WEB OF IDENTITY

We all have multiple dimensions of our cultural identity that shape the way we understand ourselves and the way we understand/relate to others. This exercise will give you an opportunity to explore how these dimensions intersect.

Directions: Place your name in the center circle of the structure below. In the solid circles, identify 6 cultural identity groups that you belong to using the following categories: race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, age, ability status, religion and/or class. In the dotted line circles, write 4 aspects of your individual identity (oldest sibling, athlete, daughter/son, etc.)
Small Group Discussion

1. Chose 2 aspects of your identity from the circles (one from the solid circles and one from the dotted line circles). Share a story about a time when you were especially proud to be a member of this group with this individual identity.

2. Chose 2 aspects of your identity from the circles (one from the solid circles and one from the dotted line circles). Share a story about a time when it was difficult to be a member of this group with this individual identity.

3. What values do you attach to these 2 identities (i.e. I value hard work because I come from a Latino and working class family).