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What is College Success?

College Success is a program of First Generation College Bound (FGCB) with two components--college access and college retention.

College Access

Services include one-on-one coaching and workshop-based advice, encouragement and support about:

- ❖ College Admissions Tests – SAT/ACT
- ❖ College Admissions Process
- ❖ Completing the FAFSA
- ❖ Financial Aid
- ❖ Winning Attitude for Education
- ❖ College Affordability
- ❖ College Matriculation

College Retention

Services support students during their college tenure by providing:

- ❖ Caring Advise and Encouragement
- ❖ Care Packages
- ❖ Financial Aid Support
- ❖ Advocacy
- ❖ Social and Networking Sessions During College Breaks

Who does FGCB's College Success Program Serve?

FGCB provides college access services to Maryland students in Prince George's County and surrounding counties. FGCB operates seven satellite centers at the following Prince George's County high schools:

- ❖ Central
- ❖ DuVal
- ❖ Fairmont Heights
- ❖ High Point
- ❖ Laurel
- ❖ Parkdale
- ❖ Potomac

Once students graduate high school and enroll in college, FGCB provides college retention services until students earn a Bachelor's degree.

Enrollment Criteria:

- ❖ Low to moderate income family or parents without a bachelor's degree
- ❖ Desire to attend college
- ❖ Minimum GPA of 2.0

- ❖ Supportive parent/guardian in the college-bound process
- ❖ Completed College Success application and required student/parent orientation
- ❖ A non-refundable fee based on FARM program income guidelines

What is First Generation College Bound?

First Generation College Bound exists to inspire youth from low-income and first generation families to achieve social and economic success by providing advice, encouragement, and support in obtaining a college degree.

The organization has the following goals:

- ❖ To educate students and their parents/guardians about the importance of taking required standardized admission tests, such as the SAT and ACT.
- ❖ To educate students and their parents/guardians about financial resources available for college.
- ❖ To help students develop a college-bound strategy based on their academic and family financial profile. As part of this strategy, FGCB requires all students to apply to Maryland colleges and universities, where costs can be lower.
- ❖ To assist students (inform) students and their parents/guardians in completing both the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA).
- ❖ To make parents/guardians aware of their role in motivating, encouraging, and assisting their student in the college-bound process.

Why Participate in College Success?

Educational resources are available to support students from low and moderate income families to attend college. Many of these students have the desire to attend college, but are unaware of the resources or don't have a sufficient educational support system at home or in the community.

College Success coaches help students to see that college is possible for them and walk students through the college bound process including financial aid applications. FGCB provides supportive services for students through college graduation.

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