



# The Guide

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IN THIS EDITION: CAREER PLANNING

## Five Reasons to Be Flexible About Your Career Plans

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You may feel pressured to plan out your whole life before you start applying to colleges. That's not necessarily the best approach. Though some people have well-focused career goals early in life, other's don't — and they still find their way to the right job. Staying flexible when it comes to thinking about your future may be the right choice for you. Here are five reasons why.

- While a certain career may seem like a good fit for you now, think about how different you may be in five, ten or twenty years. As you get older, have more experiences and learn new things, your feelings about what you want to do may change.
- Many jobs will suit you and allow you to use your talents. Webmasters didn't exist a generation ago. The world changes so fast that new careers appear all the time, while others become less common. Pay attention both to the changes in your interests and to developments in the career world.
- When choosing a career, you'll try to match your skills and interests with work in certain areas. There won't be one perfect match — even jobs that sound ideal will probably involve some things you dislike. But many jobs will suit you and allow you to use your talents.
- Did you ever hear someone say something like, "I fell into my career"? That's because as important as planning

and research are, chance still plays a role. Keep an open mind, learn to tolerate some degree of uncertainty and watch for opportunity.

- Many people feel pulled to a job that's familiar, popular or profitable. In the long run, however, people are generally happier and more successful if they choose a career that matches their interests and strengths. Take the time to develop your interests and then look for a career that will satisfy and fulfill you.

Here are 3 ways to use the Naviance Program to identify which careers might be right for you:

**Strengths Explorer®** - This assessment identifies your three strongest talents and provides an explanation of each theme. Learn how to capitalize on your success and discover what you need to do next to continue building on your strengths.

**Career Cluster Finder** – This assessment helps you learn which career cluster may be a good match for you based on activities that interest you, personal qualities that you have and subjects you enjoy studying in school.

**Career Interest Profiler** – This assessment helps you discover the types of work activities and careers that match your interests.



### EHTHS NEWS & INFO

- PARCC Testing April 11<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>
- ACCC Jumpstart Scheduling – April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>
- SAT: May 7<sup>th</sup>, & June 4<sup>th</sup> Register at Collegeboard.org (watch registration deadlines; see your counselor if eligible for fee waiver)
- ACT: June 11<sup>th</sup> Register at ACTstudent.org (watch registration deadlines; see your counselor if eligible for fee waiver)
- Drop/Add Weeks: April 25<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> (See your counselor with any requests to change next year's course registrations)
- Last day for recommendation updates: April 29<sup>th</sup>
- AP Testing May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>
- Biology Competency Test (BCT) – May 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>



### Counselor Caseloads

- A-Br: Ms. Wexler
- Bu-Da: Mr. Rivera
- De-Ga: Ms. Grossman
- Gb-Jac: Ms. Leonetti
- Jad-Maq: Ms. Musacchio
- Mar-Op: Ms. Comunale
- Or-Ror: Ms. Pustizzi
- Ros-Te: Ms. Theophall
- Th-Z: Ms. Duffy
- SAC: Ms. DiMattia
- SAC: Ms. Yacovelli

# The Scoop: How I Got Started on My Career Path

## A Q&A with Professionals from Collegeboard's Big Future

**JOINING CLUBS, WORKING, VOLUNTEERING — AND EVEN JUST TALKING TO PEOPLE — CAN HELP YOU FIGURE OUT WHICH CAREERS INTEREST YOU. AND, YOU NEVER KNOW, THESE ACTIVITIES MIGHT LEAD TO YOUR DREAM JOB. IT WORKED FOR THESE PEOPLE.**

### HOW DID YOU GET STARTED IN YOUR PROFESSION?

My dentist actually offered me a job working part-time in his pediatric practice during my senior year of high school. ... As I began to learn more about the field and continued to work at my part-time job as a dental assistant, my knowledge and interest increased. I found out that there was much more to the profession than just polishing teeth.  
—Lisa Handa, dental hygienist

I was living with my parents at home after college, and I literally picked up the yellow pages, looked up "public relations agencies" and sent my résumé to a

bunch that were listed. Fortunately, a large global PR agency contacted me about interviewing for an entry-level position in its Boston office's technology division. I interviewed for the job, took a few tests and landed the job.  
—Marcia Goff, public relations professional

During college, I became active in a couple of professional organizations for foresters, including the Society of American Foresters. I went to chapter meetings, networked with other members and just tried to get my name around. Eventually, I met [my current employers], and I have been working for them ever since I graduated.  
—Eric Kranzush, forester

When I was a student at Temple University, I was a business major, and I worked in the business office at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia. I'd spend time in the pressroom at the stadium getting to know the sports reporters. One of the reporters mentioned that his television station needed summer interns and suggested I apply. I did, landed the internship and learned about the world of reporting and television.  
—Chris Collins, sports broadcaster

I went for an informational interview at Time, Inc., because a friend of mine from college was working for one of its magazines. They had me talk to someone who said, "We have a book division. Would that be interesting to you?" Working with books and authors would have been my dream since I was really young if I had thought to have a dream because I love to read books and write about them.  
—Caryn Karmatz-Rudy, book editor

After I graduated, my mom suggested that I volunteer on a political campaign. ... Volunteering was really an opportunity to network and meet people in all kinds of businesses. I still didn't know what type of business I wanted to work in, but I ended up getting interviews at several companies through the people I met. Eventually, I made it to someone who was in real estate development.  
—Adam Golden, real estate developer

I started working for various commercial photographers as an apprentice, which is still commonly done today as a way to learn about the business. My first job was at ... a catalog house. Companies would hire us to take pictures for their catalogs, so I assisted photographers on these shoots.—Geoff Stein, photographer

### Industries with the Fastest Employment Growth

\*Source: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

Industry	Percent Change in New Jobs 2008–2018
Management, scientific and technical consulting services	83%
Services for the elderly and persons with disabilities	74%
Offices of physical, occupational, and speech therapists and audiologists	56%
Data processing, hosting and related services	53%
Home health care services	46%
Specialized design services	46%
Computer systems design and related services	45%
Offices of mental health practitioners (except physicians)	43%
General merchandise stores, excluding department stores	41%
Medical and diagnostic laboratories	40%



### Create a Résumé:

A record of your academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and work experiences since you started high school. You can use the resume tool in **Naviance** under the 'about me' tab.