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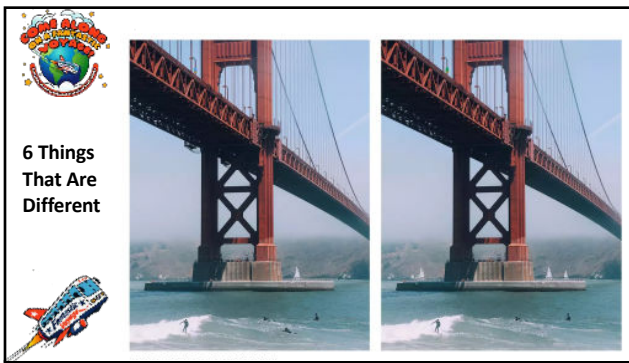
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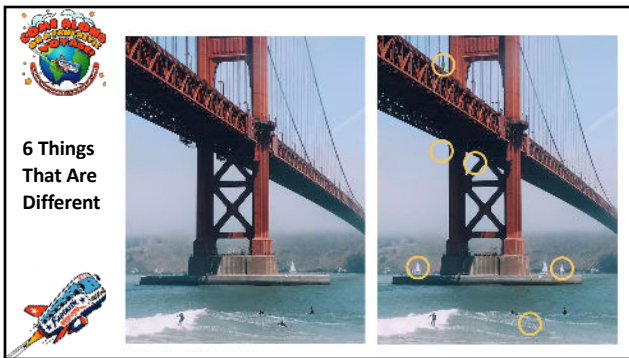
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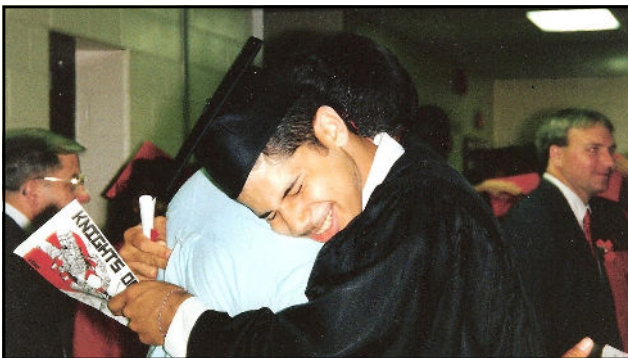
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What Are Your Students Top 5 Fears About Going To College?



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Your Students Top 5 Fears

- **Not fitting in** — Worrying about making friends, finding a community, or feeling lonely. First Year Homesickness Study
- **Academic failure** — Fearing harder coursework, poor grades, or not being "smart enough." Inside Higher Ed Student Voice Survey
- **Financial pressure** — Concerns about tuition, debt, living expenses, and balancing work with school. 54% of entering students have financial concerns
- **Being independent** — Anxiety about managing time, responsibilities, health, and daily life without familiar support.
- **Choosing the wrong path** — Uncertainty about selecting a college, major, or career—and whether the investment will pay off.



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So How Can We Prepare Them To Overcome Those Fears?



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Looking For A Different Level of Impact.

- **Goal 1: Reduce Fear of Going to College**
 - **Objective:** Build students' confidence by reducing anxiety and uncertainty about the transition from high school to college.
- **Goal 2: Preparation for Next Steps to Transition to College**
 - **Objective:** Ensure students complete all necessary steps for a successful transition to postsecondary education.
- **Goal 3: Handling Being a First-Generation College Student**
 - **Objective:** Empower first-generation college students with the knowledge, skills, and support needed to successfully navigate the college experience.
- **Goal 4: Being Responsible for Your College Success**
 - **Objective:** Develop students' personal responsibility, independence, and accountability for achieving success in college.



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It Take A Village...

Reaching To Our Partners at All Aboard Travel & Tours and CoolSpeak.



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They Don't Need The Same Old Approaches



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The Impact of School Trips

★ A study found that regardless of gender, ethnicity or socioeconomic status, children who take school trips have better grades (**59%**), higher graduation rates from high school (**95%**) and college (**63%**).

*U.S Travel Association Study on Student Travel



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The Impact of School Trips

★ In fact, **89%** said educational trips had a positive, lasting impact on their education and career because enriching field trips made them more engaged, intellectually curious, and interested in and out of school.

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They Need A Fantastic Voyage

- College Transitions Boot Camp
- A Hybrid Trip/Camp That:
 - Educates & Inspires
 - Builds Confidence & Appreciation
 - Tackles Their Fears and Concerns
 - Cultivates Their Grit & Resiliency
 - Exposes Them To New & Better Perspectives
 - Fosters Growth & Independence
 - Provides Opportunities To Network






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All Aboard Would Focus On The Front of Bus...

- Travel & Logistics
 - Itineraries
 - Hotels
 - Transportation
 - College Visits
 - Locations






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CoolSpeak Would Focus On The Back of Bus...

- Student-Centered Programming:
 - Culturally Relevant
 - Social Emotional
 - Experiential
 - Inspirational
 - Fun

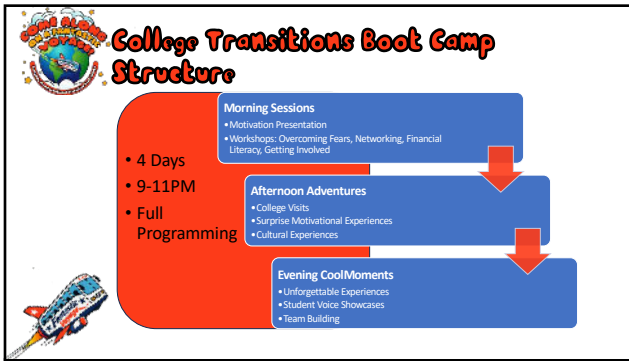





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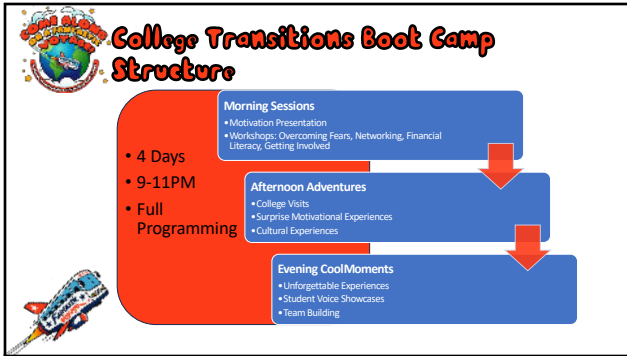
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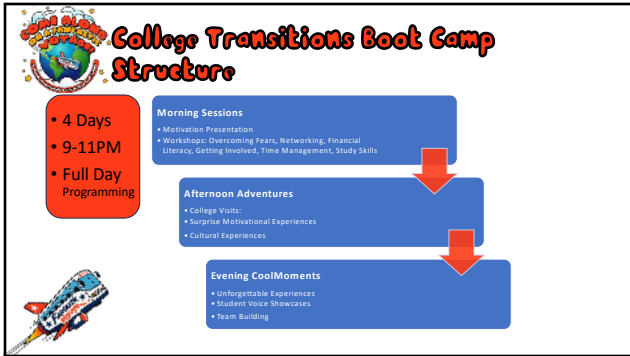
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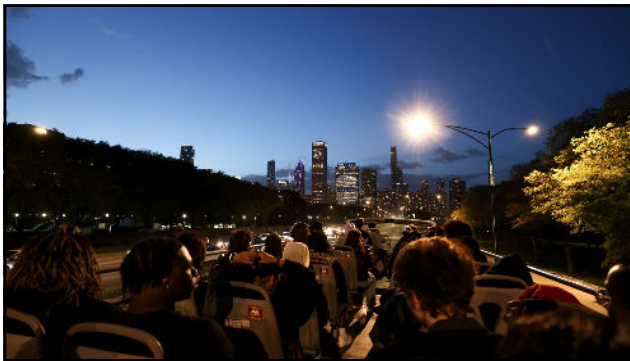
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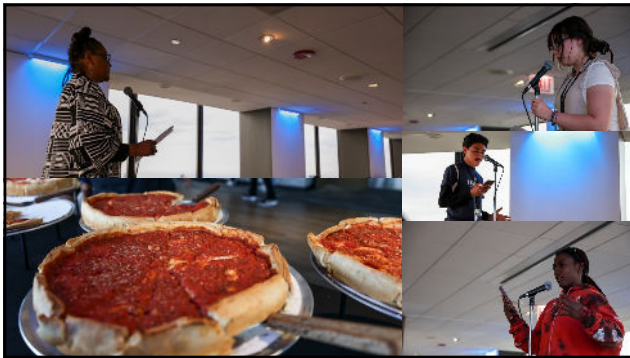
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Full Programming

- Before Your Trip
 - Orientation
 - Student
 - Parent
 - Promo Videos
 - Text Group
- On The Move
 - CarPool Karaoke
 - Journaling
 - Confessionals
 - Quizzes
- On The Hotel
 - Lip Sync Battle
 - Poetry Slams
 - Game Shows




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What Was The Outcome? How Did It Turn Out?



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Day 1: 9.03 out of 10
Day 2: 9.54 out of 10
Overall: 9.62 out of 10

Fun, tiring, worth it, encouraging, humbling, extravagant, Wonderful, Meaningful, Engaging, Cool, Relaxing, Funny, Adventurous, Amazing, Beautiful, stellar, legendary, amazing, incredible, life-changing, Creative, Vulnerable, Deep, Honest

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Plan A Fantastic Voyage

Design Your Own
Boot Camp



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Plan A Fantastic Voyage

1. Middle School or High School
2. Destination
3. Workshop Topics
4. College Visits
5. Educational Activities
6. Cool Moments



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Please Share Your Feedback





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PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES

Walk around the room and introduce yourself and where you are from to other participants. Try and meet individuals who have completed one of the items in the boxes below and enter their name in the respective box. You can only use a person's name in one box. Meet as many people as you can, fill as many boxes as you.

...has traveled by train.	...has visited another country.	...attended a bus trip as a student.	...is scared of tight, enclosed spaces.
...speaks more than one language.	...has a passport.	...has a fear of heights.	...has visited Canada.
...has taken students on a bus trip.	...has visited Mexico.	...has been on a boat.	...has visited more than 10 states. ____ states they have visited.
...has a fear of spiders.	...has driven through 5 or more states in one trip.	...has been to Hawaii.	...lives in Pennsylvania.
Get someone to share what their biggest fear about going to college was?			

**Fort Wayne GEAR UP
Chicago
May 15-18, 2025**

Tour ID# AAT2025182

Proposal by Kelly 4/4/2025

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Day 1

- 5:00 PM *(Eastern Time)* Depart for Chicago aboard a deluxe motorcoach 163 Miles
Your Tour Manager will meet you here
- 7:00 PM *(Central Time)* Check into your hotel **Sonesta O'Hare Rosemont**
Time to freshen up before dinner
- 8:00 PM Dinner included at your hotel
- 9:00 PM CoolSpeak programing: The **Big Game Show** featuring Tim Stafford
- 10:00 PM **End of Day 1**
- o Review the Rules & Expectations
 - o Preview Day 2
 - o Private Security on duty until 5:00 AM

Friday, May 16, 2025

Day 2

- 8:00 AM Breakfast included at your hotel
- 9:00 AM CoolSpeak Transition Boot Camp Welcome
- 9:15 AM Opening Keynote: Chris Collins
- 9:45 AM Q&A
- 10:00 AM Top 10 Fears About Going To College with Chris Collins
- 10:30 AM Foundational Balloon Towers with Lilyan Prado Carrillo
- o The importance of the foundations of success.
 - o What foundations do you have?
 - o What foundations do you need?
- 11:30 AM Connection and Elevation: Power of Networking with Josh Easter
- 12:00 PM Depart hotel
- 12:30 PM Lunch at Portillo's

- 1:30 PM Campus Visit with **Surprise CoolSpeak Presentation by Juan Cangas at Loyola University Chicago**—Loyola University Chicago is a private Jesuit research university in Chicago, Illinois, United States. Founded in 1870 by the Society of Jesus, Loyola is one of the largest Catholic universities in the United States. Its namesake is Saint Ignatius of Loyola.
- 4:00 PM Visit **Navy Pier** with included ride on the **Centennial Wheel** — Historic Navy Pier is Chicago's lakefront playground. And it's the Midwest's #1 tourist and leisure destination, attracting more than 8.6 million visitors a year. Navy Pier is the place where all of Chicagoland and tourists from around the world have come together since 1995 to enjoy the beauty and the thrills of a day on Lake Michigan. From rides to restaurants, exhibitions to entertainment, shopping to dining cruises and tour boats, Navy Pier has it all - in a location unlike any other! There's so much to do in our 50 acres of parks, promenades, gardens, shops, eateries, and attractions. Take a ride on our 15-story tall Ferris wheel.
- 6:30 PM Dinner included at **Maggiano's** or similar
- 8:00 PM Enjoy an **Overview Tour with CoolSpeak on a Big Bus Tours Chicago Double Decker bus**
- 9:00 PM Return to your hotel
CoolSpeak Programing: Team Building
- 10:00 PM **End of Day 2**
- o Review the Rules & Expectations
 - o Review Day 2
 - o Preview Day 3
 - o Private Security on duty until 5:00 AM

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Day 3

- 8:00 AM Breakfast included at your hotel
- 9:00 AM CoolSpeak Transition Boot Camp Welcome & Review
- 9:15 AM Young & Debt Free: MJ Bridges
- 10:15 AM WOW Goals: Chris Collins
- 11:15 AM You Got The Write Stuff: College Writing with Tim Stafford
- 12:00 PM Depart Hotel
- 1:00 PM Lunch included at the **Ed Debevic's** or similar

- 3:00 PM Visit **Millenium Park** with visit to Cloud Gate, AKA "The Bean" followed by a **CoolSpeak surprise presentation by Zach Gowen** at the Rotunda
- 5:30 PM Delicious Deep-Dish Pizza Dinner provided by **Giordano's** and **Poetry Slam with Natasha Carrizosa** on the **99th floor of Willis Tower** (*formerly Sears Tower*). You will also have time to visit **Skydeck Chicago** before your presentation.
- 9:00 PM Return to your hotel
CoolSpeak programing: The **Lip Sync Battle** featuring Tim Stafford
- 10:00 PM **End of Day 3**
- o Review the Rules & Expectations
 - o Review Day 3
 - o Preview Day 4
 - o Private Security on duty until 5:00 AM

Sunday May 18, 2025

Day 4

- 8:00 AM Breakfast included at your hotel prior to checking out
- 10:00 AM Depart for home 163 Miles
- 1:00 PM Approximate Arrival