Welcome to the Future Goals Gala! I am excited to embark on a journey of exploring your dreams and aspirations. You may not know this, but the real goal of going to school is to empower you with knowledge so you can live your dreams in the future. So all the goals and dreams you have for your life matter, and it is my job to help you make your dreams into goals. This information sheet will guide you in preparing for the upcoming future goals gala, where you will come to a fictional class reunion party as your future self 30 years from now! Please take some time to reflect on the following questions and bring your answers, ideas, and materials to share during the Goal Gala.

- **Who is the successful person you envision yourself to be in 30 years?**
- **Could you describe this future version of yourself? What achievements, qualities, or experiences define your success?**
- **What are some key goals or dreams you have for your future self?**
- **Consider various aspects of your future life, such as career, relationships, personal growth, travel, and experiences. How do you imagine reaching those goals?**
- **I'd like you to reflect on the potential steps, milestones, or actions you may need to take along the way. What specific moments of success would you like to showcase during the Future Goals Gala?**
- **(Make yourself the part and consider adding visual representations, symbolic objects, or written descriptions representing your dreams and accomplishments. You could write a newspaper article on yourself, bring a drawing of the medal you hope to win, or photoshop yourself on places you will visit).**
- **How does your future dream align with your passions and interests? Explore the connection between your aspirations and the things that genuinely inspire and excite you.**
- **What challenges or obstacles do you anticipate on your journey toward your dream? (Remember, at the Gala, your goals are great, but the obstacles you overcome make for great storytelling about your future self!)**
- **How can education help you achieve your dreams? I'd like you to reflect on the role of education in shaping your path toward your desired future.**
- **How can your dreams inspire and positively impact others around you?**

Think about how your aspirations can improve your community, society, or the world. Feel free to write about your future impact on the community, a specific field of knowledge, or the overall planet!

On the day of the Gala, please come as your future successful self and be prepared to talk about yourself! Also, please bring any materials or representations of your dreams and success that you would like to share with your classmates during The Future Goals Gala. This could include visual aids, written descriptions, drawings, or any other creative means to express your goals and aspirations. For one class, we will hold the Gala event for you to mingle and meet the dreams of your classmates so that when we return to the present, we can root for each other, work with each other, and help each other become the person you want to be.

I look forward to celebrating your dreams and supporting you on your journey toward success. Dream big, and let your aspirations shine during the Goals Gala! I look forward to meeting the future you!

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All About Future Me!

Future Timeline of Milestones: List the big things you will accomplish in a word and explain more below. Each box represents two years, so think of your life today and what big thing you hope to achieve during the two years.