College and Career Readiness

Unit 1: Study Skills

Lesson 1: Introduction to the WLSA Curriculum and the CCR Course

Workshop 1: What I Want for My Future and My Plan for Success

**Lesson 1: Introduction to the WLSA Curriculum and the CCR Course**

In this week’s lecture you are introduced to the College Counseling department (Mr. A, Carrie, Marla, and Alice). We present the WLSA Curriculum to help you better understand the courses you will take during your three years here. We will also introduce the [College and Career Readiness course](http://freecollegeadvice.weebly.com/college-and-career-readiness-course.html), including the structure of the entire course and about the specific [topics we will be learning about this semester](http://freecollegeadvice.weebly.com/g10.html).

**Workshop 1: What I Want for My Future and My Plan for Success**

During our workshop you will reflect on your personal definition of success in your future lives. You will compete your first assignment for your portfolio. I will also briefly introduce the concept of [personal branding](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal_branding). I encourage each of you to create your own webpage/profile on [About.Me](https://about.me) and to begin compiling your resume on [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com). I will talk about [social media in the college admissions process](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/10/business/they-loved-your-gpa-then-they-saw-your-tweets.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0) and the importance of [managing your online identity](http://bits.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/11/11/in-college-admissions-social-media-can-be-a-double-edged-sword/). Finally, I ask you to [register for a VPN](astrill.org) so that you have [access to my website](http://www.freecollegeadvice.weebly.com).

**Tasks**

1. Register for a professional email
2. Create an [About.Me](about.me/matthewababte) profile and insert the link in your [email signature](http://htmlsig.com)
3. Register for [LinkedIn](linkedin.com) and start building your profile. [Add me](cn.linkedin.com/in/matthewabbate).
4. Register for a [VPN](astrill.org). Logon to [my website](freecollegeadvice.weebly.com) and start exploring.
5. Complete the assignment on your future and success and send it to the teacher in charge of your class before the deadline (Marla: Fordham; Carrie: Exeter; Alice: Duke)
6. Explain the class structure and rules to your parents