

THE GOAL OF THE BECOMING

The goal of our Becoming event is to encourage students to becoming all that they were born to be, and to make the necessary decisions to become the people they dream of being. Each year the Becoming involves a tour of events. The tour ends with one giant celebration in which we award students with a four year, full ride college scholarship. Thanks to our college and university sponsors at times we have given away over \$2 million in college scholarships. It is our passion to challenge young people to dream, and to make the right decisions to fulfill their dream. We want to find young people who have great potential, and great work ethic, who desperately need a break, and we want to be that break.

GRADE LEVEL 9TH – 12TH

STEP BY STEP WITH THE BECOMING

1. We partner with a college or university and decide how many scholarships will be given away.
2. We host a luncheon including principals, guidance councilors, youth service center directors, and English department heads from each of the schools we choose to present this opportunity to. If we agree to give 15 scholarships away then we invite the representatives from those 15 schools.
3. At the luncheon we present the packet of information to those present and cast the vision.
4. Each school will then book our preshow school assemblies where we will deal with the question “What are we becoming.” At that assembly students will hear how the scholarship program works and applications will be given to every senior. Each school must make the application and essay a mandatory writing assignment. Students are given a deadline in which all applications and essays must be turned in.
5. We conduct our school-to-school preshow assembly inviting everyone to attend our big event where the recipients will be announced.
6. Each school narrows down their applicants to 10 finalists.

7. Those ten finalists from each school are taken on a college road trip. The school and college will work together to decide the details of this trip. Details such as: when the students will be visiting the campus and what will take place while they are there.
8. Two weeks before the big event we will host another luncheon where we will decide who the winners are from each school. The decision will be made by the college or university with input of the school's faculty representative.
9. We host one huge event where students, parents, school faculty and the community are invited to join us as we announce the scholarship winners. This is a major production involving \$50,000 of lighting, video, and special effects. A headline band and speaker are brought in to celebrate the future of our area's youth.
10. A copy of all the thousands of applications and essays will be given to the college or university after the big event.