Engage in Career-Related Experiences and "Launching"

☐ Gain real-world experiences such as:
  - Internships.
  - Job shadowing.
  - Volunteer opportunities.
  - Local community apprenticeships. Learn more here: bit.ly/Local-Apprenticeships
  - High school career fairs and career exploration luncheons.
  - Research opportunities during the summer or school year, on or off campus.

☐ Begin searching for jobs toward the end of your high school or postsecondary experience and the completion of a degree.

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Student Success Checklist
For the Career-Bound Student

Career and Self-Exploration
☐ Research careers of interest.
☐ Learn about the education and degrees/certificates necessary to enter and succeed in those careers.
☐ Explore the national and regional hiring forecast and earnings potential of these careers.
☐ Complete an aptitude or career-interest inventory: Bit.ly/Career-Inventories.
☐ Attend Education Foundation life skills and financial literacy workshops.

Decision-Making and Planning
☐ Narrow down the list of career areas and industries of interest.
☐ Map out the education pathway(s) required and gain real-world experience in these areas. Also, declare a relevant major and/or minor if you have not already done so.
☐ Create a career plan with concrete goals and objectives.
☐ Begin to develop your “brand” and professional profile by:
  • Crafting a preliminary resume, cover letter, and thank you notes. Find templates at EdFoundationSRQ.org/Students
  • Creating a LinkedIn profile.
☐ Learn job-search strategies.
☐ Develop and hone interviewing and networking skills.
☐ Build social capital and professional networks through:
  • Mentors or coaches who can offer general or industry-specific coaching and guidance. Learn more about our mentoring program by visiting: EdFoundationSRQ.org/Students/Mentoring
  • Informational interviewing opportunities.