



Travis Science Academy GEAR UP Newsletter

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Keeping Your Options Open

There are many different ways to continue education beyond high school. Most family-wage jobs require education or training after high school. Just one year of education or training after high school can increase lifetime earnings. On average, college graduates have more jobs to choose from and have lower rates of unemployment than high school graduates. The type of career your child is interested in pursuing will help determine what type of degree and school to explore.

Many colleges typically offer four kinds of degrees: two-year (or associate), undergraduate (or bachelor's), graduate (or master's), and doctoral or professional degrees. Here are some examples:

CAREER	TYPE OF EDUCATION	# OF YEARS	DEGREE	SCHOOL
WELDER	Vocational School	1.5	Certificate	Texas State Technical School (Waco)
CULINARY ARTS	Community College	2	Associate	Central Texas College (Killeen)
REGISTERED NURSE	University	4	Bachelor's	Texas A&M University



Travis Principal:

Tiffany Weiss

DID YOU KNOW?

Community colleges are the most common type of two-year college. They offer many types of educational programs, including those that lead to associate degrees and certificates. Certificates and some types of associate degrees focus on career readiness. Other types of associate degrees are good preparation for study at a four-year college, where graduates can earn a bachelor's degree.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Students: Have you completed your online survey for GEAR UP? If not, ask your Individuals and Societies teacher about completing it.

Parents: If you have not filled out a parent survey for GEAR UP yet, please email or call me to find out where you can get one.

- **November 9:** Shadow a College Student meet and greet.
- **November 12:** Temple College: GEAR UP Shadow a College Student field trip
- **November 15:** National Parent/guardian Involvement Day – Join your child for lunch today
- **November 16:** TSTC 8th grade field trip (40 students)
- **November 19-23:** Thanksgiving Holiday
- **December (TBA):** Parent Game night- Financial Literacy – with food!
- **December (TBA):** Youth Congress Meredith Dunbar Pre-K service event

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Employers are more interested in hiring individuals from big-name colleges so you should only focus on those institutions as they will put you ahead of the curve when it comes time to get a job.

REALITY:

While graduating from a well-known school may have its perks, graduating from a lesser-known institution does not necessarily put you at a disadvantage when job hunting. Employers do not make hiring decisions based solely on academic pedigree. Instead, they are more interested in applicants' skills, experience, communication and leadership skills, aptitude, and most important of all, 'fit' for the job in question. If you have what they are looking for and meet all of their expectations, they will hire you irrespective of whether you graduated from an Ivy school or a community college.

Student Checklist

- **Think** about what you'd like to do when you grow up.
- **Learn** about career possibilities.
- **Read** something every day: newspapers, blogs, books, or magazines.
- **Talk** with your family and your advisor about your goals and dreams.

Family Checklist

- **Talk about extracurricular activities.** Getting involved in clubs and other groups is a great way for your child to identify interests and feel more engaged in school.
- **Come up with fun reading ideas.** If your family makes reading enjoyable, it can become a daily habit.
- **Visit a nearby college together.** If you live near a college, look for upcoming events on campus that are open to the community. Or just tour the campus. Just being on a campus may get your child interested in college.

