

## APRIL- COLLEGE TALK

# Mentor Tip of the Month

### ELEMENTARY

As a No Excuses University organization, P4K believes that college conversations should happen early and often. At the elementary level, conversations can include the importance of good grades, possible areas of study, and good study skills. Encourage students to engage in college campus activities like community events and sporting events.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

At the middle school level, students are thinking about their future and making plans. At this stage, the sky is the limit and many are dreaming of great and grand adventures. Talking to middle school youth about college should focus less on cost and more about choosing the right college for them. Identify what a college offers that would make it a good match for the students. Encourage students to engage in college campus activities like free summer camps, community events, and talking to actual college students.

### HIGH SCHOOL

High school students do have the added pressure of time to consider. Talk to students about timelines, scholarships, and ACT/SAT prep. Encourage students to apply to multiple colleges and apply for financial aid, and utilize the resources within their high school counseling center.

### TIP

It's not all about grades and SAT/ACT scores. Emphasize extra curricular activities, leadership skills, and successes in other areas.