

To or To not College

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Attending college provides you with the skills necessary for your future career. including skill developments, job security, networking opportunities, and the potential for higher earnings, all of which contribute to long-term professional success and personal fulfillment.

Going to college gives you some of the best employment opportunities post school. College does this by giving you great skills and opportunities that can and will help you in your future career. With these skills, you become more competitive against other candidates. Which gives you a better chance of getting hired. Also boarding your skill set can help you get better jobs if you so chose, or chances for raises and promotions. Another great advantage to college is the ability to get certifications and qualifications. If you are able to acquire any certifications or qualifications you may need prior to getting hired you will also be one step ahead of the rest of the crowd. In addition to opening doors to better job opportunities, attending college can also provide you with a much greater sense of job security.

Having a college education can and should be able to give you job security. Job security in the sense that if you have a job chances of getting let go are smaller. Or chances of keeping your job are really high. Having good job security can help you have a good piece of mind knowing that your job is not really ever in jeopardy, unless you do something dumb. This means having good job security and improving your quality of

life. This lowers stress, and can help you have a better life. Furthermore, along with providing job security, a college education can significantly increase your earning potential, leading to higher-paying job opportunities.

Having a college education can help you achieve a higher paying job/career. College for most jobs is nearly always you can get either more chances for raises quicker, or immediate bump in pay. Having the security of a high paying job can be a great thing for a number of reasons. You can rest assured that during stressful times you will be comfortable, and your family will be taken care of. As Well as being able to buy more and better things. Example if you have a bigger family or just are a materialistic person, having a high earning job can get you that bigger house, or nicer car. Additionally, having a high earning job is the benefit of not having to trade time for money. Once you get to the level of making a lot “per hour” you can work less and make more. With the extra time you can use it for any hobbies you may have, or spending more time with your family and friends.

College is great for building skills, specifically critical thinking skills. College does this in a number of ways. According to linked in, “College classrooms encourage debates and discussions, which challenge students to articulate their thoughts, defend positions with evidence, and respond to counter arguments, enhancing their critical thinking abilities.” This quote shows us that in college classrooms students are learning critical thinking skills. College is great for students to learn these critical thinking skills on their own as well. For example on long essays where you have to gather information

and you need many sources. These essays will challenge your ability to find reliable sources and many sources for whatever you are trying to argue. College teaches students critical thinking skills through discussion posts, where you argue a point and interact with other students. On projects college students will build their critical thinking skills by coming up with unique ideas for their project. Students learn to approach problems methodically and develop creative solutions. The skill of critical thinking is deeply valuable to employers because it shows you can be a thinker and find a solution to a problem.

Another reason students should go to college is for the once in a lifetime chance to have easy access to networking. Networking can be the greatest thing you can do while you're in college, let me explain. While in college you are next to some of the next great minds of the world. You could be next to a successful business owner, or even a star athlete. You could be next to a Nobel winner, or discover or a cure to a disease. You may never know what your peers around you are capable of achieving. See now this sounds really good and these seem like great people. Now networking is essentially building a portfolio of people you can call up anytime for a favor, or just to hang out and they'll pick up. This is a great thing because if you ever need a favor, or experience, or opportunity they'll hopefully be able to give it to you. Not only should you be networking with your fellow peers, but you should also be networking with Professors, mentors, and speakers. Having a professional relationship with a professor to ask for a letter of recommendation is a powerful tool. Mentors are also another great network to have because they may have insights on certain industries or pursuits of life that may be

beneficial to stay in touch with. Speaker is a great one to network with because they themselves usually have a ton of networks. “A robust network can lead to job opportunities.” says the university of colorado boulder. Using your mentors or even professors to help you find internships or jobs is a great use of networking.

The next great thing about college is the chance for many internships and career related experiences. This is another great reason to attend college is because of the amount and variety of internships that are available. According to Post University, “internships capture an intangible aspect of higher learning that is often lacking in classrooms and textbooks: the value of real-world experience.” When you do these internships you do get access to ‘Real world Experience’. This is valuable because it can set you apart from other candidates when applying for a job. More internships you do or complete you can even get job offers from those. Most internships are to train future employees. So if you stick with internships they can easily turn into jobs which is a great thing for a college student. College is also great for career related experiences. Outside of internships which will give you the most career related experience. You can learn career skills in the classroom by participating in projects and learning directly related information from the fields of work you chose to pursue.

In college you have the great opportunity to explore what you really want to pursue in life. If you initially do not like the major that you choose most colleges you will be able to change majors, if they are not super impacted programs. This is the time in life to figure out who you want to be. Try different things. Explore things that interest you

and figure out what you would like to pursue in life. It is important to find a job that you like, because likely you will be doing it for a while.

Going to college can increase your credibility in most jobs. Having a high degree such as a masters or Phd can gain you much credibility when trying to get hired. The degree as well increases your chances of getting hired. “ When seeking out candidates, potential employers generally lean on the side of picking candidates with college degrees versus solely real-world experience, because those with a completed degree not only show persistence and dedication but also an in-depth understanding of the skills needed for the position and industry as a whole. “ says Colorado Christian University. This quote perfectly explains that employers look for people that have degrees. Having a degree shows that you have become a master in your field of study, and you’ve obviously demonstrated your ability of learning. Having these skills along with a degree and you should be qualified for many jobs.

When you attend college you are exposed to many new things. New people, cultures, and most importantly new and exclusive technologies. Most colleges have state of the art facilities for their students to get a true outstanding hands on education. Colleges often have decked out labs for the sciences. Like computer labs with the fastest computers, or engineering labs with state of the art software and tools. Colleges offer these state of the art facilities to their students because colleges are designed to expand and give students the skills they need to be career ready.

When attending college you learn many important and valuable skills for later life. By far one of the most important skills that you will learn when attending college is time management. Time management is just in general a great skill to have and it will truly set you apart from others that don't have this skill and it will show. It will give you the ability to not procrastinate work, assignments, or chores. According to Piedmont Technical college," As a college student, your time management skills can determine your success or failure." Here this quote shows that having time management skills as a student literally will determine your success in college. Later PTC says," 90% of college students procrastinate. Twenty-five percent of these become chronic procrastinators, many who end up dropping out of college." Pretty much everyone procrastinates something simply because they do not want to do said thing. Once you procrastinate one simple task it slowly adds till you procrastinate a lot more than you thought. 25% of college students later become chronic procrastinators. That statistic really shows you that students who procrastinate get a bad habit they can't shake.

Time management skills can help you tremendously once you have them though. Having time management skills or even just practicing them daily can help daily life. One way to practice time management skills is to create a schedule. Schedule your day and do your best to stick to the schedule. Another way is to create a To-do list. You can make your to-do list very simple in the way of writing down three things that you need to get done that day. Three things are very simple and will slowly, yet effectively build the time management skill. Or you can complicate your to-do list with the 80-20 rule. "What 20% of your tasks could produce 80% of your results? " from Piedmont Technical

college. To do this you will create your to-do list and look for the things that will make the most positive impact on your day. Whether that is getting the most done, or making a positive impact on something or someone. Another way that you can practice time management is with time quadrants. To do this you will split your day up into quadrants and list what needs to get done in each quadrant.

How Time management helps with your job or career. Having the skill of time management is crucial for your place of work to have success. Employers look for this skill because it is such an important one to have. If one person in the workplace lacks this skill it can throw the whole flow off and cause more problems and stress. According to Proof Hub, "Effective time management in the workplace is crucial for both individual and organizational success. It's not about working harder, but working smarter to achieve more in less time." Having time management as an employee can guarantee less stress, more productivity, and typically working smarter not harder.

To conclude, attending college is a great way for you to become an outstanding candidate for future careers you try to pursue. College does this by giving you essential skills such as critical thinking, time management, and problem solving. These skills are just a few of which you will learn in college that will make you highly competitive. College provides hands-on experience on new technologies that can help you become career ready. Internships offered and pursued during college is another great way to become college ready. By getting a college degree you become a more accredited

person and have more opportunities and greater chances of being successful in the career of your choosing.

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