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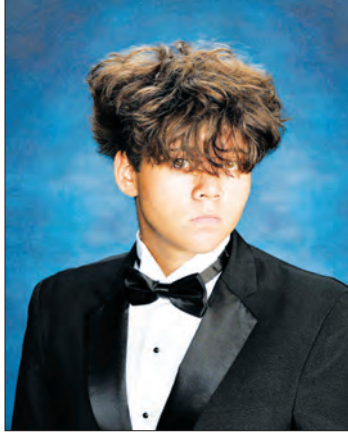
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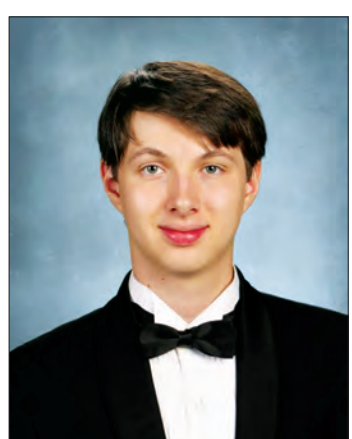
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Garrett, Layla





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Hairston, King



Hairston, London



Hairston, MyShea



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Harper, JMarion



Harris, Ja'Kayla



Harris, Melody



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Hernandez, Jordan



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Hodge, Ja Mira



Hodge, Laya



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Johnson, Antwain



Jones, Jahrine



Joyce, Shawn



Keen, Ka Mya



Kellam, Aerran



Kirby, Michael



Lara Diaz, Beyonce



Long, Myasia



Long, Nyasia



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Martinez, Jordan



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# Graduation by the numbers

Graduation is a momentous occasion in the lives of young adults and their families. Reaching this milestone is a testament to students' hard work, patience and perseverance and worthy of celebration. Here is a look at some notable figures regarding graduation in both the United States and Canada.

- According to Higher Ed Dive, U.S. high school graduates were projected to peak at 3.9 million in 2025 before declining. College graduation rates continue to hover around 61 percent.
- The high school completion rate in Canada is 88 percent, while the national first-time graduation rate is 84.3, according to Statistics Canada.
- According to 2021 census data, Canada leads the G7 group of industrialized democracies with 57.5 percent of its working-age population (ages 25 to 64) holding a college or university credential.
- According to the National Center for Education Statistics, during the 2021-22 school year, the U.S. average adjusted cohort graduation rate for public high school students was 87 percent. That marked 7 percentage point increase over a decade earlier.
- More than 61 percent of all college graduates are women, according to the Education Data Initiative.
- National Collegiate Athletic Association



tion athletes maintain high graduation success rates, with 90 percent or better for all women's sports and 79 percent or better for men's, says the NCAA.

- By 2041, demographic shifts among graduates are likely. Hispanic public

high school graduates are expected to grow to 36 percent of the graduating class, while white graduates are projected to decline by 26 percent, according to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

# How to plan a fulfilling gap year



Many high school students tend to enjoy a few months of summer vacation after they graduate, and then embark on new adventures at college or trade school. Graduating college seniors follow a similar path of joining the workforce


or beginning post-graduate work after earning their degrees. But such paths are not the only ones available to students. Some students may want to consider a gap year.

A gap year is a break from academia to pursue other interests or even experiential learning, according to Forbes. It's more than just a time to relax, and can prove especially helpful to self-development and discovery. If time and budget allows, taking a gap year can be a worthwhile and productive endeavor. Here are a few ideas and benefits relating to gap years.

- Hone skills: Some see a gap year as a chance to goof off or lounge around. Instead, this break provides an opportunity to sample the workforce and gain experience. Individuals can seek opportunities that will be relevant to the careers they intend to pursue in the future. A future certified public accountant, for example, may want to spend tax season working with an accounting firm to learn the ropes.
- Learn a language: Students may think a gap year is the perfect opportunity to become more proficient in a foreign language or two. Bilingualism can be a key advantage in one's job search and future career. Traveling to a country where a studied language is spoken and learning it while immersed in the culture can be a particularly effective means to acquiring language skills.
- Engage in a passion project:

There are many projects that may be put on hold because of lack of time or resources while in school. A gap year can be the ideal time to write more or explore an innovative new business idea.

- Perform service work: A gap year can be an opportunity to engage in social change or to help a cause. Certain people may want to travel to underprivileged areas on humanitarian missions or teach English to students overseas. These are experiences that will promote personal growth and help boost a résumé when it comes time to find a job.
  - Improve academic performance: A study by Colorado College's Gap Year Research Consortium reported that those who participate in gap years exceeded their predicted GPAs by roughly 0.15 points. A gap year may help a person become a better student.
  - Land an internship: Some companies may want to extend internship offerings beyond the standard semester. Many professionals land their jobs through networking, so taking time away from school to participate in a lengthy internship can make for a smoother entry into that company should one want to work with them in the future.
- Taking a gap year may not be the traditional route for students, but the benefits of time away from formal learning can be profound.

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**The symbols of graduation**

After many years of time spent toiling classrooms and study halls, many students welcome graduation. Graduating high school or college is a major milestone. It is associated with many symbols that have endured for some time. As graduates prepare to receive their diplomas or degrees, they might be curious to know what's behind some notable symbols of graduation ceremonies.



- **Gown:** The gown is a customary garment worn on graduation day. The Georgia Institute of Technology says gowns historically were heavy robes worn by medieval scholars for warmth in the largely unheated universities. Today, graduates don gowns not for warmth (as most graduation ceremonies take place in the spring and summer), but to symbolize the level of degree being conferred.
- **Cap:** A cap, also known as a mortarboard, often goes hand-in-hand with a graduation gown. Historians surmise the flat, square shape represents either a mason's mortarboard to symbolize hard work. Others say it may be the shape of a book to signify academic achievement.
- **Tassel:** The turning of the tassel is a relatively modern tradition. The tassel, which is attached to the mortarboard, initially was an ornament but has since evolved into a traditional element. The Honor Society says the practice of moving the tassel from one side of the cap to the other symbolizes completion of this important academic milestone. Typically, graduates move the tassel from the right to the left. The right side represents the student being a candidate, while the left means he or she is now a graduate. While some sources date the tradition to the early 1900s, the current tradition has been traced to the 1960s and 1970s.
- **Cords and stoles:** Graduates may adorn their gradua-

- tion garb with other elements. Cords are twisted ropes that often represent high grade point averages or participation in honor societies. Stoles are satin scarves that often denote participation in specific organizations or a student's cultural heritage, according to the University of Colorado Boulder.
  - **Diploma:** A diploma is a legal document. Historically, diplomas were written on thin sheepskin and rolled into tubes. Students may receive a prop diploma on graduation day or empty diploma folio. Later on the actual document will be mailed or made available for pickup.
  - **Rings:** Some graduates have opted to purchase class rings. Students will often wear the ring with the school name facing them while still a student. Upon graduation, the ring will be turned so the name faces outward, presenting the completed coursework to the world.
  - **Commencement speech:** The word "commencement" means "beginning," which is fitting for a graduation ceremony. Instead of marking the end of something, commencement is for students who are about to start a new chapter.
- Graduation rituals and symbols have endured through the ages, and are likely something students and their families will encounter as they prepare for the ceremony to come.

**Happy Graduation,  
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