Myths about College

Beaver Hangouts
Office of Precollege Programs
True or False:

To make it in today’s world, you need a four-year college degree.
FALSE!

A four-year degree will give you more career options, but there are many satisfying and good-paying jobs that are possible with technical or two-year degrees.

Education beyond high school is key!
Types of Post-Secondary Education

- Associate’s Degree
- Bachelor’s Degree in Science/Art
- Master’s Degree
- PhD
Examples of Associate Degree and Certificate Programs
This is a small selection of the many two-year and certificate programs that are available at Oregon Community Colleges.

Portland Community College
- Alcohol and Drug Counselor
- Building Inspection Technology
- Dental Assistant

Linn Benton Community College
- Animal Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Veterinary Assistant
- Welding & Fabrication Technology

Oregon Coast Community College
- Aquarium Science
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Nursing

Chemeketa Community College
- Drafting Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Fire Protection
True or False:

On average, the more education you have, the more money you make.
TRUE!

The more education you have, the more money you make and the more choices you have on how and where you work!
True or False:

You have to know exactly what you want to study and what kind of career you want when you go to college.
FALSE!
The great thing about college is you DON’T have to know exactly what you want to study, and you DEFINITELY don’t have to know what career you want right away.

- Most schools have exploratory programs
- Bacc Core courses allow you to explore
True or False:

You can afford a college education.
TRUE!

EVERYONE CAN AFFORD COLLEGE

Help is available:

• Scholarships
• Grants
• Student Loans
• Parent Loans
• Student Employment
• Degree Partnership Program
True or False:

Scholarships, Grants and Student Loans are FREE MONEY.
FALSE!

Loans must be paid back. Only scholarships and grants do not have to be repaid.
True or False:
Scholarships are only for “A+” students.
FALSE!

Good grades always help, but there are thousands of scholarships:

- http://www.fastweb.com/
- OSAC (Oregon Student Access Commission) – one application for over 450 scholarships and nearly $70 million every year
- School specific scholarships
- Community scholarships
True or False:

You need to start planning for college during your junior year of high school.
FALSE!

What you do in middle and high school is important!

• Courses and grades are the most important consideration in most colleges’ admissions decisions
• Extracurricular activities

Start planning NOW!
What can you do now?

• Make school a priority
  • Work hard in school
  • If you’re having trouble – ask for help!

• Plan your high school classes
  • English 4 years
  • Math 3 years (need Algebra II or higher)
  • Social Studies 3 years
  • Science 3 years
  • Foreign language 2 years
What else can you do now?

• Visit a College Campus

• Talk to your parent or teacher about college

• Explore your interests!
  • www.sciencebuddies.org
  • www.collegeboard.com

• Volunteer! Get involved!
Questions about College or OSU?