

# Cooke Scholar Alumni

## *Career Pathways Connections*

### Conversation Guide: The College Student Experience

#### OBJECTIVE

This conversation guide will help you engage in a conversation about the college student experience. Through this conversation, you and your partner will get to know each other through sharing your reflected experiences as college students. You'll discover commonalities and differences and you may notice various themes will emerge to serve as talking points.

Agenda	Action	Questions to Consider
1. Setting the stage	Share general information about your experience as a college student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tell me about your experience as a college student.</li><li>• What is your journey to college story?</li></ul>
2. Academics	Inform your partner about your academic history and aspirations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As a college student, what are/were your career and academic aspirations?</li><li>• Of the classes you have taken, which class(es) have been most influential to you?</li></ul>
3. Extracurricular	Describe the extracurricular activities you are/were involved in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What extracurricular activities are/were you involved with?</li><li>• How did you decide which extracurricular activities you would take part in?</li><li>• Explain a commonality that all of the extracurricular activities you are/were involved with have.</li></ul>
4. Relationships	Discuss your experience in forming relationships as a college student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tell me about one meaningful relationship you have developed with a college faculty member.</li><li>• How would you describe your various social circles in college and your relationships with them?</li></ul>
5. Purpose & Goals	Share and reflect on your purpose and goals of pursuing a college education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What do/did you hope to accomplish before graduating? How do/did you plan on accomplishing this?</li><li>• What is one thing about your college experience that will always stick with you?</li></ul>