

Strategies for Maximizing the High School Years

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Children or Adults



- More adults, ages eighteen to forty-nine, watch the Cartoon Network than watch CNN.
- The average video gamer was eighteen in 1990; now he's going on thirty.
- The National Academy of Sciences has redefined adolescence as the period extending from the onset of puberty, around twelve, to age thirty.
- Average age for marriage 28.1 (men) and 25.9 (women) --20 in 1950

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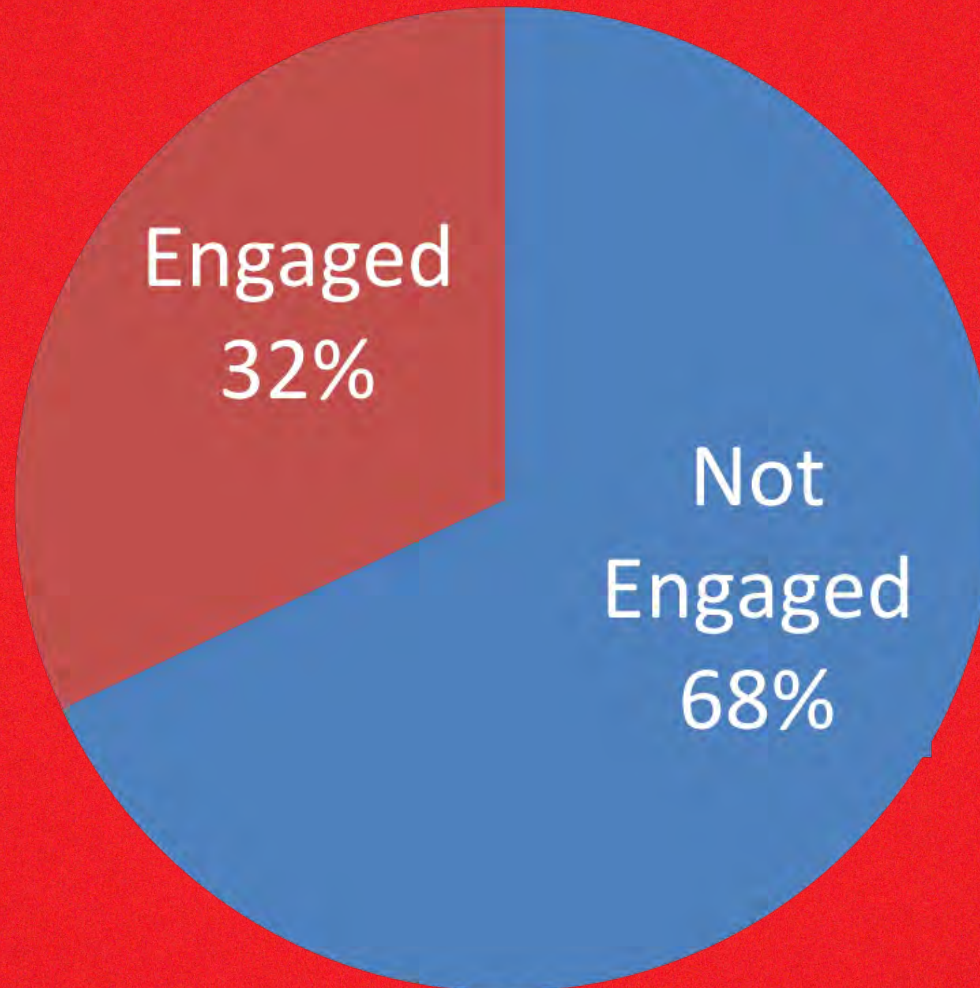


#1 Pursue Passions



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Work Engagement



Gallup-Purdue index poll, Feb. 4-Mar. 7 2014



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Key Questions

- What things have you enjoyed doing?
- What have you hated?
- If you could do anything without fear of failure, what would it be?
- Where have you seen God at work in the past?
- What subjects do you tend to gravitate towards?
- What are you reading these days





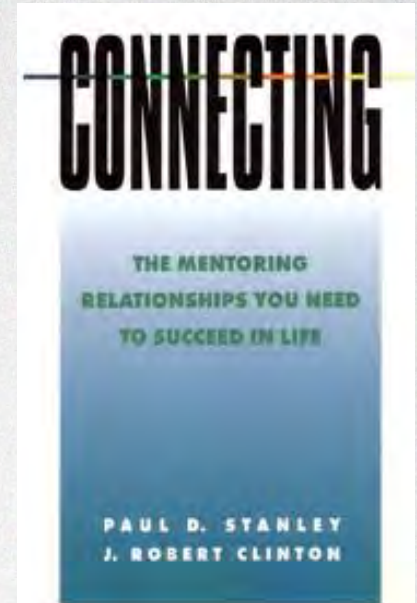
Developing Vision

- Take an aptitude assessment:
 - Strong's Interest Inventory
 - Strength Finders
 - Navigate Purpose Discovery
- Consider a gap year of interning, non-profit work and traveling the world.
- Connect with a mentor





Three Types of Mentors



- Passive
 - Historical or Contemporary model
 - Books, audios, sessions, articles, blogs
- Occasional
 - Experts who offer timely advice in specific areas
 - Public speaking, finances
- Intensive “Discipler”
 - Long-term guide for growth



Questions for Mentors

- "You've been successful at this field when so many others have failed. What made the difference for you?"
- "If you had it to do over again, what would you do differently?"
- "What are the five books you have found most helpful in this field?"
- "Do you have a yearly planning process? If so, how does it work?"
- "How do you manage your time successfully?"
- "What questions have I not asked that I should be asking?"

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Resources



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What will you do with it?

Navigate will help you...

- UNDERSTAND**
your strengths & weaknesses
- EVALUATE**
your interests & abilities
- SOLIDIFY**
your degree choice
- CREATE**
a plan for college & beyond



Then craft an experimental **PLAN A**,
an alternative **PLAN B**, and
an unchanging, certain **PLAN Z**.



#2 Instill a Strong Work Ethic





Mike Rowe: Learning from dirty jobs |



Start a Business



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Disruption is Alive



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Payments



Learning



College





Easy to Start a Business



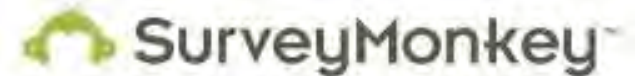
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Your Skills and Abilities



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The World's Needs



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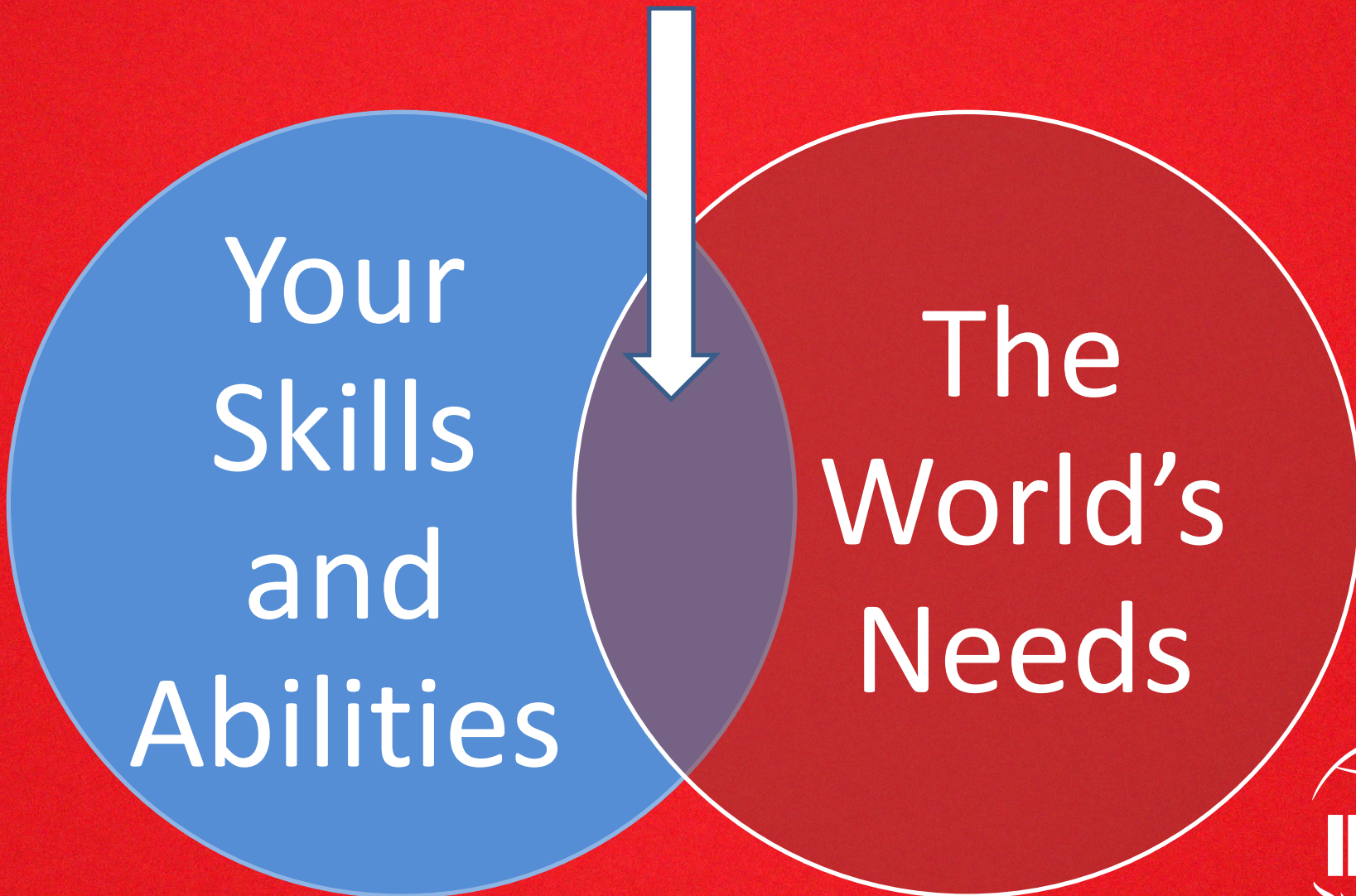


Your
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Meaningful Work





#3 Have an Attitude of Mastery







**SO
GOOD
THEY CAN'T
IGNORE
YOU**

Why **Skills** Trump Passion
in the Quest for **Work** You Love

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Are You Indispensable?



Bestselling author of *Purple Cow*, *The Dip* and *Tribes*

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- All business is factory and will be outsourced
- We must train people to stand out.
- People have been brainwashed into burying their genius and giving up their dreams



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PRIORITIZE LEARNING.





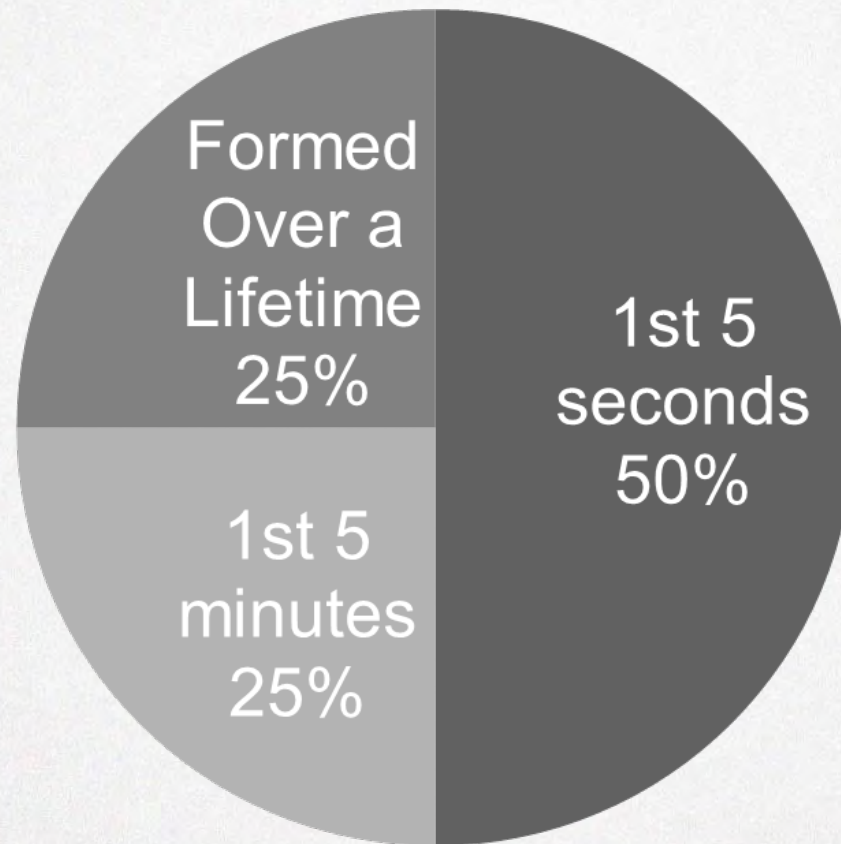
#4 Master Communication Skills



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Communication Skills

- Communicate a professional image



Employers to Students

40% of C-suite executives say college grads are "not prepared at all."

47% of C-suite executives believe that only 21% of new grads have the skills they'll need to advance past entry-level jobs.

Fortune Magazine



What Companies Want?

- Problem-solving (49% ranked it No. 1)
- Collaboration (43%)
- Critical thinking (36%).
- Ability to communicate clearly and persuasively in writing (31%).
- Technology and social media skills came in at rock bottom on the list, valued by only a tiny 5% minority of senior managers.

Fortune Magazine



Communication Skills

- Communicate a professional image
- Engage in conversation with all people groups
- Learn to ask questions
- Stretch your communication skills
 - Speech and debate
 - Church/Community involvement

Speech and Debate





#5 Manage Your Money



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Manage Money



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#6 Prioritize Strong Relationships





Character Is Just as Important as Skill



- Teachability
- Humility
- Cheerfulness/Enthusiasm
- Initiative/Responsibility
- Become Producers vs. Consumers





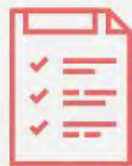
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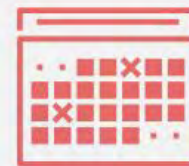
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CollegePlusSM vs. Traditional College

1. Tuition

\$107,000

Private

\$41,000

Public

\$25K

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2. Debt-free College Grads



33%

Traditional College



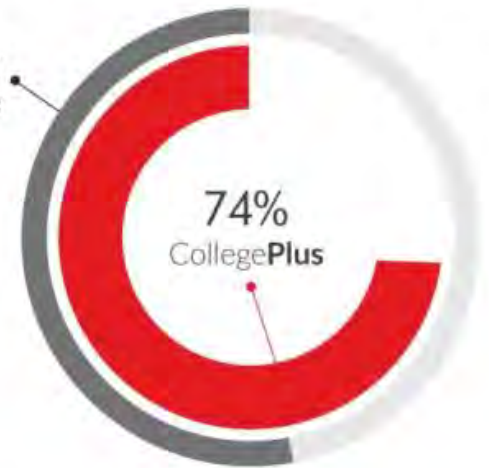
94%

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3. Degree Completion Rates

53%
Traditional College

74%
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4. Time to Completion

Traditional
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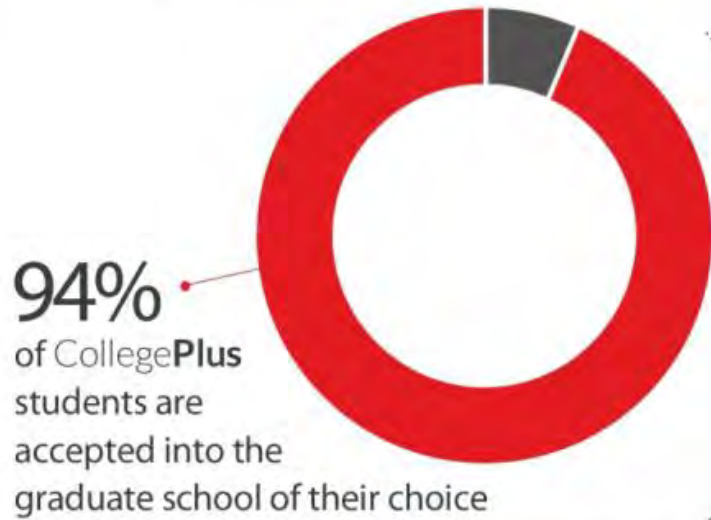


4-5 years



2-3 years

5. Grad School Acceptance



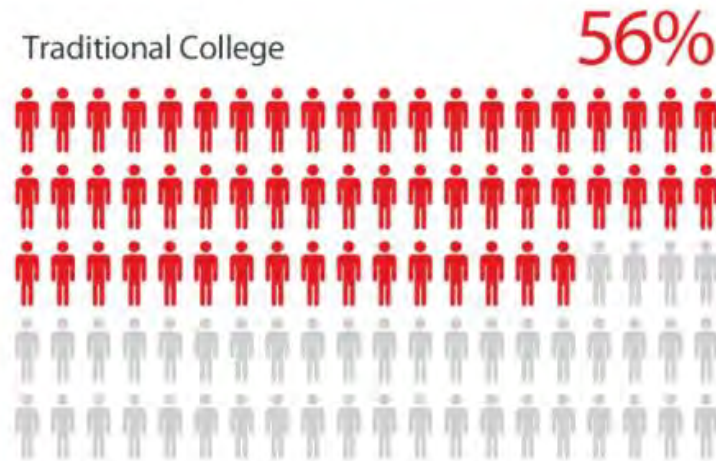
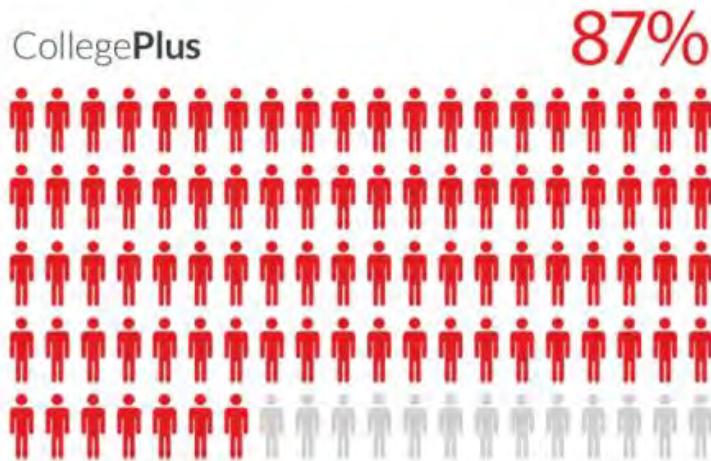
6. Where Are CollegePlus Students?



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7. Employment Success Rates



In 2010 only 56% of traditional college grads got a job. Based on a 2011 survey of CollegePlus grads, 87% got a job or started a business.

Sources: NCES, College Board, NY Times



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