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So I put the high-school students from Latino Scholars Initiative together with their JMU mentors, and we all watched the movie *The Kite Runner*. They had all already read the book. We then had a great seminar discussion about differences between the book and movie. Sometimes, I’ll ask a high school student a question and they reply, “I don’t know,” but our JMU students always seem to say to them, “You can do this, man! You can do this! This idea of ‘I don’t know’ is not going to allow you to succeed in a college classroom, and we’re all going to stay on you until you believe that you belong in college.”