

A Community Intervention to Support High School to College Transitions

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Learning Outcomes

Identify the needs of college-going juniors (rising seniors)

Articulate your why for considering a high school/university partnership

Identify workshop sessions that align with identified needs

Identify opportunities and challenges with the strategy

Review post-test learning growth and other assessment measures

Context

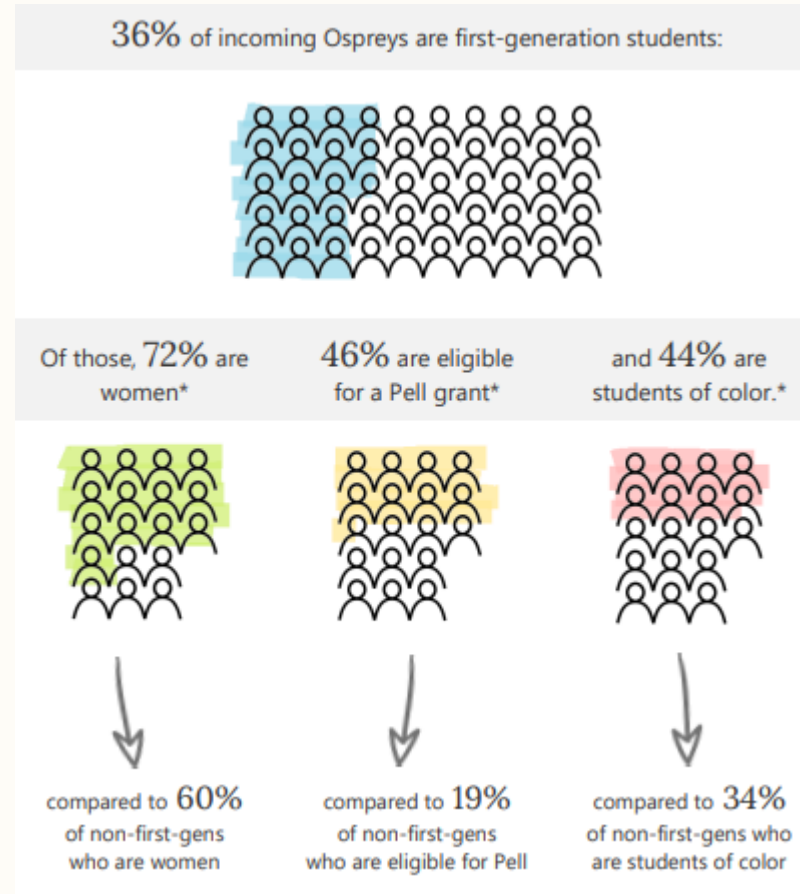
- **Riverside High School Student Demographics**
 - Large, urban high school
 - Low socio-economic base
 - High percentage of potential 1st generation college students
- **Riverside High School Program Information**
 - Graduation rate: 80%
 - Programs include: Early College/dual enrollment, Engineering, AVID, ROTC
 - College partners: FSCJ, UNF, FSU, Embry-Riddle



Our Why

- Developing a pipeline from high school to college
- Supporting first generation college students
- Developing confidence for college-going students
- Increasing college application completion
- Help students develop soft skills required for college transitions
- Modeling community partnerships to help students see the support of high schools and colleges in the Jacksonville area

Relevant Literature and Assessment





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UNF BSSE Data:

Students don't know what they don't know

UNF First Gen Data:

First Gen students are 10% less likely to retain (70% versus 80%)

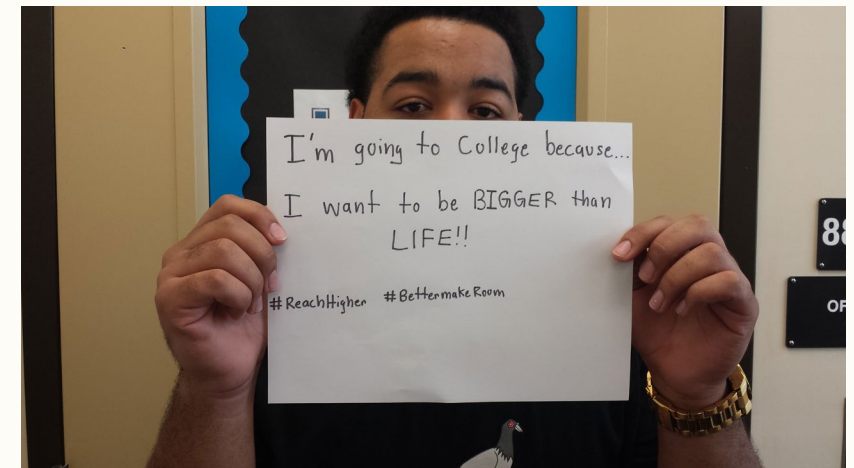
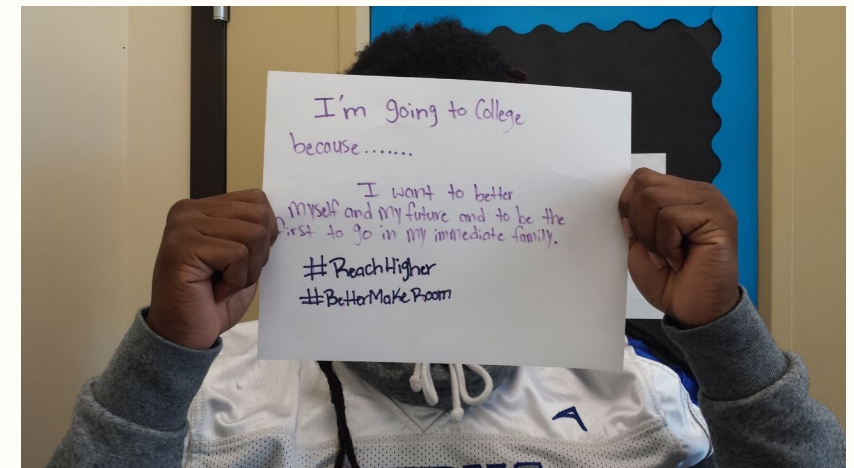
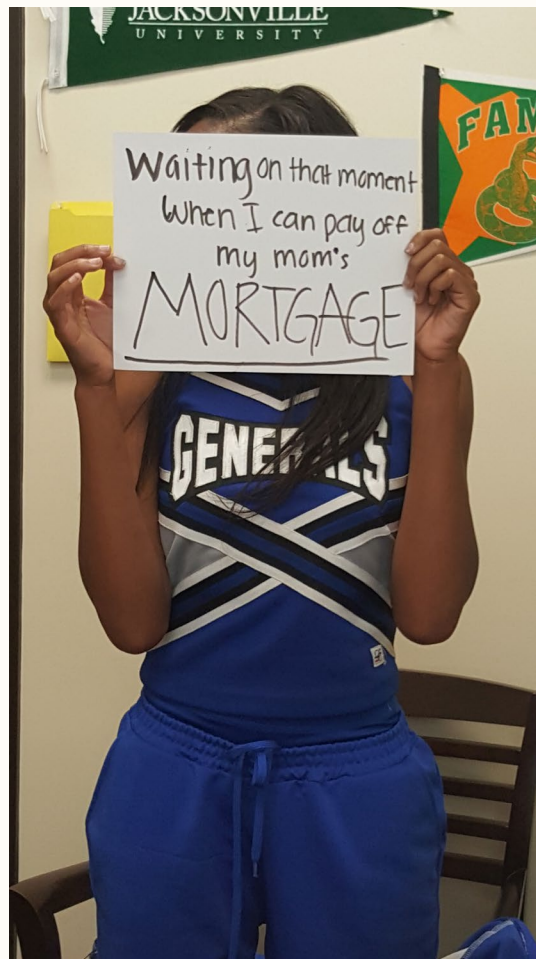
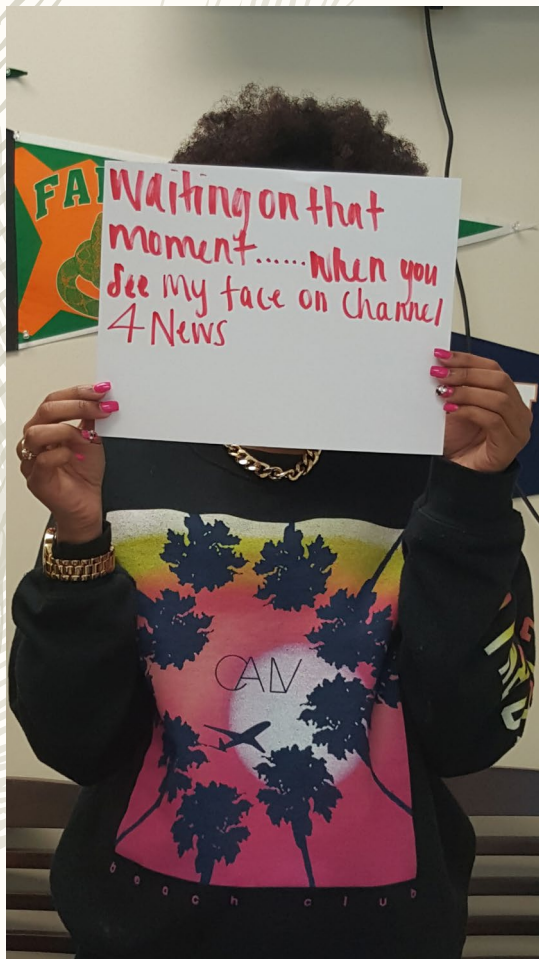
First Gen Research:

56% of students are first gen

6 years after starting college, 56% of first gen students had not earned a credential/degree (compared to 40% of their continuing gen peers)

Higher percent of first gen use financial aid, but a lower percent use health, academic advising, and academic support services

Our Why: Student Leaders



The Student Committee



Grassroots: few students expressed need & interest

Expansion:

Counselor & students asked if others were interested in helping

Eight students committed, attempted to recruit sophomores to “pass the torch” eventually, one 10th grade student joined

Nine students took the lead on planning the entire event

Members took the lead on different tasks (needs survey, career fair, etc.)

Helped each other as needed

Committed to be present for the next cycle of the event

Pre-Test

Needs Assessment created (online form)
Focused on hard & soft skills needed for transition to college

How confident do you feel about
completing college applications?
understanding how to pay for college?
understanding housing options?
how to structure your time?
how a major connects to a career?

Student committee shared needs assessment with peers

Survey was open for 3 weeks

Collected over 40 responses from their peers

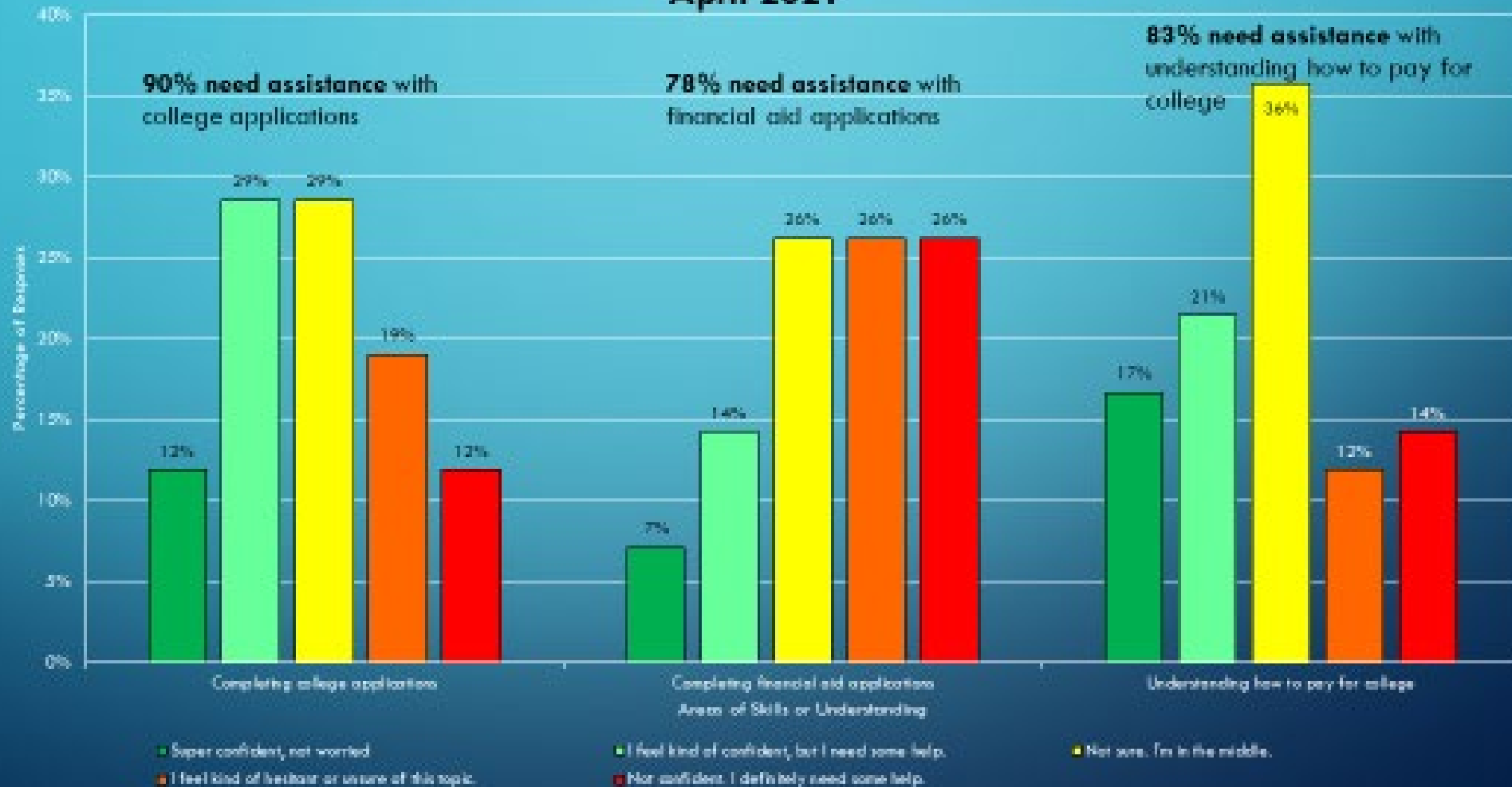


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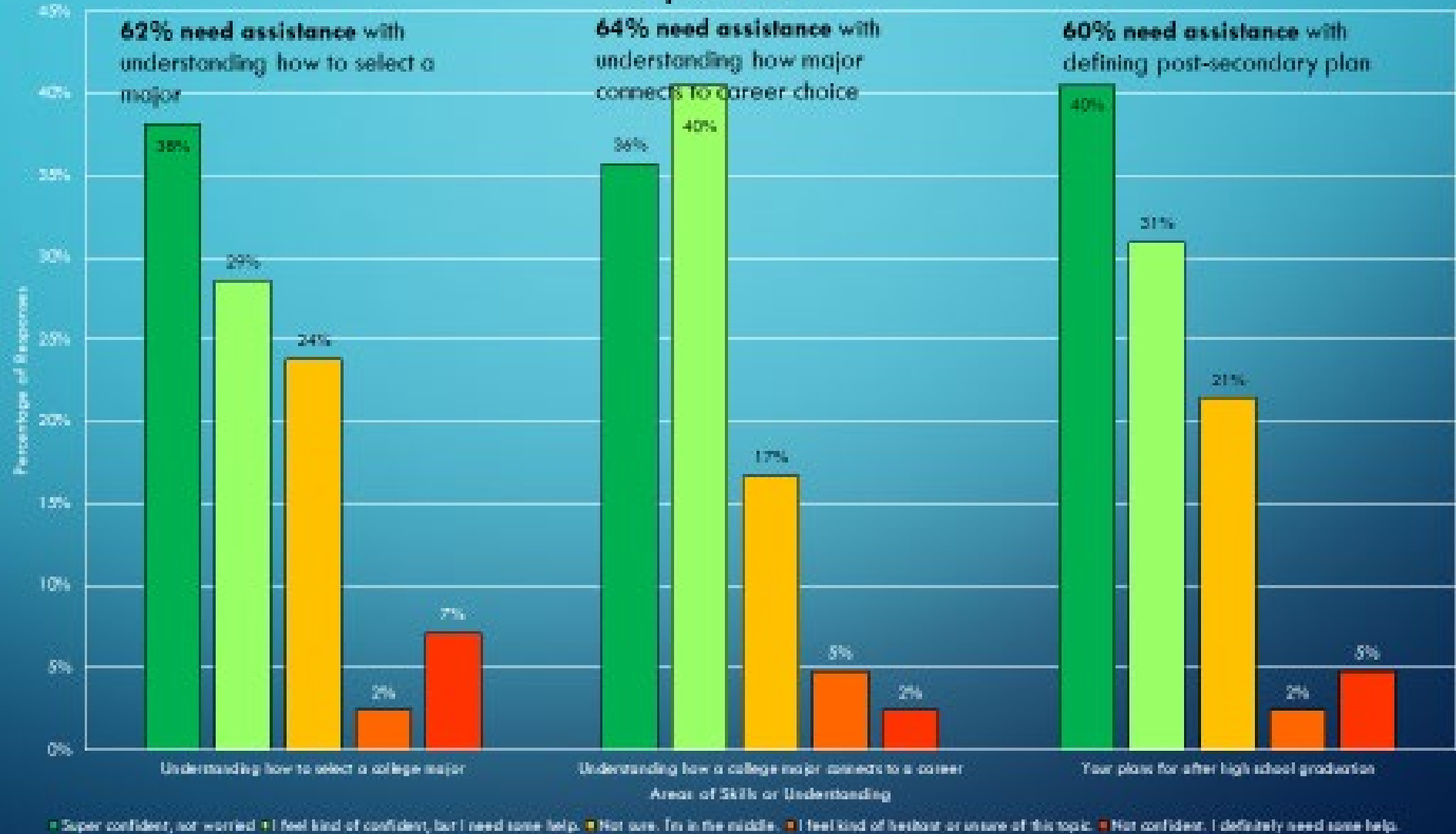
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to take our survey.**

STUDENT INTEREST SURVEY

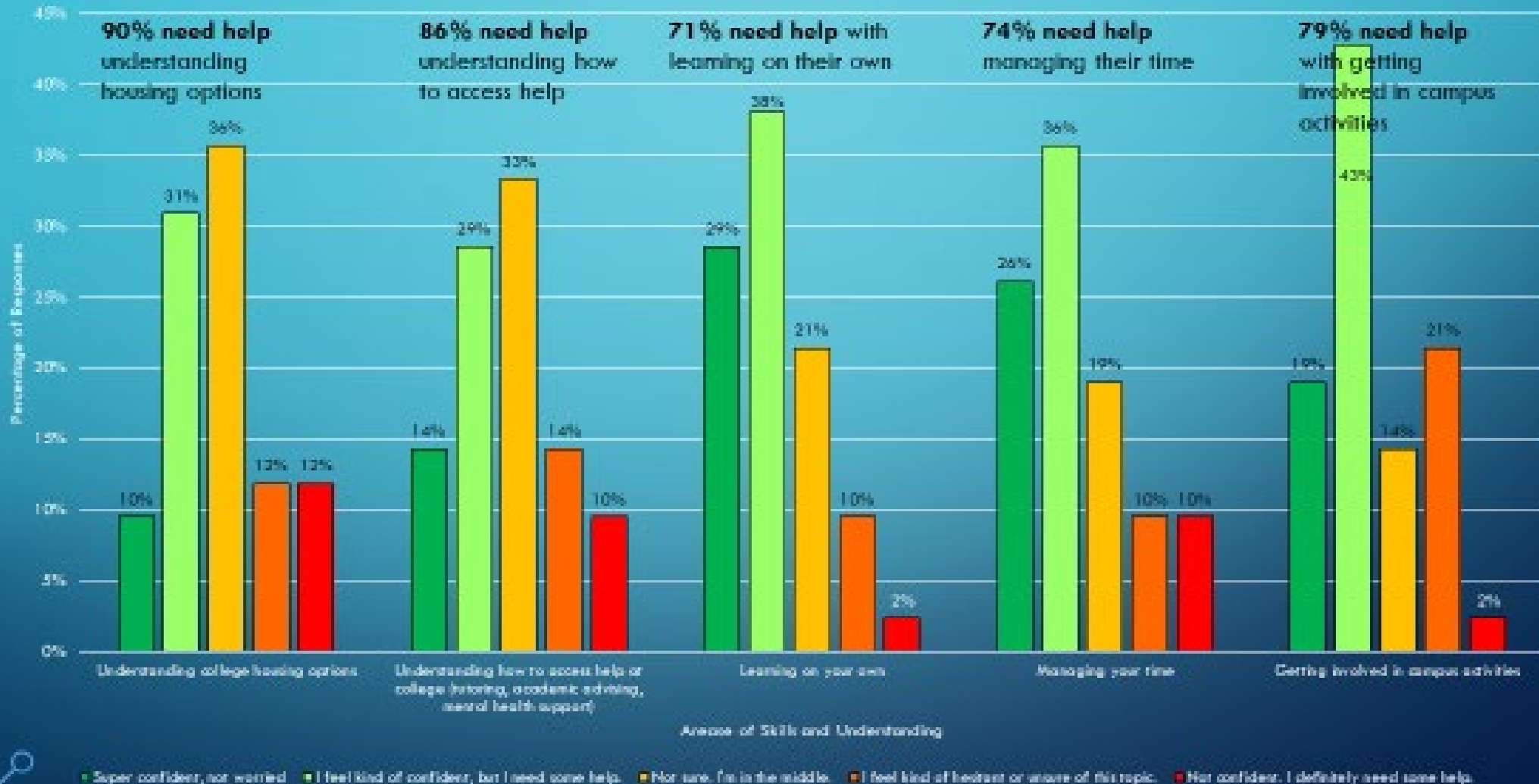
Student Confidence Scale April 2021



Student Confidence Scale - College Majors & Career Choices April 2021



Student Confidence Scale - College Campus Life April 2021





Event Learning Outcomes

- Needs Assessment results guided development of learning outcomes & workshop session topics
- Learning Objectives for the Conference included:
 - To increase understanding of connection between college majors and careers
 - To increase understanding of college application process
 - To increase understanding of financial aid process



Everything you need to know
about College and Careers

FUTURE
FEST
'22

July 13 & 14,
2021
8:00a-1:00p
Robert E. Lee
High School

Class of 2022 Future Fest College Conference

Jump start college applications
during this free summer workshop
designed for Seniors by Seniors!

College & Career Fair
Information Sessions
College Campus Life Info

**YOUR
FUTURE
IS HERE!**

**SCAN TO
REGISTER:**



Athletic Prep Rally
Student Physicals
*How to apply for college,
financial aid, & scholarships*

Complete your first college application
with help from an advisor!

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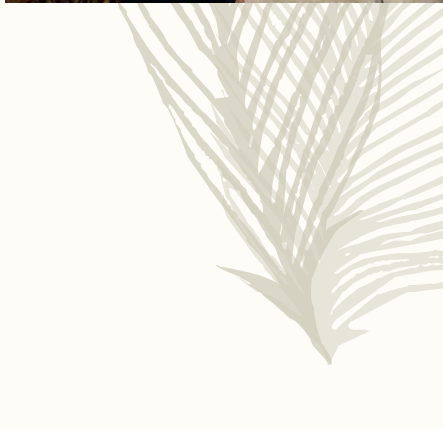
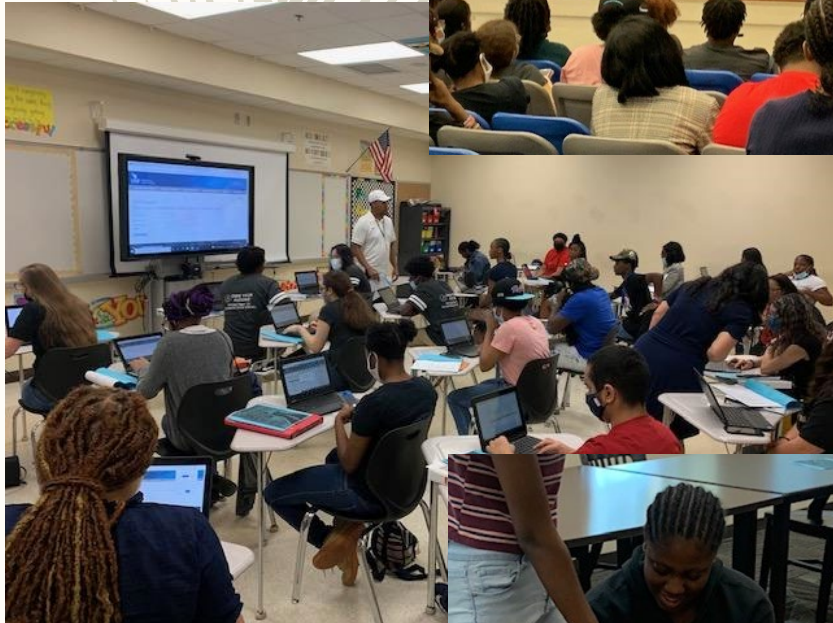
Community Partnerships

Essential to the work of conveying the needed information were community partners!

Information Sessions: Content experts from multiple institutions shared broad scope information about topics such as financial aid, housing options, choosing a major, etc.

Work Sessions: College and scholarship application sessions with school counselors and admission reps present to answer students' questions

College & Career Fair, Health & Wellness Fair: Mix-and-mingle events that allowed students to interact with program reps informally. Multiple colleges participated in College & Career Fair. Stronger than Stigma, UNF Women's Center, UNF Campus Canines, and Marathon High shared information about mental health in HWF.





FUTURE FEST '22
Summer College Application Workshop
July 13 & 14, 2021

Event description A student led, two-day conference for rising Seniors to learn about college, career interests, financial aid, and to complete college applications.	Objectives Every student walks away with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A better understanding of connection between college major and chosen career • A better understanding of the college application process • A better understanding of financial aid: types, application process, & how to use • At least one college application completed • At least one scholarship application completed 		
Dates & Times July 13 & 14, 2021 8:00a-1:00p each day			
Location Lee High School	Planning Committee Members Joy Akingbola Maryam Hoosain Kaila Skeen Sean Lewis Josh Mathis Anquon Neely My Nguyen Mariah Gooch Jada Peyton		Supporting Faculty Dr. Keefe Mrs. Bloxom-Johnson Dr. Lorenz Mrs. Morrison Mr. Feagins
Audience Class of 2022 members			

Tentative Session Descriptions			
Major Understanding	Do you know what your college major will be? Do you know what careers align with that major? This session will include tips and tricks for picking the best college major for yourself!	Independent Living & Student Panel	Wondering what it's like to live on-campus? Thinking about getting your own apartment? Learn about these options and more from current college students and a residential program director.
College Application Work Session	During this session, students will work on completing college applications (UNF, FSCJ) and creating their Common App profile.	Financial Aid Application Lab	Wondering how to pay for college? Worried about scholarships and student loans? Financial aid experts will lead this session which includes information about FAFSA, the FAFSA Forecaster, and school-based scholarships.
NCAA/NIAA Presentation	Interested in playing sports while in college? This session will provide information about NCAA Clearinghouse, college athletic eligibility rules, and scholarship information.	Financial Literacy for Athletes	This session includes great information about how to pay for college, with a special emphasis on athletic scholarships. Session includes information about FAFSA, the FAFSA Forecaster, and NCAA/NIAA guidelines.
Food Truck Rally & Greek Life Organizations	It's food. From a truck. Do we really need to say more? This social gathering will be for all conference participants. Come mingle, eat, and check out Greek Life organizations.	Athletic Prep Rally	This social event will include food, music, and school supply giveaways. Students interested in high school athletic programs will be able to talk with program coaches about general eligibility rules, practice schedules, and seasons.
College & Career Fair (Tuesday only)	Students will have an opportunity to meet college representatives to ask what majors are offered, scholarships that available, and other general questions.	Health & Wellness Fair (Weds. only)	Students will have an opportunity to learn about programs that support student mental and physical health offered on college campuses, including pet therapy puppies!



SEATING IS LIMITED FOR THIS EVENT! Be sure to reserve your spot!

<https://forms.office.com/r/Zj3cRctz1R>



PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Tuesday, July 13th

8:00 a.m.	Sign-in (students assigned to groups)		
8:30 – 9:00	Welcome/Keynote address (all students)		
Info Sessions	<i>Group A</i>	<i>Group B</i>	<i>Group C (switch to Groups A&B 2nd day)</i>
9:00 – 9:50	College & Career Fair	Major Understanding	College Application Lab
10:00 – 10:50	College Application Lab	College & Career Fair	Major Understanding
11:00 – 11:50	Major Understanding	College Application Lab	College & Career Fair
12:00-12:45	Lunch and Campus Organizations (all groups)		
12:50 – 1:10 1:10-1:45	Independent Living (housing, freshmen resources) with Dr. Lorenz & Student Panel (all students)		
1:45-2:00	Exit survey (all students)		

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Wednesday, July 14th

8:00 a.m. Sign-in (students assigned to groups)

8:30 – 9:00 Welcome/Keynote address (all students)

Info Sessions

Group A

Group B

Group C (athletes)

9:00 – 9:50

College Application Lab

Health & wellness+ time
management

Financial Literacy for Athletes

10:00 –

Health & Wellness + time
management

College Application Lab

NCAA Presentation

10:50

11:00 –

Financial Literacy

Financial Literacy

College Application Lab

11:50

12:00-12:45

Food Truck Rally & Greek Life Organizations

12:50 –

Athletic Prep Rally, Application Lab, or Freshmen Resources Q&A (students choose a session)

1:45

1:45-2:00

Exit survey

Keynote Speakers

- Dr. Rudy Jamison, Assistant Director of Urban Education and Community Initiatives for the Center of Urban Education and Policy at UNF
- DCPS Superintendent Dr. Diana Greene





Other Program Highlights

- Athletic Prep Rally
 - Current high school athletes had the opportunity to complete portions of their medical clearance for upcoming sports participation
- Food Truck Rally
- Large-Group Session on housing options to consider for any campus
- Student Panel: recent Riverside High School graduates sat on a panel to offer honest perspectives on their transitions to college

Exit Survey: Key Findings

Confidence in Completing College Applications		
	Super Confident	Kind of Confident
Before Conference	12%	29%
After Conference	41%	43%

Confidence in Financial Aid/ How to Pay for College		
	Super Confident	Kind of Confident
Before Conference	17%	21%
After Conference	32%	56%

Understanding how a major connects to a career choice		
	Super Confident	Kind of Confident
Before Conference	36%	40%
After Conference	56%	38%

Understanding Housing Options		
	Super Confident	Kind of Confident
Before Conference	10%	31%
After Conference	43%	37%



Opportunities and Challenges

- **Colleges open applications at different times of the year**
- Alignment or misalignment of high school and college timelines, staff availability
- Space availability: our goal was an off-site space.
- Resources: budgeting, time, staffing
- Student buy-in: what's their motivation for attending?
- Describing the goal of the program to other colleges and universities
- Greek Life and student organization piece did not come together (high school vs. college student schedules)



Considerations for Other Communities

- What is your why?
- What are your resources?
- What are your learning outcomes?
- Who are your key partners?
- What is the best time of the year?
- How can you build support?
- **Go to the student: is it the high school? A faith-based organization or other community partner?**
- **Bring First Gen services TO the first gen students...don't wait for them to come to you**

Let's hear from our students!

– Insert Student Zoom Link





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