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Learning Objectives

- Examine the value, both financial and otherwise, of a college education

Directions

1. Review the table below, which lists various motivations cited by other students.
2. Identify your main motivations, and rank your top five.
3. Reflect on your selections in terms of how they connect with short-term and long-term plans for the future. Discuss with your results with your classmates.

Understanding your motivations is essential to helping you not only prioritize your plans for the future but also gain inspiration about directions you may not have yet charted. Ultimately, your motivations for being in college align you with roadways to fulfilling your goals and ambitions.

MY TOP FIVE	MOTIVATIONS FOR ATTENDING COLLEGE
	Gain more qualifications in my field
	Increase my earning potential; make more money
	Challenge myself
	Show others that I can succeed
	Start an independent life
	Satisfy my curiosity
	Have fun
	Change my career
	Do what my parents were not able to do
	Find a better lifestyle
	Build my confidence
	Expand my social contacts; bond with new friends
	Improve my network of business associates
	Gain exposure to a wide array of topics
	Attend campus events
	Make my family happy
	Fulfill my dreams
	Take classes at home or work or anywhere
	Take advantage of campus resources like the library and gym

	Join a sports team
	Join campus organizations
	Spend my time during retirement
	Have continued support via alumni programs
	Learn to study and work on my own
	Gain access to professors
	Link up with people who already excel in the ways I aspire to
	Get sports spirit
	Gain more access to entertainment like theater and bands
	Be more productive in life
	Explore myself
	Become well versed in many subjects
	Dig deeper into learning than I did in high school
	Expand my knowledge of the world
	Others?

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