

Purpose of College: Class Survey

Survey the class regarding what they consider the purpose of college. This can be discussed in class or the students can organize their responses, and then discuss them at the next class.

Learning

- Become educated
- Learn about life
- Learn about the world

Understanding Yourself

- Learn about who you are
- Learn to become an individual
- Helps you to decide what you want to do with your life
- Get out and gain character by meeting new people, and experiencing new things
- Helps make you an open-minded and well-rounded person

Personal Development

- Gives you a sense of direction in life
- Prepares you for the real world
- “I think college should be that extra push to make you do something with your life.”
- “Learning who you are and what you want to be. Learning your morals and ideals, and becoming a well-rounded person”
- “To better yourself so you can add something to the world”

Experiences and Opportunities

- Have fun
- Have experiences inside and outside the classroom
- Play sports
- A chance to work hard at something you enjoy

Transitioning from high school

- Start life over
- College is about growing up

People

- Meet people
- Make lasting friendships
- Make job connections with people
- Learn the skills necessary for working with others
- Meet people who are different from you

Degree and Career

- Degree and a stable job
- To prepare you for an occupation

Freedom and Responsibility

- Learn how to take care of yourself
- Learn responsibilities – “a more responsible version of high school”
- Learn not to rely on others and handle pressure