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## Omega Delta Phi's Young Knights Program

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# Who is Omega Delta Phi?

- Multicultural organization
- Service and Social Fraternity
- Nationwide Mentoring background

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# The Problem

- Many students fail to see past high school
- Satisfied with simply passing classes
- Many are first generation students struggle to plan out the road to a higher education

**Possible solution:** Program focused on influencing students to look and plan out the future

# Our form of the solution

- Mentor North Dallas High School students
  - Focus on changing their attitudes and mindsets about the future
  - Educate them on the steps necessary to achieve their goals
  - Have them one day graduate high school and continue a higher education



# Program Outline

- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting- Ice Breaker with survey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting – Find out what mentee wants to be long-term
- 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting – Immediate plans after high school
- 4<sup>th</sup> meeting – Importance of grades in high school
- 5<sup>th</sup> meeting – Building a competitive resume
- 6<sup>th</sup> meeting – Wrap-up and final survey
- Group outings for community service and fun

# Topics also discussed through out program

- Coping with and avoiding violence
- Negatives of gang affiliation
- Harmful results of teenage pregnancy/fatherhood
- Avoiding the traps of alcohol and drug abuse
- How to act in relationships
- Appropriate ways to treat ladies



# Changes made since start

- Start at beginning of academic school year
- One mentee per mentor
- Hispanic Youth Symposium has already occurred
- According to initial survey:
  - Almost all the mentees want to go to college
  - However, they do not feel how to become a competitive applicant

# Inter-community Benefits

- Change the directions of some of North Dallas High School students
- A personal approach focused on the future of the students.
- Promotes a model that the students may pass along in the future.
- Quality Community Service









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