

## “HELLO, MY NAME IS...” COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITY

It's important to make the impact of our colleges and universities visible in our communities, and to help students connect with college graduates who can help guide them along the way.

The purpose of this activity is to identify staff members by their institutions of higher education and engage students in dialogue with staff members.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Make copies and distribute the “Hi, My Name Is” signs to all faculty and staff and ask them to complete and post them outside their classrooms or near their work spaces.
2. Email teachers and staff and ask them to provide an interesting fact about their college experience. Examples might include the following:
  - Serving as the college mascot.
  - Working for the college newspaper or TV station.
  - Attending more than one college.
  - Attending a college that is far away.
  - Working part-time while in college.
  - Playing sports in college.
  - Earning a degree in something other than teaching.
  - Taking longer than four years to complete college. Taking fewer than four years...
3. Use the answers to their questions to create “scavenger hunt” questions.
4. Each morning, announce a scavenger hunt question. For example: Which teacher attended college farthest away?
5. Encourage the students to look at the signs and talk to teachers and staff throughout the day about their college experience.
6. Collect students' answers at the beginning of the last period of class each day. Turn in all answers to the office.
7. From those students who provided correct answers, draw a winner.
8. During evening announcements, provide the answer and announce the winning student. Give the winner a prize.