Life After College: Career, Education, and Life
Foster Care Alumni Presenter

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Presentation Outline

- Transition
- Education
- Career
- Life
- Managing Expectations
- Mentorship
- Reflections from Foster Care Alumn to Student Affairs Practitioners
What comes to mind when you think of life after college?
Buzzfeed Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqHUyNhFDs0
Guiding Framework

College Student Development Theory

Casey Family Program’s
“It’s My Life” Transition Framework
Your Next Chapter…
Education…

Dealing with Debt
Is Grad School a viable opportunity?

- Scholarships
- Fellowships
- Employment fee waiver / Reimbursement
Education...

Is it a necessary evil?
How to navigate the process!

- Searching for the right institution / the right program?
  - Letters of recommendation
- Alternate education certificates / Life long learning
Your Next Chapter...
What do you want out of your career?
What Millennial’s Want From Their Career

64% say it’s a priority for them to make the world a better place.

79% would want a boss to serve as a coach or mentor

88% want “work-life integration”

Career vs Employment

Aligning your undergraduate job experiences with your major early in school.
Career vs Employment

First job (employment) → Career
(takes time to build)
Your Next Chapter...
Implications of Leaving the Nest (College)

- The importance of surrounding yourself with good friends.
- Coping with friendship changes.
- Survivors Guilt.
Managing Expectations

- Dream job upon graduation…
- Lifestyle…
Mentorship (community connections)

- The difference between...
  - Advisors
  - Mentors
  - Sponsors

- Understanding each one and leveraging these relationships to further your education, career, and life!
Key Take Aways

Relationships are important…
This generation wants more then a career…
There are good mistakes and bad mistakes…
Life is a continual growth process...
INVEST IN YOURSELF!!!
Reflections from Foster Care Alumni for Student Affairs Professionals

- Be careful not to recreate “the college version child welfare service”
- Set a high bar of achievement (Academic, Personal, Social, Leadership, etc...)
Thank you!

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