

Journey to College

Decision Day

Virtual Decision Day Activities

The following ideas are either new or adapted activities from the current [Site Coordinator Resource Manual](#) for Decision Day. Please review the manual for other ideas and more detail on ways to celebrate with the class of 2020.

Guess Who – Schools can use their social media feeds or online platforms to post a series of small clues about a teacher or staff member. Clues can include the high school and college the teacher attended, as well as their major and graduation year. Students can post their guesses online or on a fillable graphic, with small prizes awarded to the winners.

By sharing the educational background, faculty and staff can better engage students who might have questions about college preparation, the application process, enrollment, and more. Ask students to engage with posts and ask questions.

Guest Speakers – Even though students can't gather in large groups, guest speakers can still be highly effective. Invite high school alumni, elected officials, college admissions and financial aid representatives, local businesses and leaders to do an Instagram live or Twitter chat. Both formats will allow students to ask questions in real time. Be sure to advertise the time and date of the event so students know when to tune in.

Interviews – Choose a few seniors to interview about their future plans. Choose a variety of students to showcase different pathways they may be taking. You can do this through either a video or email Q&A. You can again utilize your school website or social media pages to post the students' responses.

Pennants/signs/social media – Ask students to fill out the "I Decided" sign or create their own at home; they could also create their own college pennant to show their decision. Students can share which school they've decided to attend, as well as what path they've chosen to take – entering the workforce, military, apprenticeship or work-based learning, associate degree, bachelor's degree, graduate or professional degree. Ask students to use the hashtag #MODecisionDay and tag the school and @Journey2College in their posts. If students don't have social media or don't feel comfortable posting on their own pages, designate someone for students to email their photos/videos to in order for the school to post them.

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Garage door/Front door decorating – Suggest students and families celebrate their seniors’ high school career and kick off their next steps by decorating their front door or garage doors. Ask them to post photos on social media and/or send to the school for posting online. This will help generate excitement and a college-going culture at your school.

Car Parade – Teachers can celebrate seniors’ plans for after high school by decorating their vehicles with signs, balloons and window chalk and drive a specific route to pass by seniors’ homes.

Virtual College Tours – [Strive for College Knowledge](#) is hosting a Virtual College Exploration Week, April 23-30. Help students make final choices by visiting campuses online.

Student Questionnaire – (Page 115) Ask students to complete a [short questionnaire](#), so you can get a better feel for seniors’ plans for after high school. The questionnaire can be distributed and submitted via email. The data from these questionnaires is important for MDHEWD records.