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Name:

School:

Action Steps & Goals:

*If you have a dream, don't let anyone take it away.
Always believe that the impossible is always
possible.*

Selena Quintanilla

*Acknowledge and embrace the person you are,
imperfections and all. That's the highest service we
can achieve: to give back and give to ourselves in the
best way we know.*

Dr. Paul Bonin Rodriguez

*You only have what you give. It's by spending
yourself that you become rich.*

Isabel Allende



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Some people shy away from boldly claiming what they most wish for. Maybe they fear it'll make them look pushy. Or greedy. Or ungrateful for what they have. But when you keep your dreams hidden away, when you hide them under a sofa cushion, they never get the light they need to grow.

Diane Guerrero, Actress and Author

Introduction: The past, present and future are all a part of our dreams. Our names mark the beginning of our life's journey and they act as guideposts to our cultural and family roots. Our education can be a lifelong process. Through education, we gain tools that allow us to utilize our talents and skills. Education does not equal intelligence; it equals opportunity. Goals are important to our dreams as well. Knowing where we want to go is the first step in getting there. By setting goals, we establish a path of action.

Past: *What is the story of your name?*

- What is your full name?
- What do you like to be called?
- What are some of your nicknames?
- What is the story of your name and any meaning attached to it?

Present: *What is your family's educational history and what does it mean to you?*

- What lessons and wisdom have been passed down in your family?
- Who are the great teachers in your family? Explain.
- What is your family's educational history? What kind of formal schooling was completed?
- What do the stories about your family's educational history and family wisdom mean to you?

Future: *What are your dreams and goals for the future?*

- *What hopes, dreams and goals do you have for Today? This year? Your future?*
- *What do you need to do to reach each of these dreams and goals?*
- *What obstacles might prevent you from reaching these dreams and goals?*
- *Who are the people in your life that can help you reach these dreams and goals?*

Module Opening Video:

Write down three things you heard that resonate with you (something you found meaningful).

Past: What is the Story of Your Name?

Present: What is your family's educational history and what does it mean to you?

Future: What are your dreams and goals for the future?

Today	This Year	My Future

Reflection Questions for group conversation or individual writing.

- What do you think and feel about your name?
- What inspires you about the wisdom in your family and their educational history?
- What goal is so important to you that you want to start working on it today?

Option: Family Engagement Activities

Share your answers with your family regarding the past, present and future questions; then ask your family members to express their answers to these same questions.

Conversation Starters:

- *What do you find the most interesting about the story of our family names?*
- *What do you feel is some family wisdom that will be present in our family tree 50 years from now?*
- *How can we as a family help each other with our future dreams and goals?*