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College 101 Syllabus

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Overview of College 101 course:

- twice a week
- yearlong course, graduation requirement
- everyone in class must apply to college
- pass/fail course
- first semester, primarily college and financial aid application process
- second semester, making college/financial aid decisions, planning for first year of college
- senior portfolio compilation and presentations
- support network of peers and peer leaders to help through this process
- social work component: meet with social work once a month to discuss social emotional issues resulting from our work.

Major Projects to Complete in College 101:

1. Personal Statement (College Essay)
2. College List
3. College Profile
4. At least one college application (CUNY)
5. Optional: SUNY and private college applications
6. Financial Aid Application (FAFSA and TAP)
7. At least one scholarship application
8. Resume
9. Budget Project

Focus of Each Semester:

Semester 1: Personal Statements and Applications
Completing Applications

Semester 2: Financial Aid and Scholarships
Transition Preparation and Senior Binders

Senior Binder Presentations:

You will lead a 35-minute presentation in May/June to small groups in junior advisories that includes:

- a) an introduction to senior year and the college application process
- b) a presentation of your academic work and college preparation during senior year
- c) a question and answer session which you will facilitate

College 101 Laptop Policy and Procedure:

Each student will be assigned a laptop to use for the duration of the school year. Laptops are to be used for college related purposes only during College 101 class. Students are responsible for proper care and maintenance of their assigned computer. Students are also responsible for immediately reporting any problems with the laptop they were assigned. Each day, students will take the laptop that they are assigned in the beginning of the period. Students will also return their laptop to their designated spot 5 minutes before the period ends and will be responsible for plugging in their laptop before leaving.

College 101 Grading Policy:

- 20% Learning Activities - (homework, classwork, participation): *These can include (but are not limited to) - journals, classroom participation, group work, independent work, class discussions, presentations, etc.*
- 30% Formative Assessments - *These can include (but are not limited to) - quizzes, timed writing, mini-projects, oral exams, presentations, etc.*
- 30% Summative Assessments - *These can include (but are not limited to) - tests, essays, research papers, projects, extended presentations, etc.*

College 101 Norms:

Applying to college is a very personal process and can be a very emotional journey for some. It is important that we maintain a mature and supportive tone in our college 101 community. We need to encourage one another and respect the privacy of each of our peers. In order to create an environment that is compassionate and celebratory, trust and respect are essential when navigating the many challenges and obstacles in the college application process.