

————— What's your big IDEA? (Inquire, Decide, Engage, Achieve) —————

## Year One

### Inquire

- Learn about yourself. Complete [PathwayU](#) to identify your interests and values. Meet with a career advisor to discuss your matches.
- Log into [Handshake](#) to activate your account. See career events and jobs.
- Search and apply to work-study (campus) jobs on [Handshake](#)
- Join a student organization related to your career interests. Volunteer.
- Use [What Can I Do With This Major?](#) to explore career options by major.

## Year Two

### Decide

- Explore and declare major.
- Identify 2-3 career options.
- Schedule informational interviews with alumni and other professionals to explore career options.
- Write your resume. Start your [LinkedIn](#) profile and make 30 connections. Ask a career advisor to review both.
- Log into [Handshake](#) to search for summer jobs or internships.

## Year Three

### Engage

- Search early for an internship.
- Update your resume and reference list. Continue to make connections on [LinkedIn](#).
- Research employers or graduate schools. Study for grad school exams and make a targeted list of 5-7 schools.
- Continue to be active in student groups and maintain your GPA.
- Select free professional attire from Tartan Threads

## Year Four

### Achieve

- Start your job search early and learn to use multiple job search strategies.
- Sharpen interview skills and complete a mock interview with a career advisor.
- Learn salary negotiation techniques.
- Join professional associations. Network. Make connections on [LinkedIn](#).
- Apply to graduate school. Ask a career advisor to review personal statements.