

RECOMMENDED COLLEGE PLANNING RESOURCES

The following resources are guides to the six steps of college planning, and are intended to help you navigate the process for making good college decisions. For further guidance on achieving college planning success, please contact Frank Bernier, Ph.D, or www.lansingcatholic.org/parents/careercollegeplacement.aspx

STEP ONE - SELF-AWARENESS

McNamara, C. Self-assessment surveys for personal and professional development (adults and students).
www.mapnp.org/library/prsn_dev/assess.htm

Myers-Briggs Personality Types and Related Careers. Identifies your 4-letter personality type and careers.
www.careertest.net Study the home page. Click: take the test. Click: results. Click: description.
Click on your “type description”. Study the careers listed. Use “Occup. Outlook Handbook” below.

STEP TWO – CAREER EXPLORATION

Careerlink Inventory. Connects personal traits and preferences with careers. User-friendly and reliable.
www.mpcfacyty.net/CL/climain.htm

“Occupational Outlook Handbook” (U.S. Dept of Labor). Detailed information on all known occupations.
www.bls.gov/oco/. Click: index (on left side of homepage).

“College Majors and Careers”, Paul Phifer (Ferguson Publ.). Connects favorite subjects with majors-careers.
Career Cruising. Connects interests and skills with careers. Log-in required. In most Michigan high schools
Summer Camps. www.mysummercamps.com Gifted/talented: www.hoagiesgifted.org/summer.htm

STEP THREE – COLLEGE EXPLORATION

College Board. <http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/index.jsp> College matching site, plus
gives detailed information on all colleges. Allows you to compare colleges side by side.

College Board. “Book of Majors”. Connects majors with colleges. In libraries and bookstores.

A2ZColleges.com. www.a2zcolleges.com/majors/. Connects majors and programs with colleges and other
training institutions. Includes college/institutional profiles, and admissions and scholarship searches.

Collegedata. www.collegedata.com. Log-in required.

“College Match”. College matching (finding a “good fit”) site.

“College Chances”. Estimating your chances for admission to colleges you specify.

“Admissions Tracker”. How you compare with other applicants to the colleges you specify.

“Scholarship Finder”. Lists private vendor scholarships.

Gifted and Talented Links. Comprehensive. Go to Dr. Bernier’s website. Click: Finding a Good Fit College.

Chat Room for Students and Parents. “College Confidential”, <http://talk.collegeconfidential.com>. Superb.

Center for Global Education. www.globaled.us/wvcu Links to colleges throughout the world.

STEP FOUR – COLLEGE ADMISSION

See websites in Step Three or the “College Handbook” by College Board in libraries and bookstores.

STEP FIVE – SCHOLARSHIPS/FINANCIAL AID

“The A’s and B’s of Academic Scholarships” by Anna Leider. Lists merit scholarships from each college.

Cappex. www.meritaid.com. Click: view the directory. Lists merit scholarships from each college.

Finaid.org. www.finaid.org/sitemap. The premier financial aid website.

“How to Survive the High Cost of College”, by Rick Darvis, CPA.

<http://tuitionfundingsolutions.com/College-153-Strategies.pdf> A classic, free, 32 page guide with
153 clear and concise college funding and Expected Family Contribution (EFC) reduction strategies.
For families of all income levels.

STEP SIX – HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE TRANSITION

www.lansingcatholic.org/parents/careercollegeplacement.aspx Time-honored transition tips for students and
parents.