Columbia University Student Outreach

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Mission

• To educate and inform students that attend Harlem High Schools of opportunities for them post high school – specifically college opportunities.

• To increase support and available resources for high school students that are considering applying to college.
• Have groups of 10-15 students visit 3 high schools in Harlem and speak to sophomores and juniors about college and opportunities.

• Establish mentor-mentee relationships with students so that we can help them with the application process once they apply to college.
Major Obstacles

- Commitment of College Students
- Response from Administrators of the High Schools
- Obtaining Information about Financial Aid
- Transportation
Results of the Project

Measure of Impact:

- 3 High Schools
- Duration: 6 periods each
- 20 to 30 students in each period
- 80 to 100 high school students signed up for mentors from each school
- 79 Columbia Students showed interest in being mentors
Leadership Lessons

- Adjust to each others form of communication
- Help each other out
- Do not be afraid to ask for help
- Be prepared to have a flexible time frame and projected plan.