



## LESSON 10.3

### College Visits

#### Module #10: The Future

It is important for freshmen to think about and plan for life after the ninth grade year and even life after high school. This means knowing what course and academic program options are available at the high school. It also means knowing career and college interests because it is never too early to begin planning for the day after high school graduation...

#### Enduring Understandings

- I. Getting the best high school experience requires careful planning and selection of courses and programs that best meet your needs and interests.
- II. **Planning for life after high school needs to begin now.**
- III. It is never too early to begin making sound financial decisions.

#### Essential Questions

- I. **What are my goals for the rest of high school and for life after high school? (II)**
- II. What high school courses do I need to take to help me meet my goals? (I)
- III. What can I do now to set the stage for a positive financial future? (III)

#### Lesson Objective(s)

Students will begin (or continue) to explore colleges and universities that they may be interested in attending after high school graduation.

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#### Directions:

1. Prior to conducting this lesson, the faculty advisor and student leaders should explore websites and other resources that can give freshmen a glimpse into college life and admission requirements. Sites to explore include: [www.collegeclicktv.com](http://www.collegeclicktv.com), [collegeportraits.org](http://collegeportraits.org), <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
2. When students arrive, have a brief discussion about life after high school. How many students would like to go to college after high school? Does anyone know which school they would like to attend? Why this school? Do they know what the admission requirements are for the school? The cost?
3. Ask students to research a minimum of three colleges/universities.

#### Materials & Supplies

- Computers with internet access

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College may seem like a long ways off for ninth graders – and in many ways, it is. However, the decisions freshmen make now will impact their ability to get into a school of their choice in a few years. So, just doing some exploration encourages thinking!

- This module can be enhanced and extended with the many activities that a career interest/survey platform can provide. We suggest considering [www.careercrusing.com](http://www.careercrusing.com) as a potential web solution. In addition to Freshman Focus Module #10 lessons and activities, students can deep dive into many career options, build a portfolio, and develop detailed plans for high school, college, and beyond!
- Blog/Journal Entry: What are your plans for after high school? What would you like to do/accomplish?

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