ABOUT COLLEGE ACCESS DAY:
The day is aimed at giving high school students a glimpse into what college life is really like while educating them on the college admission process, academic expectations, financial assistance, and how to navigate life outside of the classroom. Through the implementation of workshops and activities, students' questions and concerns about higher education are addressed.

228 high school students

1. Latinx, Hispanic, or Chicanx
2. Black, Afro-Caribbean, or African American
3. White or Euro-American
4. East Asian or Asian American
5. Multiracial or Biracial
6. Native American or Alaskan Native
7. South Asian or Indian American
8. Middle Eastern or Arab American
9. Other

52.63% of students' parents never attended college
Event Assessment Highlights:
- 5.79% increase of students who will apply to college.
- 43.22% increase of students who understand the college application process.
- 18.84% increase of students who believe they can find a community to support them in college.
- 15.25% increase of students who are confident in their ability to transition into college life both academically and socially.

Student Experiences
- Marcela Rios*, a sophomore at International Polytechnic High School expressed, "I feel way more confident about applying to colleges. It was great to hear that the faculty and staff have relatable experiences. Some of my fears about college were cleared up after the talk."
- Ricardo Campos*, a junior at Hawthorne High School said, "The information I found valuable today was that you can go to college completely free."
- Carmen Julios*, a sophomore at International Polytechnic High School shared, "I learned tips and tricks in writing my personal statements for college, which I find very important because I really didn't know how to start them."

*Students were given a pseudonym for this report.

Highlighted Activities:
- High School to College Transition by Theo Fowles, Center for Black Cultural & Student Affairs, Assistant Director
- Student Panel with current USC students
- USC Experience: Campus Tour
- Presentation by Joi Wade, author of "You Got Into Where?: How I Received Admission and Scholarships to the Nation’s Top Universities."
- Faculty and Staff Panel

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