



# 2016-2017 MEGA Discussion Topics and Website Access

PROGRAM COMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER 2017

# MEGA Discussion & Curriculum

- ▶ This year we will focus on Life Skills, Leadership Skills and presenting Career Options according to the students' aspirations and interests.
- ▶ For this to occur, we will ask for Students Career guides and schedules of enhancement related activities such as SAT preparation sessions, Career day, etc.
- ▶ Additional resources are available upon request, such as:
  - ❑ Speakers Bureau
  - ❑ Videos
    - ❑ Bring you're a Game
    - ❑ Sit in Stand out
    - ❑ Massive Resistance in Virginia
    - ❑ ETC.

# MEGA Middle School Discussion Topics

- ▶ September: Introduction to Mega Mentors
  - ❑ Introduction to MEGA and Expectations
- ▶ October: Taking Responsibility for your Future
  - ❑ Transition to Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - ❑ Hope Survey
  - ❑ SMART Goals (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - ❑ Goals and Specialty Centers (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- ▶ November: Respect for Yourself and Others
  - ❑ Character Development/Core Values
  - ❑ Image and Perception
  - ❑ Dress for Success/Personal Grooming
  - ❑ Guest Speakers
  - ❑ Grade and Goals Check-in

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- ▶ December: Getting along with Others
  - ❑ Choosing the Right Friends
  - ❑ Conflict Resolution
  - ❑ Surviving Chaos/Winning in Stressful Situations
  - ❑ Bystander Intervention
- ▶ January: Effort
  - ❑ Value of an Education
  - ❑ Career Aspiration (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>)/Budget (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - ❑ “Bring You’re a Game” (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - ❑ Steps to Success/Success Stories
- ▶ February: Public Speaking
  - ❑ Introduction to Public Speaking/Presentation Assignments
  - ❑ Public Speaking Presentations
  - ❑ “Locked Out” PBS Documentary
  - ❑ Middle School trip to Moton Museum

# MEGA Middle School Discussion Topics

- ▶ **March: Social Media**
  - ❑ Using Social Media as a Learning Tool
  - ❑ Being Safe Online
  - ❑ Goal and Grades Check-in
  - ❑ Introduction to Leadership (6<sup>th</sup> Grades)
  - ❑ Leadership in Action (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- ▶ **April: School Year Review**
  - ❑ Transition to High School (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - ❑ Time Management (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - ❑ Hope Survey
  - ❑ End of Year Trip
- ▶ **May: Achievement**
  - ❑ MEGA recognition Event
  - ❑ School Recognition Event (medallions)
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# MEGA 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grades Discussion Topics

- ▶ Oct. Sessions (2) – New Environment, New Expectations
  - ❑ Mega Expectations
  - ❑ Who am I
  - ❑ Transition to High School
  
- ▶ Nov Sessions (2) – Planning your Future
  - ❑ Goals Setting
  - ❑ Organization & Study Habits
  - ❑ Hope Survey
  
- ▶ Dec Sessions (2) – Knowing your strengths and creating a plan
  - ❑ Take VaWizard.org survey to determine strengths and how to leverage
  - ❑ Group discussion on careers and long term goals

# MEGA 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Discussion Topics

- ▶ Jan Sessions (1) – Knowing your strengths and creating a Plan
  - ❑ Continue with Wizard discussion to allow students to explore options around careers and education
  - ❑ Encourage college bound students to take PSAT
- ▶ Feb Sessions (2) – Know Thyself
  - ❑ What is your brand?
  - ❑ Leadership?
  - ❑ How should I represent myself?
  - ❑ Self Confidence
  - ❑ Show film “ locked out” or
- ▶ March Sessions (2) – Social Media – Do’s and Don’ts
  - ❑ Bring in Speaker on topic and Q&A
  - ❑ Bring in someone who can talk about reference checks
  - ❑ Talk about how it affects “your brand”
- ▶ April Session – Wrap-up and Student Discussion Month
  - ❑ Have students
  - ❑ Hope Survey
  - ❑ Field Trip
  - ❑ Student suggested topics

# MEGA 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grades Discussion Topics

## ▶ October - Theme - " Thinking about your future"

- ❑ Session 1: MEGA Expectations (Expectations & MEGA Values) plus Hope Survey. Introduce Goals by asking students to bring back plans on what they will do after high school?
- ❑ Session 2: What are your goals after high school? Discussion teams will talk about their after HS goals. Assess who has taken PSAT, SAT, etc. .
  - ❑ Stress importance of planning. Assign <http://www.Va.wizard.org> for student to look at before the next session.

## ▶ November - Theme " What is your personal Brand"

- ❑ Session 3: Who am I? \_ Have students give brief bio by saying what they think other people will say about them ( 30 minutes). Take assessment under [va.wizard.org](http://va.wizard.org) ( Students will need Chromebooks)
- ❑ Session 4: Continue [www. Va.wizard.org](http://www.Va.wizard.org) Discussion
- ❑ Check Grades & Disciple & Other

## ▶ December - Theme " Real People - Real choices"

- ❑ Session 5: John Tyler or College Presenter/ Discussion
- ❑ Session 6: College/Community College application process (assign helpers for those interested) \_ Introduce the FAFSA
- ❑ (For those interested in military, divide the group and bring in a recruiter instead of the college application process)



# MEGA 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grades Discussion Topics

## ▶ January - Financing your Future

- ❑ Session 7: Welcome back & general discussion/ FAFSA
- ❑ Session 8: Fastweb.com - How to find additional money for School?
- ❑ Complete the Community College application as a backup or primary choice
- ❑ \* Va.wizard
- ❑ Check Grades & Discipline & Other

## ▶ February - " You are not alone"

- ❑ Session 9: Extended combined session - view "Locked Out Video" and discuss (1.5 hours)
- ❑ Session 10: Panel Discussion - "Taking charge - be a leader" \_ Invite 3 panelists from various career backgrounds to take 5-7 minutes to talk about their journey, then student Q&A

# MEGA 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Discussion Topics

## ▶ March - "Respect Yourself and Others"

- ❑ Session 11: RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY - What does it mean and What does it get you?) \_ Group discussion
- ❑ Session 12: Follow-up - Career, college, FAFSA, Applications or How to write a Resume or completing an application
- ❑ \* Va.wizard.
- ❑ (Check Grades & other)

## ▶ April \_ "Managing Your Money"

- ❑ Session 13: Managing / Investing your Money - (Credit Union or RiverFront) - Discussion & Hope Survey
- ❑ Session 14: Final session - wrap-up discussions, hope survey, refreshments, MEGA Graduation grant, etc.
- ❑ \*Obtain Contact numbers, Etc. for Seniors for graduation follow-up

# MEGA Mentor Access to Discussion Topics

- ▶ To access the discussion topics in the presentation, use the following steps:
  - ❑ Go to [www.MEGAmentors.org](http://www.MEGAmentors.org)
  - ❑ User clicks MEGA Curriculum tab,
  - ❑ Tab leads to menu that lists options :
    - Middle School, 9/10 Grade, 11/12 Grade
    - Months (October - May) or all
  - ❑ User selects options which takes them to the theme and topics for the month
  - ❑ User clicks topics and it takes them to the discussion document(s)
  - ❑ User prints or views document and closes.

# 11/12 alternative Layout

- ▶ Mega Mentors: 11/12 Grade Curriculum
- ▶ Session 1: MEGA Expectations & Survey
- ▶ Senior should register to get their pin for the FAFSA
- ▶ Juniors should sign up to take the PSAT
- ▶ Session 2: VA Wizard Assessment – Skills & Discussion
- ▶ Session 3: Who am I?
- ▶ Session 4: VA Wizard Assessment – Interests & Discussion
- ▶ Session 5: Speakers (assign students to area of interest i.e., college, work, military)
- ▶ Session 6: VA Wizard Assessment – Values & Discussion
- ▶ Session 7: Common Application Essay Prompts & College Application
- ▶ Session 8: YOU ARE NOT ALONE
- ▶ Session 9: Resume Writing
- ▶ Session 10: RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS
- ▶ Session 11: Time Management & Money
- ▶ Session 12: Follow Up & Tying up Looses Ends

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