**Subject Line:** 4 People to Add to Your Support Network

**Dear [Student],**

Planning for college may seem a little scary. Getting advice and input from the right people can help you better navigate the college admissions process.

* **Family Members.** If your family supports you, you’re a step ahead. If it seems like they’re not as focused on college as you are, start involving them in discussions about your future goals. Share what you’ve learned about college and career opportunities.
* **School Counselor.** Your school counselor can be very helpful when it comes to planning your path beyond high school. Don’t wait for your counselor to contact you. Make an appointment to talk about college. Ask for advice on courses to take and resources to help you.
* **Mentor.** A mentor is a person with knowledge and experience who can help you achieve goals. Mentors can come from formal mentorship programs, or they can be trusted people you know from your school, neighborhood, church, internship programs, volunteer organizations, or sports teams. A mentor can be anyone who can provide informed support and guidance.
* **Other Students.** Yes, your friends can be play a big part in your support network, especially if they are further along in school. Tell them your goals and ask about their experiences. Remember to support and encourage each other. Avoid anybody who tries to discourage your future plans.

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