#NCSconnects Summer Camp Activity

**Activity:** Graduation Letter

**Category:** Cultural, Civic and Community Connections

**Suggested Grade Level:** Grades 7-12

**Description:** Participants will write a letter to themselves to read on the day of their high school graduation. The letter will include goals and aspirations they have for themselves, both academically and personally.

**Supplies:**
- Paper
- Envelope
- Writing utensil (pencil/pen)

**Instructions:**
1. On the sheet of paper, write today’s date on the right-hand side.
2. Skipping a line down, write a greeting to yourself (example, “Dear…”).
3. Skipping a line down again, begin your letter by congratulating yourself on your graduation.
4. Continue your letter by acknowledging how you have persevered, overcome challenges, and taken moments to shine.
5. Write about your accomplishments – grades, athletics, social, and personal.
6. Conclude by wishing yourself future success and words of wisdom.
7. Remember to sign the bottom of your letter.
8. Fold your paper and put inside of the envelope. Seal the envelope and address it to your future self.

**Takeaways:** Participants will identify goals and aspirations they have for their high school careers. These goals include academics, athletics, social, and personal aspirations. Having a vision for the future, including graduating, sets a foundation for success.