

Centennial High School Class of 2022

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# The Jungle Trek

# The Jungle Trek - Planning your Future

A definition for "Jungle" is "Something that baffles or frustrates by its tangles or complex character". Planning your future may feel like trekking through the jungle - there is so much to tackle and you have no end in site. Many students become tangled in the process of deciding on a career, choosing a college/trade school, and figuring out how to finance their education.

"What About Bob" is a fun comedy about a man who is trying to make it through life with so many fears. His Psychiatrist helps him by teaching him the philosophy of Baby Steps, At the end of the movie Bob learns the lesson that "All I have to do is take one little step at a time and I can do anything!" We believe strongly that each student at Centennial can also accomplish anything and your counselor, teachers, and family will be by your side for guidance.

For the remainder of this school year, we will email you this weekly newsletter to help you know what steps you need to take as you transition to becoming a senior in preparation of "Flying into the Sunset". This newsletter will have a number of links to help direct you to colleges, scholarships, and additional assistance. Please make a point to open and review each Issue as you do not want to miss out on some amazing opportunities. We know you can absolutely conquer this Jungle.

Please feel free to stop by the Career Center anytime to apply to scholarships, research colleges/trade schools, or to ask any questions. We are so excited for your future and remember— take one little step at a time.

#### **Career Assessment**

A career assessment is a way to learn more about how well a variety of careers might suit you. Different types of assessments focuses on specific areas, such as skills, interests, or values. Typically, an assessment asks you to answer questions about what you like, don't like, what's important to you, and what your strengths are.

Since assessment results may relate to as many as 900 different occupations, don't panic if your results include careers that don't interest you. Experts recommended that you take more than one assessment to broaden your ideas before you make a decision. It can also be helpful to talk with a career counselor, family and friends before making a career decision.

# Which way to Go?-₹

What do you want to be when you grow up? This is a question that everyone has been asking you since you were small. As Juniors, this is something you should begin to try to narrow down so you can find the right schooling for your career of interest. Below are some great tools to help you find some careers that may spark an interest.

#### **PUSD - Career Assessment Major Clarity**

Peoria Unified School district has a new program called Major Clarity that is accessible to each student. This is an amazing career assessment and exploration tool that you should login and begin using today. Log in and go to Educational Resources and then click on Major Clarity. On the left hand side is Assessments and Career Exploration. Have fun as you begin to find some great career options.



### **ASU Career Assessment**

Find a major, degree program and career that fits you with me3®, an online interactive major and career guiz. Easily explore majors and careers that fit your interests and passions. Then chart an academic pathway to find a degree program that leads to a career so you can design the future you want.

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# Lace up your Boots - Visit Colleges/Trade Schools

The advantages students have today is touring schools virtually. This is a great opportunity to narrow down to the schools that interest you. We are also seeing a number of virtual college fairs. College fairs give you the opportunity to get information on a number of colleges at once and to talk with their college representatives. Below are some links to some fairs and schools to begin your virtual tours.









Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona are coming together to ensure you and your family are well informed about the opportunities and resources available to you to pay for college. As your public universities, they are working together to ensure you find your best college fit.

They have teamed up to host joint virtual information sessions for prospective students and families throughout the year.



Check it out Here



# Arizona College Consortium Virtual Conference and College Fair

See the 30 Colleges that will be attending the fair by clicking <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Fair Dates**

Saturday, March 27, 2021 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (AZ Time)

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (AZ Time)





# Western Undergraduate Exchange

# Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) is an agreement among WICHE's 16 member states and territories, through which 160+ participating public colleges and universities provide steep nonresident tuition savings for Western students. Through WUE, eligible students can choose from hundreds of undergraduate programs outside their home state, and pay no more than 150 percent of that institution's resident tuition rate.

Since full nonresident college-tuition rates may exceed 300 percent of resident rates, WUE increases affordable higher-education choices for students, and minimizes the adverse impacts of student loan debt.

Look at some the amazing schools by clicking here.



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## **Finding Scholarships**

Scholarships are so helpful to your financial health as you begin to look into schooling after high school. There are hundreds of scholarships that could be applicable to you. Below are some links that will help you sort and find some. Keep a list of all scholarships you decide to apply to. Try to apply to at least one a week.

- Your StudentVue
- College Depot
- Career One Stop



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