



## CAREER VISION

### **Tips and Suggestions for Introducing Your Child to Career Planning and their Career Vision Experience**

Often parents are convinced that their son or daughter would greatly benefit from going through the Career Vision process, but they are not sure how to present the idea to their child. We thought it would be helpful to share some tips and suggestions from the experiences of parents and students with which we have worked.

The transition from high school to college and beyond is an exciting and challenging time for parents and their children. The Career Vision experience is often used as a rite of passage to a new stage of life, just like graduation.

Our consultants, in their role of assessment and career experts, can facilitate a conversation about possibilities for your child's future. The consultant uses practical examples and a sense of humor to make both you and your child comfortable and encourages learning and discussion.

While there is time and effort required, our families always declare the process well worth it. We can tell from the smiling faces and the energy that the interpretation and planning session stimulate.

Students have told us that the aptitude tests are unlike any other tests they have taken. In fact, some students refer to them as "games."

Students love the career portfolio. "This book is all about ME." And they take it to college and reread it regularly to reinforce their knowledge about themselves.

Our tests provide information for you to use. Unlike school tests, scores are not good or bad, or pass/fail. They provide realistic information on which to make good decisions.

Our approach is positive. We promote confidence, motivation and goal setting. It is an investment in your child similar to a sports camp or other activity that gives them an advantage in planning for their future.

The conversation we help you begin provides you both with a credible framework for future talk and valuable information to base the conversation on.

Children like to learn about themselves. It can be fun and interesting to see what the range of possibilities are for future work.



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Invite your child to learn more about themselves.

Offer them the advantage of the best information on which to base their decisions.

Some of our clients have gone through the Career Vision process with a sibling or friends; even parents and children have come through at the same time. The benefit is knowing someone to share the learnings with who has learned about themselves in the same way.

A primary purpose of college is to prepare students to become self-sufficient in a way that they can be successful and happy.

Recognize how much time and money you spend applying to and visiting colleges. Think about how many criteria you sort through to narrow your choices. There are many, more complex criteria that contribute to good career choices. These require investigation.

When you investigate options that resonate with your child, you will be able to tell. You will see their excitement and enjoyment of a project, a course, a summer job or an internship – even though it may require hard work and persistence.

Career Vision is a resource for your child through high school, college and throughout their work life as adults. No matter where they live, they will have access to our career consultants as a sounding board for decisions and new directions.

We look forward to being a great resource  
for college major and career decisions  
for your family!