



GEAR UP Monthly Minute

News & information about planning after high school

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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COLLEGE MYTHS & REALITIES:







MYTH: My student needs to decide on her career before she goes to college.

REALITY: College is a time to explore. Except in a few specific cases, your student can choose a major in her sophomore year and still complete the degree in four years. A surprising number of students discover the field for them while taking a course they didn't expect to like. Your student shouldn't let well-meaning friends pressure her into deciding on a major field or a career at this time. She can take her time.



WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

It's never too early for your student to start exploring their interests and possible careers. Ask your student which fields interest them the most. Explore specific careers online (and the education required for different jobs) at MyNextMove.org, or encourage students to ask questions of professionals in the fields they're interested in at your school's Career Day.

| Career Pathway: | Does your student: | Possible careers: |
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|  Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources | Like being outdoors? Care about protecting the environment and wildlife? | Forest conservationist Wildlife scientist Food scientist |
|  Arts, Information & Communication | Enjoy being creative through art, writing, or performing? Want to build websites or video games? | Website designer Journalist or Reporter Actor, singer, dancer |
|  Business & Management | Organize and lead groups Track and budget money Persuade others | Marketing /Advertising Entrepreneur Accountant or Finance |
|  Health Sciences | Like to care for others? Have interest in medicine, science, or health? | Doctor or Nurse Veterinarian Technician Dietician |
|  Human Resources | Enjoy helping or teaching others? Like to give back to the community? | Teacher Law Enforcement Politician |
|  Industrial & Engineering Systems | Like building things (or taking things apart) Enjoy doing experiments or solving problems | Engineer Electrician Pilot |

FAMILY CHECKLIST

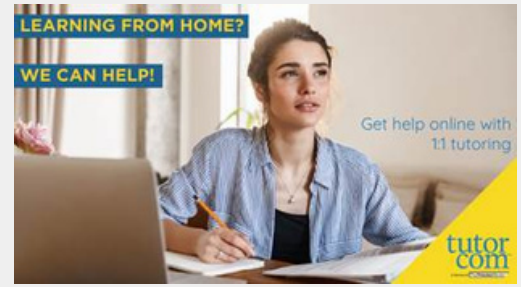
Explore careers and interests. There are many websites that try to help match personality and interests to potential careers. Visit them with your student - try *LearnHowToBecome.org*, *MyNextMove.org* or *WhoDoYouWant2B.com*.

Explore interests with your student and encourage involvement. Talk to your student about the kinds of activities she is interested in - it doesn't have to be sports or an academically-related club. Consider potential careers and try to find activities related to fields he is interested in. Consider activities outside of school as well, like in the community or at church.

Review your student's schedule and class selections. Make sure she is on track to progress from middle school and has a plan for the appropriate classes to take each year in high school for the type of career she might want.

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