

College, Career & Life Planning



WHAT RESOURCES WILL YOU USE TO DECIDE HOW YOU SPEND THE NEXT 40 YEARS?

“Typical” Student uses these “Resources” when making his/her Career Decision

- **TV** (Frequently there is a big difference between TV drama and “real life”.)
- **Friends** (They know what sounds “cool”, but unless they have proactively used the career /college tools available, they are probably not a knowledgeable source of information.)
- **Life’s Interactions** (Students have used the services of Dentists, Pharmacists, Teachers, etc. but... Do you really know what it is like to do their job?)
- **Parent** (A great source, if your parent’s career happens to be “the right one” *out of several hundred possibilities* for you.)

“Pro-Active” Student uses these “Resources” when for making his/her Career Decision

- **Use “free” on-line resources**
 - To clarify interest/fit with various careers
 - To compare personal skills/strengths against those required by various careers
 - To develop a career prospect list
 - To research and evaluate each career prospect (e.g. nature of work, education requirements, job outlook, earnings, etc.)
- **Actively seek information (networking) with people employed in careers of interest**
 - Parent’s friends, friend’s parents
 - Acquaintances from “Life’s Interactions” (e.g., teachers, dentist, store managers)
 - Career Day presenters
 - Volunteering, Internships, Job Shadowing