Cheap, Easy & Brief College-Going Activities

1. Educational Journey
Share your Educational Journey with your students
Have students interview other adults at school, in their family, or community about their Educational Journeys
Present interviews- surprises, reflections, how info relates to students’ lives.

2. Message Discussion
What messages are your students getting about their lives “after high school”?
Messages from:
• School
• Home
• Community
Are these messages they want to embrace or struggle with?
What tools can you provide to help them?

3. Quick Writes
Students think about the kinds of things they will need to write their college essays:
Where do you see yourself five years from now?
What was the best conversation you ever had?
What is the one thing you are really good at?
What would you like to learn before you turn 18?
What is the one thing you would really like to be good at?
If you could go to any college or university, regardless of cost or grades etc., where would you want to go and why?
What is your favorite book? Why?
If you could meet/have dinner with one person in all of history, who would it be? Why?

4. Student-Lead Interviews
Teacher
Where did you go to college?
Did you like it?
What did you study?
What influenced you to go to college?
Who did you look up to?
How did you pay for college?
What scholarships did you apply for?

Tutor/College Student
Have you been to college?
When did/will you graduate?
What did you most enjoy studying?
Do/did you plan to go to college? Why or why not?

Parent
Did you attend college, why or why not?
If you had a chance to further your education, what would you study?
Do you want to go to college?
If yes, do you need support?
Did you know there is financial aid?

Anyone
What did you like to study in school? Why?
Does your job require a college degree?
When did you decide you wanted to go to college?
Did/will you apply for scholarships?