



# COLLEGE EDUCATION

IS IT WORTH IT?

BETTER EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES

CRIPPLING DEBT

LIFE LONG  
INTERPERSONAL  
SKILLS



# THE DEBATE

*There are a variety of different paths that people choose to take once they graduate from high school. Some decide to go straight into a four year college or community college, others might take a year off to save money or travel. Some may chose to never go to college to start working right away, and potentially decide years later that they want to obtain a college degree. The path an individual chooses to take after graduating high school is a unique and personal decision. However, it is no secret that in the present day decisions made after high school affect one's job opportunities.*

## COLLEGE, YES OR NO?

### SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS

- 1. College graduates will make more money.*
- 2. College graduates have established a tremendous amount of interpersonal skills.*
- 3. College graduates are competitive candidates in the workforce.*



### OPPOSING ARGUMENTS

- 1. College graduates accumulate an endless amount of debt.*
- 2. College graduates lack interpersonal skills.*
- 3. Many college graduates work for companies that do not require a college degree.*





# ARGUMENTS FOR A COLLEGE EDUCATION TRIUMPH .... HERE'S WHY

## MONEY

"ACCORDING TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS (BLS), WORKERS WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE EARNED AN AVERAGE OF \$464 MORE PER WEEK THAN WORKERS WITH ONLY A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA - A HIGHER SALARY THAT CAN ADD UP OVER THE COURSE OF YOUR LIFETIME" (BRADY).

## INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

"HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL ESTIMATES THAT 65 TO 85% OF JOBS ARE ACQUIRED THROUGH NETWORKING. COLLEGE STUDENTS CAN JOIN FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES, CLUBS, AND TEAMS AS WELL AS PARTICIPATE IN A VARIETY OF SOCIAL FUNCTIONS TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND NETWORK WITH POSSIBLE BUSINESS CONNECTIONS" (PROCON.ORG).

## WORKFORCE

"BECAUSE COLLEGE GIVES YOU A BROAD RANGE OF SKILLS, MANY COLLEGE GRADUATES END UP IN FIELDS THAT ARE NOT WHAT THEY STUDIED IN SCHOOL. COLLEGE CAN OPEN UP UNEXPECTED OPPORTUNITIES THAT AREN'T ALWAYS THERE FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T ENGAGED IN A HIGHER LEVEL OF EDUCATION" (EDUCATIONCORNER.COM)