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The Dream Project will be hosting multiple “FAFSA Night” financial aid workshops at each of our nine high schools during the second week of January. Dream Scholars who attend will receive the help of Kay Lewis, the Director of the Office of Student Financial Aid at the UW, other Financial Aid Advisors, and Dream Team Members. All students interested in financial aid for college are strongly encouraged to complete this Free Application for Federal Student Aid as soon after January 1, 2010 as possible. Parents are highly encouraged to attend these workshops along with their students. Fliers with FASFA Night times and locations will be sent home with our Dream Scholars.

DREAM PROJECT FALL SOCIAL

On December 12, 2009, Dream Project held its inaugural fall social at the University of Washington. All quarter, our students have been working hard filling out their college applications during the high school visits. With bowling, ping pong, video games, and pool tables available, not only was this a celebration, it served other purposes: to deepen the bond between scholar and mentor and allow Dream Scholars to become familiar with the UW campus.

Dream Scholars and Dream Team members also enjoyed making gingerbread houses, eating snacks, and playing board games at the UW’s Ethnic Cultural Center. Sheridel De Vera, a senior at Ingraham High School describes the Fall Social as “a great time to hangout with our mentors and other Dream Project students. It was fun bowling and building gingerbread houses to celebrate all of our hard work.” The event proved quite successful with over 70 students and 40 mentors in attendance.

COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

The University of Washington will be hosting a FAFSA workshop/filling out event on the UW campus on January 24th from 10am to 2pm called “College Goal Sunday”. This event is being put on by the Office of Student Financial Aid, Admissions, and the Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity, while receiving some support from NELA, Lumina Foundation, and Know-How2Go. The goal of this event is to get students from the greater Seattle areas who are low-income/first-generation students to come to campus and fill out the FAFSA. Dream Project mentors will be available to help. All Dream Scholars and their parents are strongly encouraged to go, especially if they missed their FASFA Night.

The student sign up for the event is online at: http://www.collegegoalsundaywa.org/event-locations/seattle-university-of-washington/.