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what's in it for me?



senior, south anchorage high school, anchorage

"I'm going to college to expand my mind. The things I learn and the people I meet will give me the knowledge and experience to go places I can only dream about."

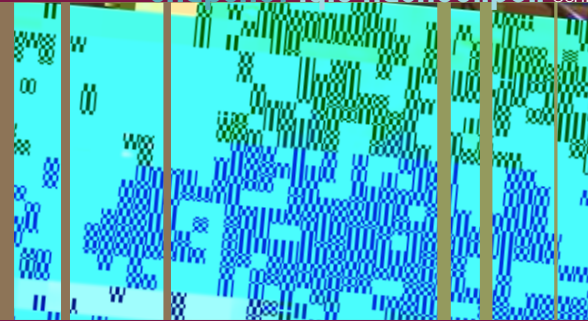
how about a half a million to \$1 million

That's how much more the U.S. government estimates a college graduate can earn in a lifetime over someone who doesn't go any further than high school. And today, most of the new jobs in the U.S. require more than a high school education.

But money's not the only reason to go to college. Odds are you'll find a job even without a college degree, but what kind of job? Will it be a job you choose, or one you have to settle for?

At college, you'll gain a better understanding of science and technology, of your community and your world. You'll fine-tune your ability to think and express yourself, to make decisions on and off the job. College can help to put you in charge of your career and your life.

snapshot lule nashookouk senior, tikigaq high school, point hope



"I'm looking forward to college because I want to find something that I love to do and make a career out of it."

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In fact, a lot of students don't know what careers they want to pursue when they start college. And some of them change their minds once they're there. But the more education you have, the more options it gives you.

But it's not OK to wait until you graduate from high school to start planning. It's time right now to begin identifying your interests and skills. Find teachers, counselors and other adults you trust to help you get ready.

Four years might seem like a long way off, but the decisions you make today will help determine the choices that will be available to you tomorrow.

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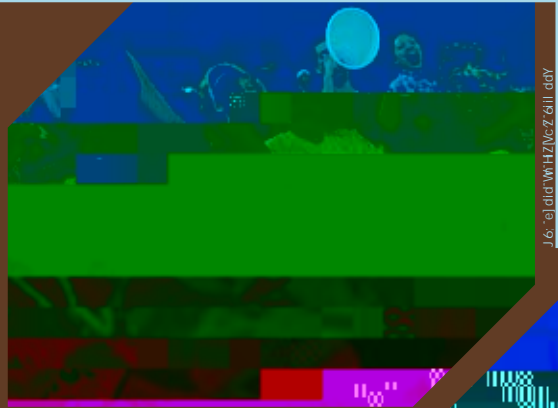
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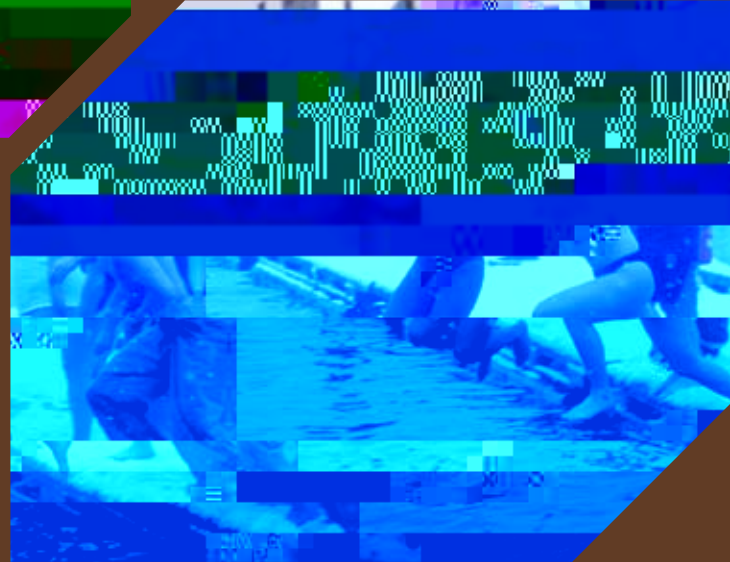
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... snapshot morgan franich senior, hutchison high school, fairbanks



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•••• snapshot tara fritzinger uas sophomore, marine biology, from pennsylvania



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finding the right place

based on current prices.

faq

why should i start planning for college now

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CAREFULLY PREPARE YOUR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.
Follow the instructions, and pay close attention to deadlines. At least three weeks before deadlines, ask teachers and counselors to submit required documents to colleges where
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ACTIVITIES that interest you and help you learn about your career choices. It could also help you get scholarships.

Work hard and study hard, L