

The College Forward Crew Visits Texas State

Who: 70+ College Forward students, classroom coaches, and staff

What: Texas State Bobcat Day

When: Saturday, November 11; 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Where: Texas State University–San Marcos

The Commission on the Future of Higher Education recently reported that “**access to American higher education** is unduly limited by the complex interplay of **inadequate preparation, lack of information about college opportunities, and persistent financial barriers.**”¹ At a time when higher education access and accountability are key issues in the spheres of both education and politics, **College Forward** (www.collegeforward.org) **is working hard to ensure that low-income students in Central Texas have the opportunity to earn baccalaureate degrees.**

Though only three years old, **College Forward has been widely acknowledged as the leader in college access programming for low-income students in Central Texas.** Our free after school program covers everything from test preparation to college admissions to financial aid, but it is college visits that motivate our students as they envision themselves as students on college campuses.

This Saturday, over 70 College Forward students who are juniors in high school will visit Texas State University as participants in Texas State Bobcat Day. Our enthusiastic students will arrive at the LBJ Student Center at 9:30 a.m. to tour campus, meet with students and faculty, and visit dorms. Our students will even have a chance to sample some real college cuisine between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at Commons Dining Hall. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our students and hear their stories as they explore Texas State.

College Forward provides college preparatory services to motivated, economically-disadvantaged students, in order to facilitate their transition to college and make the process exciting and rewarding. We believe that access to higher education is the right of every young Texan. Texas State University is a partner of College Forward.

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1 The Commission on the Future of Higher Education. “A Test of Leadership: Charting the Future of U.S. Higher Education.” U.S. Department of Education, September 06.
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