Overcoming Obstacles in Higher Education – Dr. Stringfellow

Track IV

Abstract

The difficulty of achieving a degree in higher education for African-American and Latino males is challenging and include many hurdles that must be overcome. When implemented effectively, this concept has the potential to aid students, in this population, to successfully climb the academic ladder. This presentation examines how to prepare for the hurdles that can prevent and/or discourage students from pursuing a degree in higher education. Understanding four key factors are highlighted: 1) preparing for academic success, 2) community support, 3) effectively using available resources, and 4) the application of all the tools needed to be successful.

Objectives

The objective of this presentation is to provide African-American and Latino males an understanding of the many hurdles to achieving a degree in higher education. In addition, the presenter will provide a framework on how to successfully overcome these hurdles students can potentially experience.
Outline

Introduction

I. Background information of presenter
II. Personal challenges to obtain A. A. Degree, Bachelor’s Degree, Master’s Degree, and Doctorate Degree
III. Four key factors to climb the academic ladder

Achieving a degree in higher education

I. Preparation for academic success
   A. Importance of outstanding grades
      1. Classes are building blocks to overall learning
      2. Success in the classroom demonstrate commitment and dedication
   B. College entrance exams
      1. Predictor of student success in higher education
   C. Extracurricular activities
      1. School activities
      2. Volunteering

II. Community support
   A. School administrators
   B. Teachers/Coaches
   C. Community leaders
   D. Employers

III. Using available resources
   A. Programs available in the community
      1. Upward Bound

IV. Applying the tools needed to be successful
   A. Stay focused
   B. Seek assistance
      1. Tutors
      2. Mentors

Conclusion

I. Result of using the four key factors
II. Why the four key factors prepare you to be successful climbing the academic ladder?

Lecture/Report

Concurrent Sessions
BIO Information

Dr. Stringfellow was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He received his Associates of Arts Degree from St. Louis Community College, Bachelor of Arts from Appalachian State University, Master’s Degree from University of Florida, and Ph.D. from Florida State University. Currently resides in Tampa, Florida.