

Concurrent Workshops - Session 2

Friday, August 7, 2026

9:40-10:30am CT

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

Title: Leveraging story to inspire, educate, and empower: Lessons from The Way to College Podcast

Location: RLP 1.302B

Presenter(s):

Dr. Jose Saldivar, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Brief Description: Utilizing selected stories from The Way to College Podcast, students will learn practical lessons about perseverance, goal setting, academic success, and future planning. The workshop is open to all students and is designed to support student achievement and college and career awareness through guided reflection and storytelling.

Title: Know Yourself, Lead Others: How Identity Shapes Leadership

Location: RLP 1.302E

Presenter(s):

Mr. John Williams, Richardson High School & Texas State University

Brief Description: This interactive session explores how self-awareness, values, and personal experiences shape leadership. Through storytelling, reflection, and dialogue, students will examine their leadership potential, identify personal strengths, and reflect on the type of leader they want to become within their school and community.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY TRACK

Title: Money Management for First-Generation Student Success: Building Financial Confidence for College, Career, and Life

Location: WCP 3.106

Presenter(s):

Mr. Wayne Jackson, Jackson/Davis Educational Consulting

Mr. Tony Davis, Jackson/Davis Educational Consulting

Brief Description: This interactive workshop equips students with essential money management skills needed for success in college, career, and life. Participants will explore the fundamentals of budgeting, saving, and responsible spending while gaining practical tools to make informed financial decisions. Emphasis is placed on developing financial discipline.

Title: Bachelor Bound Boss: Taking Flight on Your Transfer Journey

Location: WCP 3.112

Presenter(s):

Mr. Tim McDuffie, Dallas College

Brief Description: This interactive session equips students with practical strategies for their journey to a bachelor's degree. Participants will explore what it means to be a bachelor bound boss, ways to navigate their transfer experience, how to have a smooth landing at their 4-year university and the importance of campus visits.

Title: This is What Leaders Do: Service, Purpose, and the Responsibility of Influence

Location: WCP 3.116

Presenter(s):

Mr. Javier Jimenez, Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance - South Central Texas

Mr. Ariel Gamiño, Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance - South Central Texas

Brief Description: Great leaders don't just build careers — they build communities. This session invites students to expand how they think about leadership by exploring public service not as a career choice to be made, but as a dimension of leadership to be lived. Whether you go into business, healthcare, law, education, or tech, the question this session asks is simple: *What will you do with that platform?*