

# WELCOME TO

# COLLEGEED

WHO Am I?

WHERE Am I Going?

HOW Do I Get There?

## VOICE OF EXPERIENCE



*“CollegeEd allows students to dream, believe in the dream, and take steps to make the dream come true.”*

—Charlie Barthelemy, CollegeEd Teacher, Katy, Texas

High school is an important time in your life when you begin to make your own decisions and start planning your own future. It is a time for taking ownership of your own choices, and for being responsible for the decisions you make.

CollegeEd is a program that will help you make the decisions and choices that are best for you. Think of this course as a journey of self-discovery. Along the way, you'll ask yourself three very basic questions.

### WHO Am I?

What makes you unique? What do you like, dislike and believe? What interests you? The more you know about what makes you who you are, the better able you will be to answer this very important question.

### WHERE Am I Going?

What type of future do you see for yourself? What kind of dream career fits who you are, your personality and abilities? How did other people figure out what they wanted to do with their lives? Thinking about where you might want to go in life is the first step to getting there.

### HOW Do I Get There?

What can you do now to start making your plans and dreams a reality? Asking how to get to where you want to go in the future is directly related to the choices and decisions you are now empowered to make. By exploring these three questions and all the other questions in between, CollegeEd will help you develop a plan of action that will get you to where you want to be.

# ROADTRIP NATION

One way CollegeEd will help you create your own plan to answer life's big questions is through our partnership with Roadtrip Nation. Roadtrip Nation is a movement that seeks to empower you to actively define your own road in life. It exposes you to Leaders from all different backgrounds who have built their lives around doing what they love. These men and women have challenged themselves to answer the same questions you will be asked in this program. From them you can learn how to shed "The Noise" and create a life for yourself that will make you truly happy.



## WORK ZONE

Answer the questions included in the three boxes below.

### Who are you?

If you had to describe yourself in one or two sentences, what would you say?

What words would best describe you?

### Where are you going?

Where do you want to be when you graduate high school?

What do you want to do?

### How do you get there?

What do you think you will need to do in order to get to your "dream" future?

What are the steps you'll need to take?

# WHAT YOU'LL DO

- ✓ Find out who you are and what makes you unique
- ✓ Explore your interests and talents
- ✓ Set goals for high school, and goals for your future
- ✓ Explore careers that fit who you are
- ✓ Connect what you do in high school to your future goals
- ✓ Learn what college is like, and how to look for colleges that fit who you are
- ✓ Discover your unique learning style
- ✓ Learn about skills and good habits that will help you academically
- ✓ Understand the value of extracurricular activities and the world outside of school
- ✓ Establish a network of people who will help you reach your goals
- ✓ Learn how to find the money to pay for college
- ✓ Realize that your future goals are possible and college is the way to get there

## DID YOU KNOW?

**There is a college for every type of student!**

Go to the **WORK ZONE**

**Based on what you have written on page 2, write a paragraph that explains the challenges you might face on your road to your future goals.**

### Challenges Along the Way

## WORK ZONE

Chart your path to your future goals. Write one or more of your goals for this year on the road signs below. You can use the Steps to the Future word bank or your own ideas. Put these in the sequence that you feel will help you move toward your goal this year.

*Future Goals*

STEP 6:

STEP 4:

YOU ARE  
HERE

STEP 1:

STEP 5:

STEP 3:

STEP 2:

### STEPS TO THE FUTURE WORD BANK

- Choose high school courses
- Take PSAT/NMSQT
- Research careers that interest me
- Join an extracurricular activity
- Talk to family and friends about my goal
- Take some AP or honors classes
- Research college requirements
- Visit some colleges
- Think big!