

## College & Career Project

### Christian Social Action & Student Leadership Classes

**Assignment:** Deliver a presentation that focuses on your post-high school plans. You will deliver this presentation in class and will utilize the presentation during your junior conference. The presentation will include:

- Personality/gifts/skills/talents.
- Career that matches your personality/gifts/skills/talents.
- Two colleges you believe are a good fit based on the career/major you select.
- A plan for the next 1 ½ years to meet your identified goals.

**This oral presentation must be accompanied by a PowerPoint or Google slides for each step of the project.**

**\*\*\*Be creative and have fun with the slides you create. Make it pleasing to the eye. Learn the material. Don't read it from the slides.**

#### **Step I – Information on your skills/talents/gifts.**

- Review the reports from the listed inventories:
  - *Learning Style Inventory*
  - *Strengths Explorer*
  - *Spiritual Gifts Assessment*
  - *Do What You Are*
  - *Career Interest Profiler*
  - *MI Advantage*
  - *Career Cluster Finder*
- Slide 1: Title Slide
- Slide 2:
  - Use the reports from the inventories to identify 8 personality/gifts/skills/talents.
  - What kept showing up in the different inventories? Talk about those.
  - Name 5 different careers that showed up in multiple inventories. Pick ones that you would like to research further.
  - Is it because of your organization? Maybe your personality type? Do you have a natural gift in an area that will be beneficial for a particular career? Think about these things. Find those connections.

## **Step II - Information about a career that matches your skills/talents/gifts.**

- Under the *Careers* tab in Naviance click on the link *Explore Careers, Clusters, & Pathways* and search for your chosen career.
- Use the tabs to research the *Job Description; Knowledge & Skills; Tasks/Activities; Wages* for your chosen career.
- Slide 3:
  - Choose one of those 5 careers and give an overview of that career.
  - Identify what type of degree required.
  - Give the Average Salary.
- Slide 4:
  - List and describe the 5 most important skills needed.
  - Identify some tasks/activities that seem interesting to you for this career.
- Slide 5:
  - Identify college major(s) that will lead to this chosen career

## **Step III - Research 2 colleges you believe are a good fit for you based on the career you selected.**

- Under the *Related Majors* tab identify 2 colleges that offer the major you need for your chosen career. These two colleges are ones you should have an interest in learning more about.
- Use the *Advanced Search Tool* to help narrow down the list of colleges based on your own criteria (ex: location, size, etc.)
- Review the colleges' websites for more in-depth information.
- **On each slide use the left side for College #1 and the right side for College #2**
- Slide 6: Identify the following—
  - College location
  - Number of students enrolled
  - Freshmen Retention Rate
  - Public/Private/Christian
  - Types of Applications they allow students to use (ex: ApplyTexas, Common Application, Coalition, their own institution application)
  - Identify the cost of the university (include Tuition, Room/Board, Fees).
- Slide 7: Identify the specific freshman admission policies--
  - GPA requirements
  - Average SAT & ACT test scores of the current freshman class on that campus
  - Types of Admission deadlines (ex: Early Action—Nov. 1)
- Slide 8: Identify the specific freshman admission policies--
  - All documents required for admission (ex: transcript)
  - Factors considered when making admissions decisions

- Slide 9:
  - Identify clubs/organizations that you may want to join.
  - If you wish to play a sport, list it and what division it is (ex: Div. I, II).
  - If you have already visited this university, name a few things that you really liked about your visit.

**Step IV - A plan for the next 1 ½ years to meet your identified goals.**

- Slide 10: Considering all your research –
    - What do you need to do NOW to work toward acceptance into both universities you selected?
    - What do you need to do over the next 7-8 months to prepare for the admissions process? (Consider what information and documents are needed for the application.)
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**Due Date:**

- Hard copy of presentation due date to Theology teacher: **Monday, November 26**
- **If your parents schedule a Junior Conference before this date, your power point is due a day prior to the conference so your ounselor has the opportunity to review it.**

**Other websites you are encouraged to utilize in your research:**

1. [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  2. Bureau of Labor Statistics: [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)
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**The goal of the Counseling Office is to guide students in learning more about themselves regarding their spiritual gifts, personality, and interests. As students make those connections, finding careers and colleges that may be a good fit are also discovered.**