



MOVE FROM GOOD TO GREAT

with Collaboration to Ensure College and Career Readiness Across
Your Community



WHO WE ARE

Quick introduction

About Us

- **Kat Pastor**



- **Background**

- Been in Arizona my entire life
- Attended Northern Arizona University
- First generation college student

- **Experience**

- NAU Financial Aid Counselor for 4 years
- School Counselor for 14 years
- Student Government teacher for 6 years
- Worked for Four Corners Upward Bound Math and Science Program
- Affiliate faculty at NAU
- AzSCA board member for 11 years
- ASCA Board of Directors



- **Roxanne Dewyer**



- **Background**

- Michigander turned Flagstaffian
- Attended Michigan State University and Northern Arizona University
- First generation college student too

- **Experience**

- College Access Professional for 7 years
- Works alongside Gear Up, Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search and Nizhoni Programs
- College Success Arizona Council member
- AZ ACT Council member



SESSION OBJECTIVES

What we hope to bring you in the next hour

Objectives

- Participants will learn the importance of collaboration among school counseling departments and college access programs and how these partnerships can help to improve student success.
- Participants will expand their toolkit of collaboration techniques to increase access to postsecondary education in disadvantaged areas.
- Participants will create a plan for expanding support within their own networks to provide college and career readiness for all.



INSTITUTIONS DEMOGRAPHICS

A Little Background on FHS and NACRC

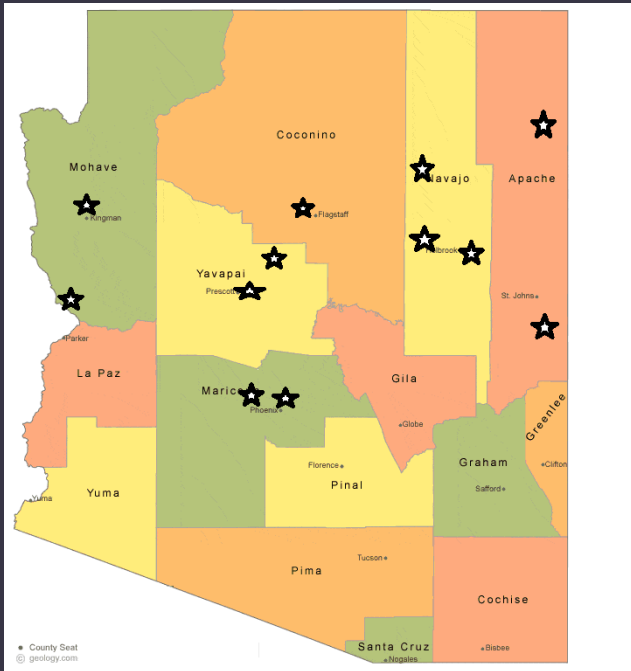
Flagstaff High School



- Flagstaff, AZ 71,000 pop.
- Public
- 1700 students
- 4 full time school counselors
- 50% minority, 21% FRL
 - 150 students living in a residential BIA dormitory
- Class of 2017 ACT average 19.4
- ACT State Choice Testing Site
 - Offered to all juniors
- PBIS, Link Crew, Weekly Advisory
- Reach Higher Initiative
- Naviance



Northern Arizona College Resource Center



The mission of the Northern Arizona College Resource Center (NACRC) is to increase the number of students who apply, are admitted, and attend college by providing appropriate information, technical assistance, advice, and referrals to students and their families regarding applying to and financing college or university studies.

- Serve about 5,000 students & families
- 50+ High Schools
- 2 Full-Time Staff & Partner with AmeriCorps
- 66% First Gen Students
- 78% Low Income
- 52% Minority



POST-SECONDARY CULTURE

FHS Post-Secondary Culture



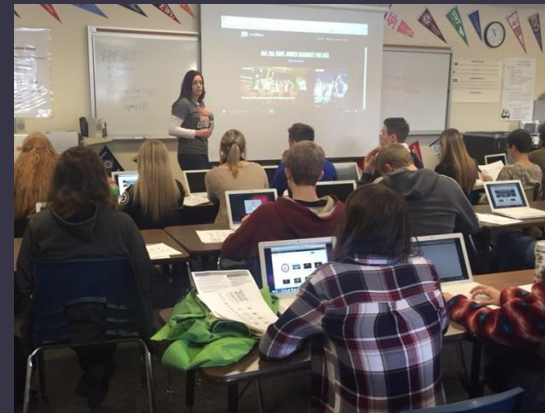
- Set an **expectation**, not an exception
- Reach Higher Wednesday's
- Northern Arizona Region College Night
- Cash for College Night
- City Wide College Signing Day Event
- College Application Campaign
- Communicate, Collaborate, Commit

FHS Post-Secondary Culture

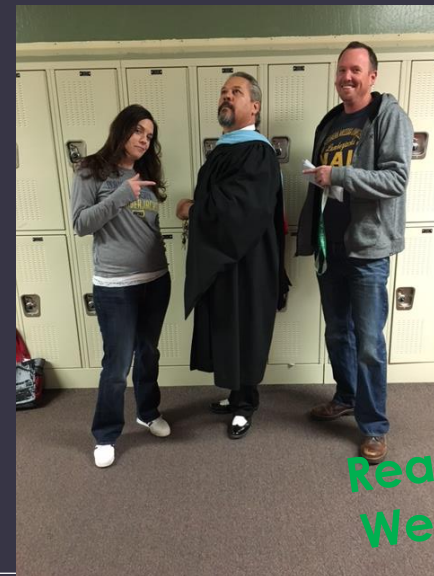
College Application Day



Financial Aid & College Night

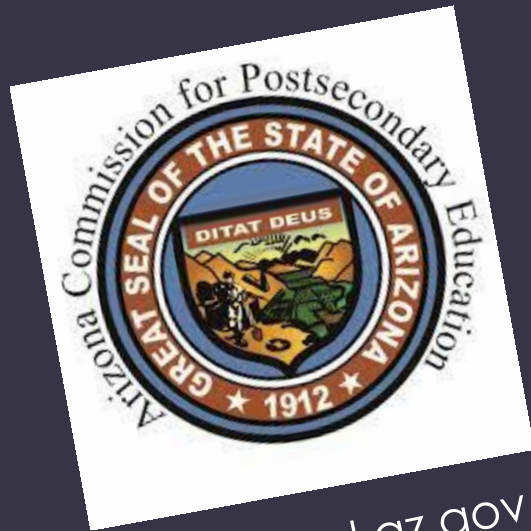


FAFSA Completion Day



Reach Higher Wednesdays

Building Relationships



HigherEd.az.gov

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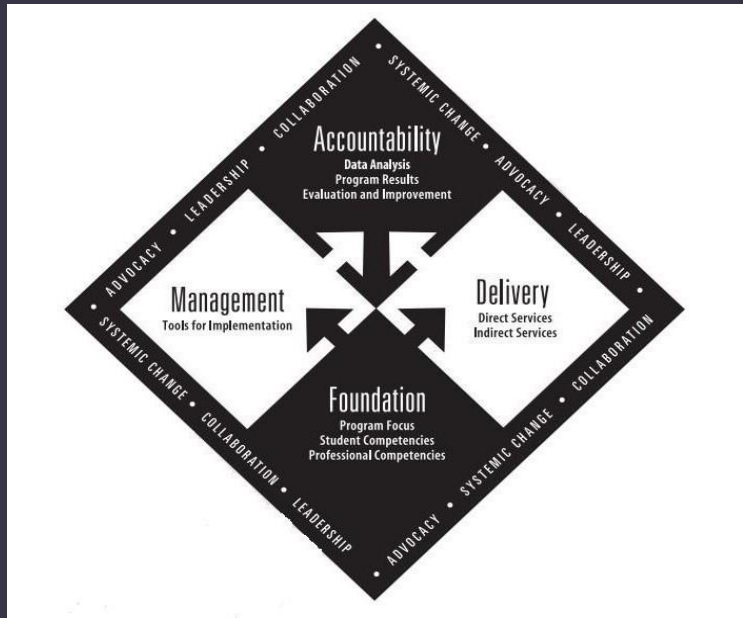
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STRATEGIES

For Implementing a College and Career Culture

Comprehensive School Counseling Program



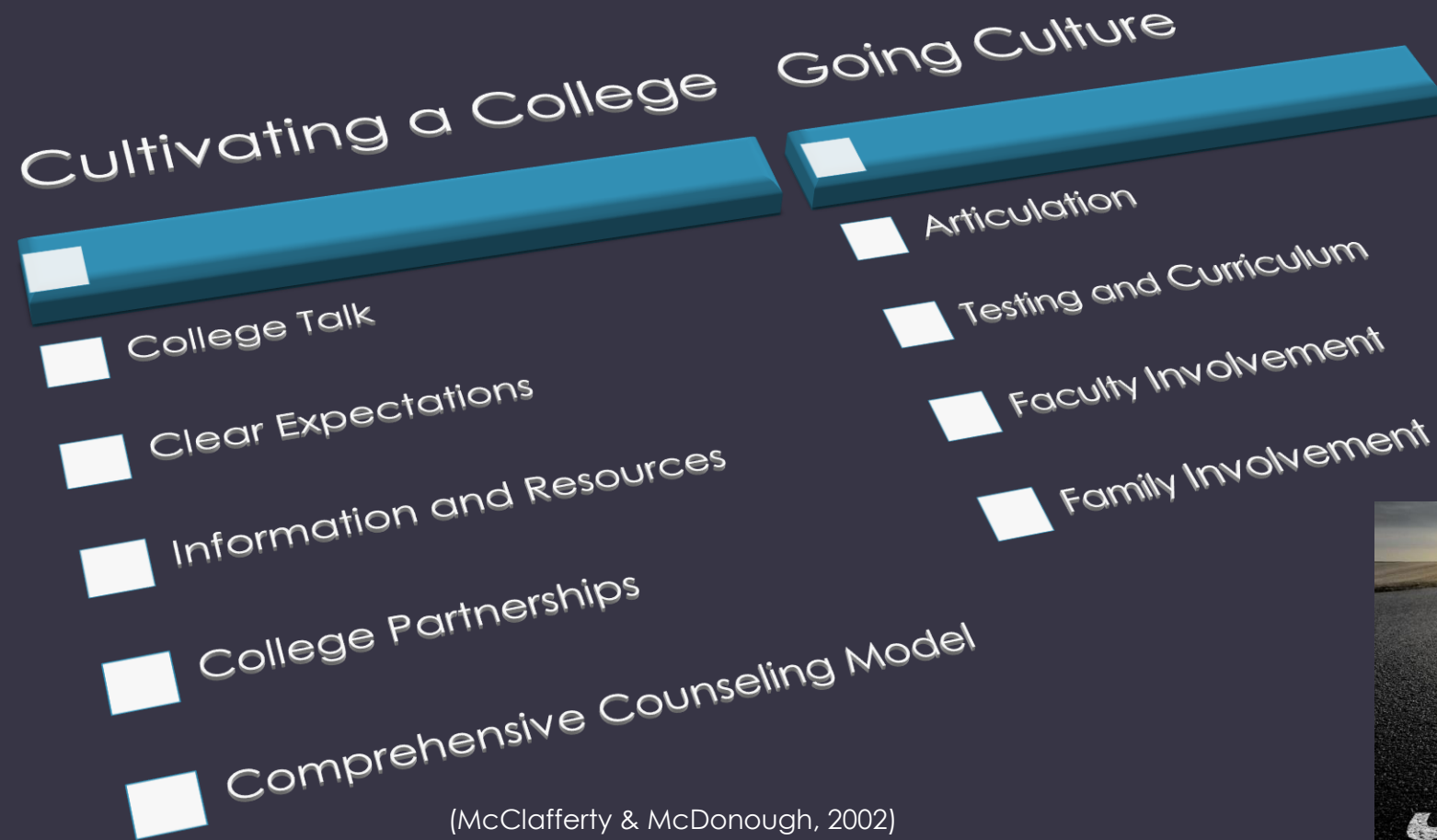
Self Reflection



Strategic Planning



9 Critical Principles of a College-Going Culture



(McClafferty & McDonough, 2002)



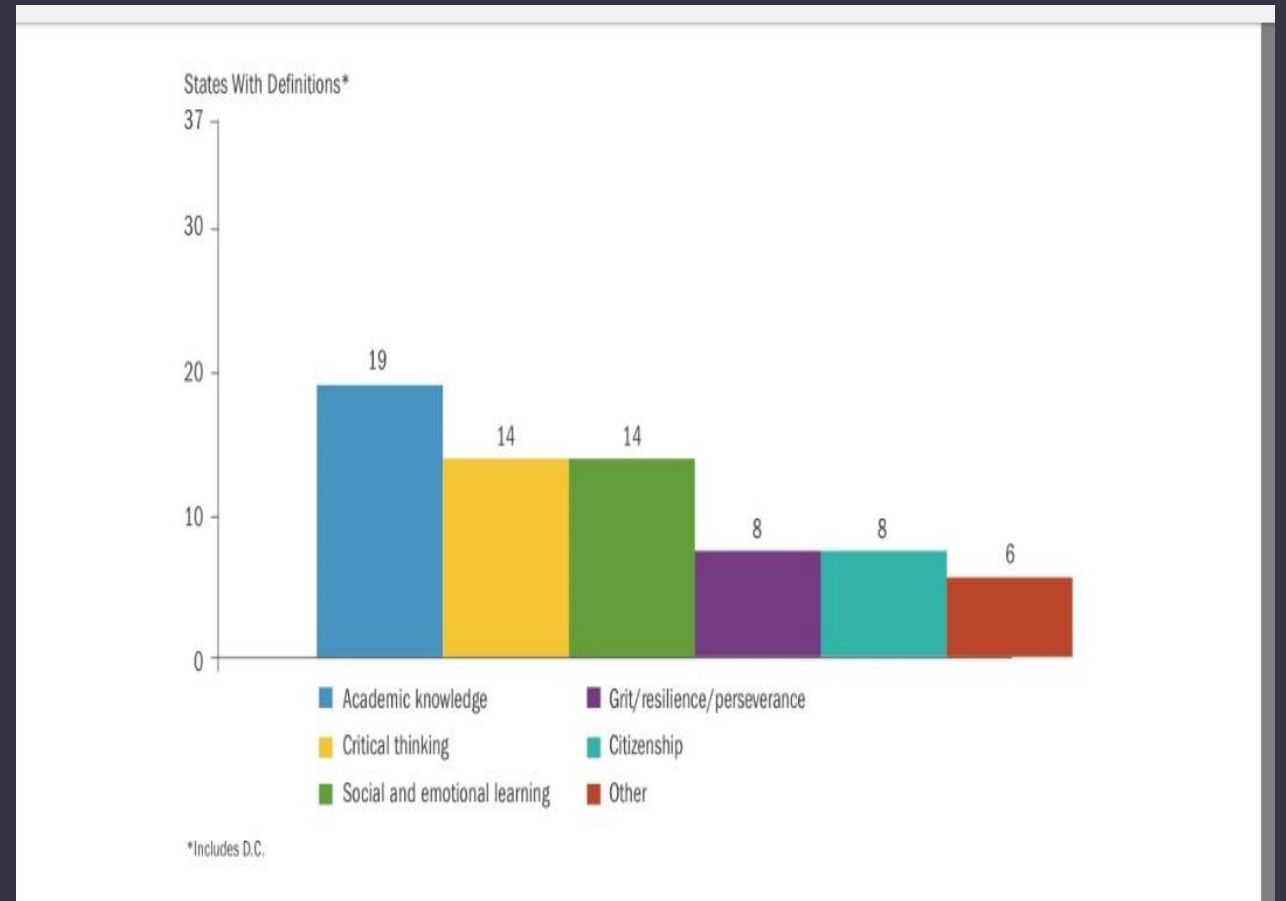


COLLABORATION

How can we work together for the benefit of our students
and our communities

Defining College & Career Readiness

- **American Institutes for Research**
 - College & Career Readiness & Success Center
 - http://www.ccrscenter.org/sites/default/files/CCRS%20Defintions%20Brief_REV_1.pdf
 - As of 2014, 37 states (including the District of Columbia) have definitions of college & career readiness



School Counseling Lessons

- SMART ECAP Goals
- ECAP lessons by grade level



- Lessons shared between school counselor & NACRC
- Reach Higher Wednesdays in FHS Career Center
- Communication and collaboration



Programming

- College Application Campaign
- FAFSA Completion Events
- Financial Aid Nights



AzCAN Standards

AzCAN's College Access Standards outline the factors critical to students' postsecondary success and provide a guide for professionals along the PreK-16 continuum to prepare all students to be college and career ready. AzCAN Standards:

- provide common, consistent language around competencies for students to become college and career ready
- establish common measures of changes in mindsets and behavior along the PreK-16 continuum
- help practitioners identify program strengths and areas for additional supports, which can be used for organizational or programmatic decisions, communications, or reports to funders, and to more easily align efforts with other practitioners.

Assessment

Discussion

Action Planning

Professional Development

- Administration, Counselors, Teachers, NACRC
- 2X/ month on topics such as:
 - ACT Suite
 - ASVAB
 - AzCAN Assessment Results
 - CCRI Data
 - Needs Assessment
 - Dual Enrollment/CTE
 - ECAP



Collaboration

- What does effective collaboration look like?
- Do you have examples of how you collaborate with your partner institutions?
- Has your state defined what “College & Career Readiness” is?
- Has your institution defined “College & Career Readiness”?





MOVING TO GREAT

Continuous Strategic Planning

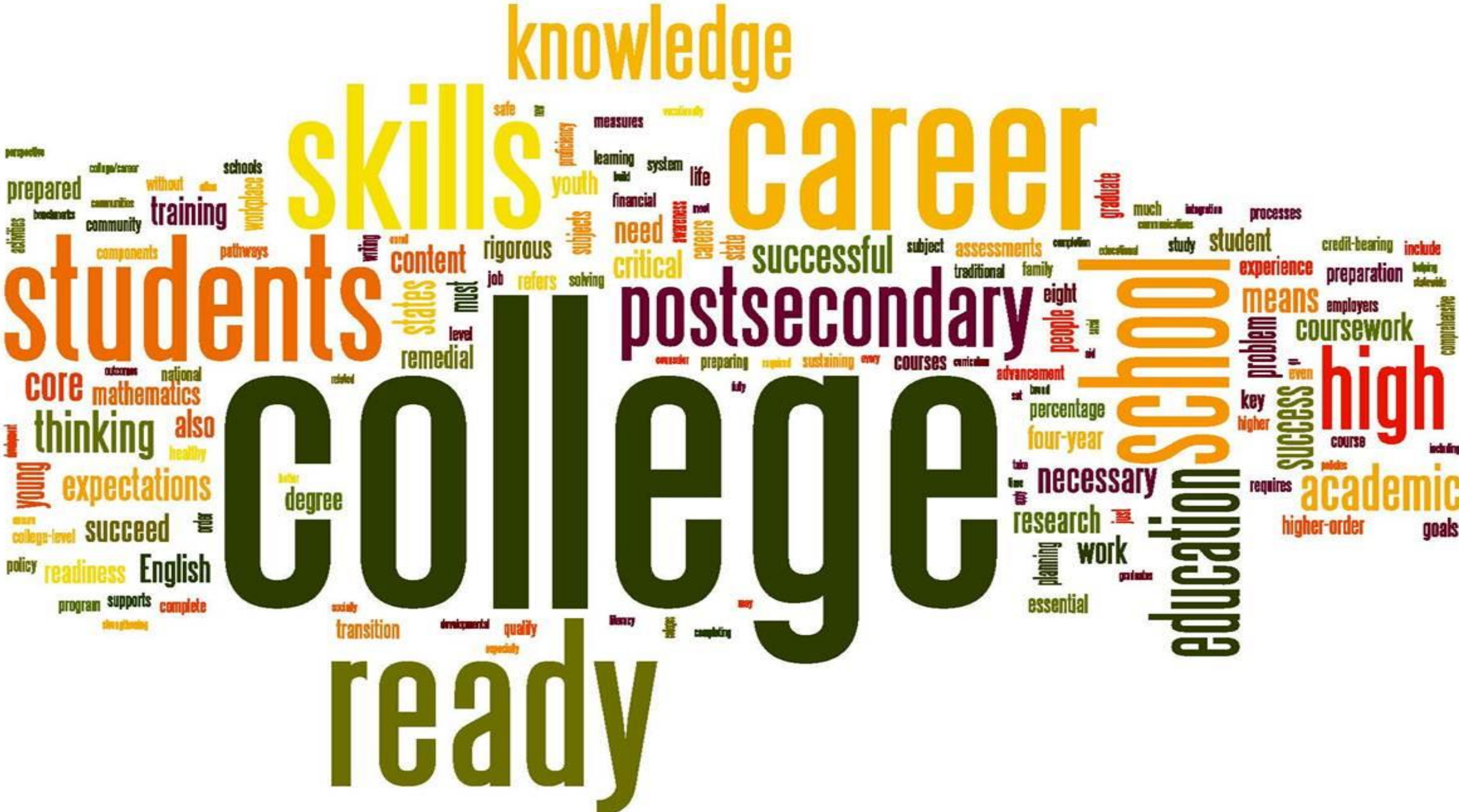
REL West

Summer Planning Meetings

ECAP Exemplary School

Chicago National Postsecondary Strategy Institute

ACT State Testing, PD, strategic planning



Every child deserves a

champion

-- an adult who will

never give up

on them,

who understands the

power of

connection

and insists that they

become

the best that they can

possibly

be.

-- Rita F. Pierson



CLOSING REFLECTION

P.I.E.

Closing Reflection: P.I.E.

- **Priceless piece of information**
 - What has been the most important piece of information for you today?
- **Item to implement**
 - What is something you intend to implement from our session today?
- **Encouragement I received**
 - What is something that you are already doing that you were encouraged to keep doing?



Thank you!

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