

As you prepare for your path after high school, know that there is no such thing as the “correct path”. The best and most meaningful way for you will be something individual. Opportunities that end up being the most valuable could be the ones you don’t yet realize exist. And if you still reach your goals in the end, where and how you started won’t matter.

While you must start somewhere, make sure you do your research and find the options that will fit you best.

Are you applying to colleges? Be confident in knowing why you are applying to “this” school instead of all the others with the same characteristics. You may be considering schools with a specific major, a co-op program, a highly selective reputation, a beautiful campus, a competitive athletic program, or any number of other things. What else is important to you? What else speaks to you?

If you are considering opportunities other than college, be confident that you are making the right choice for you, and empower yourself with the knowledge and experiences to help you take those first steps. Don’t know where to start? Make the effort now to find out.

Realize that there are:

- Close to 100 institutions considered “Highly Selective” and many of which have admissions rates four or five times higher than the most competitive schools
- Hundreds of schools with spirited and competitive athletic programs
- Scores of colleges and universities to transfer from two-year to four-year schools
- Close to 100 well-paying career paths that do not require a four-year degree.
- So many unique programs and opportunities out there, many of which will make you smile and say “Wow!”

Own your path. Own it at the beginning and every step of the way. For the next 5 years, the next 15 years, and every year after that.

And before you know it, you could find yourself right where you want to be, doing exactly what you want to be doing with your life and your career.

Are you willing to do what it takes to get there?