



# High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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## Career Exploration

Choosing a career is one of life's big decisions. Will a future career be exciting and fulfilling? Will it pay enough to support a family? Will there be opportunities to grow? Deciding on a career to pursue is exciting. But because there are so many career paths, it can be hard to choose.

Use **Naviance Family Connection** to explore options now!!

1. **Think about your interests.** Not sure what you want to do? Try a career quiz. Go to the **Careers** tab then click **Cluster Finder** to start today!
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3. **Consider how to get there.** It's good to know what skills, classes and degrees different jobs require. To get information about education requirements for different jobs, use [Major and Career Search](#).
4. **Try it out.** Help your teen choose some of these ideas or come up with his or her own:
  - Volunteer where you're likely to meet someone who has one of the jobs you're interested in.
  - Look into a paid or unpaid internship.
  - Job-shadow for a day.
  - Conduct research at the library or online.
  - Find a mentor who can give you perspective and advice.
  - Talk to family members and friends who work in those careers or know others who do.

Teens might feel pressured to plan their whole lives before they even begin to apply 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 can be helpful when it comes to thinking about the future.

Source: [BigFuture](#) & [Career Bridge](#)



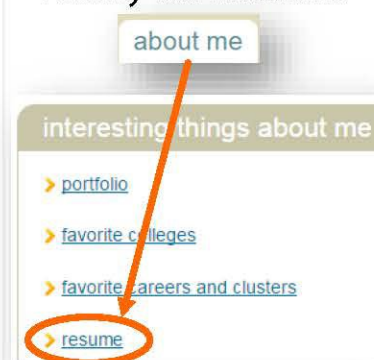
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## Did You Know?

According to a recent Gallup & Lumina poll, **84 percent of business leaders said** the amount of knowledge of potential hires is very important, **28 percent said** a candidate's college major is important, and **9 percent said** the college where the candidate received a degree is very important.

Source: [Gallup](#). See more at: [US News](#)