



***Which college is right for you?***

COUNSELOR (V.O.):  
Haven't you applied to any colleges yet?

POWWOW DANCER:  
No. I think I'm just going to take some time off after high school.

COUNSELOR (V.O.):  
Why?! I thought you were going to pursue a nursing degree.

POWWOW DANCER:  
I would love to but...

GRANDMOTHER:  
When you compete, you gotta make sure all your regalia is tied on tight and it ain't gonna fall off because if it falls off while you're competing, you're disqualified. If you're disqualified yourself, you just have to walk off. So....

POWWOW DANCER:  
So....you just have to walk off?

GRANDMOTHER:  
Yep.

POWWOW DANCER (V.O.):  
Going away for college would be kind of hard right now.

POWWOW DANCER (V.O.):  
I can't leave my grandma she's in a wheelchair and I take care of her.

COUNSELOR (V.O.):  
Getting a college education doesn't mean you have to leave your community. There are a lot of types of colleges. Have you looked into any of them yet?

POWWOW DANCER:  
A little bit.

BEST FRIEND:  
So....I've been looking into this university up north. It has plenty of great majors and an amazing campus. You should come with me! I won't even mention the good lookin' boys!

POWWOW DANCER:  
What is a university anyway?

BEST FRIEND:

Well, from what I've been told, they colleges that offer four year degrees called bachelor degrees as well as advanced degrees called graduate degrees. You can study just about anything you want at a university but they tend to be a little more expensive to attend. Most offer campus housing, meal programs, and stuff like athletics and fine arts. And did I mention the boys?

TEEN MOM:

You should go to a community college.

They're located close to home and offer lots of degree programs so you can get a job right in your community. They're cheaper to attend than the larger colleges. That's why I want to go.

POWWOW DANCER:

That's perfect. But do they offer any nursing programs?

TEEN MOM:

No. Most of the community colleges only offer associate degrees, which are usually two-year programs. But, you could start at the community college then transfer to a four-year college.

GRANDMOTHER:

Your cousin Julian went to a technical college. They're also called trade schools. They offer degrees in a specific technical field or vocation. They have programs like construction, car repair, plumbing, paramedic and other technical trades. Julian studied and is now an electrician. Those programs usually take one to two years.

POWWOW DANCER:

Are they expensive?

GRANDMOTHER:

After doing some research, Julian found that the cost can vary. But you should check to see if they have a nursing program cause I know that's what you want to do.

POWWOW DANCER:

Hey, what college are you going to?

SHY KID:

Me?

POWWOW DANCER:

Yeah.

SHY KID:

I'm taking online classes on my own computer at home. My computer has a quad core processor so it's really fast.

POWWOW DANCER:

It seems like everyone is telling me something different. I don't know which college to go to.

COUNSELOR (V.O.):

I can help you with that.

I can help find a program that interests you. Then you'll want to find out what tuition is at each college, if there are scholarships available, and if you move away, you'll need to find out what they offer for housing assistance and meal plans.

POWWOW DANCER:

You know, I do want to stay close to home because I don't have my own car.

COUNSELOR (V.O.):

Have you thought about attending our tribal college?

POWWOW DANCER:

Our tribal college? Do they have a nursing program?

COUNSELOR (V.O.):

They do.

Tribal Colleges are owned and operated by American Indian tribes. They offer many academic and technical programs. Many tribal colleges offer the same levels of degrees as other colleges do, including associate, bachelor, and graduate degree programs.

COUNSELOR (V.O.):

So how'd your tour go?

POWWOW DANCER:

I definitely wanna go to a tribal college. I can study what I want and still be at home with my tribe.

GRANDMOTHER:

Have you met any boys at the powwow?

POWWOW DANCER:

I don't know. Maybe.

GRANDMOTHER:

Maybe?

POWWOW DANCER:

Maybe.

GRANDMOTHER:

You don't know if you met a boy?

POWWOW DANCER:  
Well I did, but I don't know. He dances.

GRANDMOTHER:  
What does he dance?

POWWOW DANCER:  
Um. Fancy.

GRANDMOTHER:  
Maybe you guys will both place.

POWWOW DANCER:  
Hopefully.

COUNSELOR (V.O.):  
Let's go over what you need to do to prepare next.

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