

# College Planning and Readiness Seminar



*“Helping students be inspirationally charged and mentally focused for college, using an enthusiastic and hands-on approach.”*

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## **A Message from Your Instructor**

Hello Students,

I hope you and your family are keeping safe during this global health crisis. While the world is currently on “pause,” it’s very important that you continue your journey towards accomplishing your higher education goals. I will continue to provide you with valuable information that will help you successfully navigate the college planning process.

Provided within these pages are several college planning resources that you may utilize. Please feel free to contact me at [bookercollegeplanning@yahoo.com](mailto:bookercollegeplanning@yahoo.com) should you have any questions.

Best regards!

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## STUDENT SELF EVALUATION EXERCISE

According to [campusexplorer.com](http://campusexplorer.com), a self-assessment is a way to look at all of your skills and experiences in a cohesive way that can help you plan your education and begin writing your resume.

Please complete the self-assessment exercise below:

1. Create a “Personal Mission Statement.” Visit [Zety.com](https://zety.com) for examples and information on how to write a personal mission statement. <https://zety.com/blog/personal-mission-statement>

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**Mr. Booker’s Personal Mission Statement:**

*“To be present every day prepared to motivate people to live their best lives.”*





# COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING RESOURCES ONLINE

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Listed below is a partial list of online college and career planning resources you can access on your mobile device or desktop computer. If you have any questions, please email me at [bookercollegeplanning@yahoo.com](mailto:bookercollegeplanning@yahoo.com)

## CAREER PLANNING:

CareerZone

<https://www.careerzone.ny.gov>

Occupational Outlook Handbook (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh>

## RESEARCHING COLLEGE MAJORS:

MyMajors

<https://www.mymajors.com>

CampusCompare

<https://www.campuscompare.com>

## SEARCHING FOR COLLEGES:

College ScoreCard

<https://collegescorecard.ed.gov>

Ucan Private College Search

<http://www.ucan-network.org>

The State University of New York

<https://www.suny.edu>

BestColleges

<https://www.bestcolleges.com>

Historically Black Colleges

<http://www.thehundred-seven.org>

## RESEARCH COLLEGE GRADUATION RATES:

College Results Online

<http://www.collegeresults.org>

## VIRTUAL TOURS:

CampusTours

<https://www.campustours.com>

YouVisit

<https://www.youvisit.com>

## COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTING:

College Board

<https://www.collegeboard.org>

Khan Academy (Free SAT practice test)

<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

ACT

<https://www.act.org>

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<https://academy.act.org>

## PAYING FOR COLLEGE:

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

<https://studentaid.gov>

New York State Higher Education Corporation (Grants and Scholarships)

<https://www.hesc.ny.gov>

Fastweb (Scholarships)

<https://www.fastweb.com>

Local Scholarships

\*Please check with your school counselor for local scholarship opportunities.

## LGBTQ RESOURCES:

Campus Pride

<https://www.campuspride.org>

## FUTURE COLLEGE ATHLETES:

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

<http://www.ncaa.org>

## ADDITIONAL COLLEGE PLANNING WEBSITES:

myFUTURE.com (College Planning Timeline)

<https://myfuture.com/college/planning/college-planning-timeline>

NextStepU

<https://www.nextstepu.com>

Peterson's

<https://www.petersons.com>

myCollegeOptions

<https://www.mycollegeoptions.org>

Anthony O'Neal

<https://www.anthonioneal.com/resources/>

## COLLEGE PLANNING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:

Unigo.com

<https://www.Unigo.com>

<https://www.unigo.com/admissions-advice/how-can-parents-help-students-with-the-college-search-and-application-process/334/1> (Actual link to parent information)



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