



Creating Postsecondary Leadership Teams (PLTs)

Community Call: Reflecting on Your College Journey

A community call, or brief activity, from Tilden High School that can be used at a PLT meeting to help members reflect on their college journeys. This can inform the work of advising students as they begin the college access process.

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Sample from Tilden High School

Prep

Cut up the rectangles below so that each person can select a question at the beginning of the meeting.

Instructions

1. Take a question
2. Reflect on your answer for about one to two minutes
3. Find a partner and share your response to the question
4. Switch question cards
5. Find new partner
6. Repeat two to three times, as time permits



Describe a pivotal person who influenced your decision on where to apply to and attend college.

If you could go back and do it again, what would you change about your undergraduate college experience?

What college did you attend and why?

Describe one of the best times you had in college.



What do you think you might have done if you never went to college?

Did you attend college close to home or did you move away? What did you see as the pros and cons of that decision?

What type of student were you in high school and how did that impact your college readiness?

How did you decide on your major in college? What or who influenced you?

If you could wave a magic wand and instill one value or characteristic in your students that would improve their postsecondary success, what would it be and why?

If you had three wishes for your students, what would they be?



Who or what supports did you most rely on in order to persevere and succeed in college?

Would you recommend that a student attend your undergraduate alma mater? Why or why not?

What were your fears about attending college? How did you overcome them?

Once you began your college experience, did you feel prepared? If yes, how so? If no, what was missing?