they need to succeed and grow.
BARRIERS WE EXPERIENCE	Being told and conditioned that our dreams are too BIG or unrealistic and limited exposure.	Financial stability – support from friends and family Lack of guidance on college and career goals to inform prep	Financial support/ more understanding of financial needs to enroll in college	Less Racial Biases in the schools, work ... not knowing who to talk to about food, housing, transportation ...	Making connections is too hard. People in power don't want to rub elbows	Never being prepared Not having enough opportunities before
ADVICE TO SELF ACTION I CAN TAKE	You are a creator-take risks Find people to support your dreams ... peers, teachers, coaches, mentors	You can make your way Take initiative (research, volunteer, join programs) "fail to prepare, prepare to fail"	Take a leap of faith Take initiative, have confidence, give yourself grace	Self-Evaluation – find your support network. A setback does not have to end your journey	Plan and focus on the transitions earlier Find people to build you up	Have confidence "you belong here" Take risks Your career is a long game
GAPS EXPOSURE EXPERIENCE	Exposure to opportunities to colleges and employers More students engaged in community activities (fuel passion)	HS not having resources to explore opportunities More college and career touches/programs ... professors of color ...	Resume and coaching to apply for college and jobs More campus tours and field trips (exposure)	Who to call when I need help? Financial literacy .Mental health Build community through community events	Access to important people and/ or powerful resources	They appreciate your mindset when it helps them. More programs developing youth and connecting them to employers
SOCIAL CAPITAL NEEDS /SUPPORT	More networking or events to meet with college, trade, and future employers	ALL HS students need to have supportive relationships with many adults	A relationship with someone who knows this being first generation	Professors who take an interest in us (connect by interest)... Other people in the college getting to know us	If you reached a point where you can give back, give back. More people with power showing up with students	Government money Mentors
IF I HAD A TOOL	See and understand opportunities more clearly Meet and greet for students and families in low income areas (come to us) Connect to leaders of color to help our communities connect (come to us)	A readiness tool to help students find and focus on strengths ... Finding courses and programs that align to interests. A personal guide to build a relationship of trust to help us set and pursue goals	Find scholarships and college opportunities in simpler ways ... App that sets up my profile and learns about me Show up in our world on the APPs we use to help us find opportunities.	Hosting Meet and greets for students in low-income areas ... We need a GPS for college (first in my family to do this)	How do I know what the transition options are? Should I be tracking my progress based on this? Strength finders Show me the jobs and program options	A platform-based on my background and skillsets to show me jobs in areas around me A guide for my job/role in spaces that might be unfamiliar to me