



Supporting Minority Students in the Admissions Process

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Introductions

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Overview and Goals

- Discuss and recognize different barriers of minority students.
- Discuss tools on how to change the conversation.
- Overview of different programs and tools to utilize
- Open discussion

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Knowing the Stats

- According to edtrust.org, 4 in 10 black students, who enter college as a first time, full-time freshman earn a bachelor's degree in six years. 22% lower than their White peers.
- According to the U.S. Department of Education, about 56% of Hispanic students graduate with a bachelors degree in 6 years.
- Although statistics are increasing, there is a still a gap in performance.



Ways to Support Students

- Three main ways to support students we are going to discuss:
 - The Application Process
 - The Financial Aid Process
 - University programs, i.e.: transitions programs, bridge programs, campus visits.

Application Process

- Knowing the student.
- Helping students create realistic goals
- Creating a plan
- Exposing students to various universities
- Having hard conversations



Financial Aid & Scholarships

- Helping families understand the Financial Aid Process
 - Applying for the FAFSA
 - FAFSA application nights
- Understanding financial aid packages
- Understanding scholarship awards
 - Accessibility



University Programs

- Building connections with Admissions
- Transition or Bridge Programs
- Bus and Group Visits
- Exposure to private and public institutions



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