Assigning College Exploration

College Lists
With the card sort complete, it’s time for list building. Whether you build the list together or not, we recommend tracking the colleges in Corsava. Either you or your student can add the colleges on their list to their Corsava account.

Research Project
Once their initial list is built, it will need refinement before students start working on their applications. It’s an excellent idea to assign students to research their Must Have and Would Be Nice cards at each of the colleges on their list. This process gives students more insight into what they like, what they don’t like, and what they need. It is expected that their preferences will change, resulting in both an updated card sort and an updated college list. Recording their impressions in Corsava will result in a rank-ordered college list, an invaluable tool for both applications and making final decisions.

Corsava has several resources available for students working through the list building and research phases: Your College List, Refining Your College List, and Making Your Impressions Count.

Sample Research Assignment Email
Dear [Student's First Name],

Congratulations! You’ve completed your card sort and built a strong list of potential colleges. Please add your colleges to “My Colleges” in your Corsava account.

Now it’s time to get to know each of your colleges better. As you research each campus, Corsava will help you keep your Must Have and Would Be Nice cards at the top of your mind. Record your impressions and add notes in order to track which colleges will be a great fit for YOU. This results in a rank-ordered list.

You have a great head start already. Taking these next steps will help you prepare more targeted applications and make a more informed final college choice!

For additional list building and research guidance, check out Your College List, Refining Your College List, and Making Your Impressions Count.

Sincerely,
(Your Name)