

“College Doesn’t Just Happen” Video and PowerPoint

Show this 10-minute video featuring two young men who visit their high school five years after graduating and flash back to decisions they made that impacted their ability to go to college.

This video highlights all 4 *KnowHow2GO* steps.

- Begin by showing the [“College Doesn’t Just Happen” video](#) to all students. Consider having students complete the “video guide” (next page) while they watch the video.
- Before beginning the PowerPoint presentation (see below), ask students to write their thoughts about the video (this assignment is also at the bottom of the video guide). What did they think of the video? What stood out to them? What changes do they foresee themselves taking as a result of watching this video?
- Walk students through the [“College Doesn’t Just Happen” PowerPoint](#) refreshing main ideas of the video.

“College Doesn’t Just Happen” Video Guide

1. Step 1 to prepare for college is “Be a Pain - in a good way.” What should you do to prepare to go to college, according to this step?

a. Who are two adults you could ask for help?

_____ and _____

2. Step 2 to prepare for college is “Push yourself.” What should you do to prepare to go to college, according to this step?

a. What tough classes are you taking or do you plan to take?

3. Step 3 to prepare for college is “Find the right fit”. What should you do to prepare to go to college, according to this step?

a. What career fields are you thinking about entering?

b. How could you get on a college campus in the next month?

4. Step 4 to prepare for college is “Put your hands on some cash.” What should you do to prepare to go to college, according to this step?

a. What could you give up spending money on in order to save for college?

Write your thoughts about the video. What do you think of the video? What stood out to you? What changes do you foresee yourself taking as a result of watching this video?