

Do you know these things?

- 1. 68 %** of jobs (by the year 2018) that offer **middle-class salaries** (or higher) are expected to REQUIRE post-secondary training, either in certification or degree programs.
- Currently **32%** of adults in the U.S. have college **degrees or professional certification**.
- Generation Z (YOURS) is the first in U.S. history that is NOT expected to exceed their parent's **education levels** and **financial stability**. This is not due to recent dips in the economy, it is due to rising cost of living, the global economy and less people being college educated than jobs require.
- Experts predict that by 2018 only **30 %** of jobs will pay wages **above the poverty line** for people with only high school education. If college graduation rates remain the same with about 30% college grads, that means **70% of adults will be competing for that 30 % of jobs!**
- The current poverty line for the U.S. is **household of 3 people is \$20,000.00 per year**.
- A person currently making minimum wage in California makes **\$10.00** per hour. That comes out to about \$20,000.00 per year.
- A **G.E.D.** is no longer considered equal to a high school diploma to most employers nor the military.
- All** post-secondary schools currently cost on average **\$25,000.00** per year. Cheaper options, like junior colleges, are more crowded because any and ALL high school graduates can attend. Community colleges now report it's taking students an average of **3 years** to complete general education requirements (classes needed transfer to a 4 year college) that **should take 2**.
- Because the U.S. still has the best college system in the world, it's getting more competitive every year. Over **250,000** students from CHINA alone are attending colleges in the U.S.
- The University of California (U.C.) system has an average **34 %** acceptance rate. Approximately **206,000** apply to U.C. system! About **86,000 thousand** are accepted each year **a freshmen. That's about 12,000 per school**.
- More competitive schools like Stanford/Harvard have **5 %** acceptance rates.
- The average incoming UCLA freshman in 2012 had a **4.4 GPA** and SAT scores **above 1950**. **Over 75 %** also played at least one sport, participated in student leadership or other extra curricular activities 3-4 years of high school.
- National average **yearly salary** (for age 25) **in 2012** was about **\$39,000.00**
High school graduates earn about **\$40,000.00** and those with Bachelor's degree about **\$52,000.00**

And...do you know these things?

- 14.** Over **65 %** of American's surveyed do NOT like their job/career choice and wish they could change. Not thinking enough about options early enough in life is the main cause so they end up 'trapped.'
- 15.** About **how much more on average, over a LIFETIME of work (40years)**, does a college graduate currently make than a non-college graduate? **\$ 1,000,000.00**
- 16.** **Someone will invest about \$100,000.00 on a Bachelor's (4 year) degree.** Whether scholarships, loans, grants, parents, that's how much it takes. **After paying that back, they will net about \$900,000.00 on their investment over a lifetime of work. That's about 20K more per year they work than a non-college grad.**
- 17.** **75%** of freshmen at Community colleges require remedial Math and English classes so they can do college level work. Those classes do NOT earn transferable college credits and these classes are THE gatekeepers to transferring to other schools. That means **ONLY 25%** of high school grads are ABLE to go right into college level classes and immediately begin earning credit towards a 4 year degree. That's not good!
- 18.** Students must pass math levels of **Algebra 1, Geometry AND Algebra 2** at Liberty with **C** or better **to avoid retaking them in college.** MOST employers expect these levels of math to be mastered also in jobs that pay national average or higher.
- 19.** Many colleges now offer **only elective credits** for A.P. classes taken instead of course for course exchange as they once did. For example, it's not guaranteed you'd be exempted from taking freshman English if you pass an AP English test/course.
- 20.** In 2012 college grads left with on average **\$29,000.00** in **credit card debt** and **student loans.**
- 21.** **Over 85 %** of college students who make it past their freshmen year must take on some loans. That means only **15%** of parents have enough money to pay for their child's education, the vast majority needs scholarships, loans, etc.
- 22.** The average age of people in the U.S. to be financial stable without parental support has gone up from **20 in the 1980's - 27 today!!**
- 23.** **The U.S. has a 33% high school drop out rate** which costs the country over 2 billion dollars per year in support like welfare & food stamps, for those who can't provide for themselves.
- 29.** Drop-outs are **7 times** more likely to be unemployed for long periods of time than graduates.