

Kickstarting Your Plan: Part II



Timeline

Options

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Post Secondary Timeline

Junior Spring

- Research careers/YouScience results
- Research Pathways
- Junior Meeting
- April: Junior Planning Night for Parents
- April: School-day ACT
- Consider retaking ACT
 - June 14, 2025 (Register by May 9)
 - July 12, 2025 (Register by June 6)

Register at: www.act.org

- Consider Leyden's Summer College Bootcamp!

Senior Summer

- Go on visits to options!
- Find opportunities: Job, volunteer, camp related to your career, etc.
- Attend Leyden's Summer College Bootcamp!

Senior Year

- 1st day of senior year - be sure to have a finalized list of career interests & pathway options
- Nov 1 - Priority college deadline
- Fall - Financial Aid opens
- Ongoing - Apprenticeship, employment, trades, scholarship applications
- Decision Day: May 1, 2026

Review: Postsecondary Options



■ 4-year Degree

Enrolling in a university to obtain a bachelor's degree

■ 2-year Degree

Enroll in a community college to get an associate's degree or transfer credits

■ Trade School

Gaining specialized skills for career through technical school, credential programs, and certificate programs

■ Apprenticeship

Learning a trade or skills through hands-on experience or workforce training

■ Internship

Gaining short-term professional experience in a chosen field

■ Volunteer

Advancing a cause through programs like AmeriCorps or Job Corps

■ Gap year

Taking a year off before furthering education or work

■ Workforce

Diving directly into the job market and starting your career journey

■ Military

Enlisting in the military to defend and serve your country

Review: Post-Secondary Options

Apprenticeship

Learn a trade by working with experienced professionals while earning a salary.

Certification

Gain specialized skills through a focused program that can lead to a job in a specific field.

Employment

Start working right after high school and continue gaining skills and experience through on-the-job training.

Military

Serve your country, gain valuable skills, and pursue educational opportunities.

Trade/Vocational School

Develop technical skills in a specific field through hands-on training and classroom instruction.

College

Pursue a degree at a community college or university, broadening your knowledge and preparing you for a wide range of careers.

Thoughts

Questions

Epiphanies



Junior Planning Night for Parents

 **Tuesday, April 22nd**

 **6-7:30pm**

 **West Leyden**

-  **Topics:**
- Application Process
 - Components of the application
 - Timeline
 - Research Tools
 - Campus Visits



Tasks: Get Involved



1

Postsecondary Survey

Complete a survey to help us understand your interests and goals.

2

Junior Meeting

Attend a meeting to get more information about post-secondary options and the college application process.

3

College Bootcamp

Participate in a week-long bootcamp with college visits, workshops, and presentations.

4

Advisory Workshop

Choose a workshop that focuses on your specific interests and needs.

College Bootcamp: Details

1

Week 1:

Tuesday, 6/3 - Thursday 6/5 from 9:00am-2:00pm

Career Interest Profiler, College Search, Career Panel, College Essay, Financial Aid, Scholarship Search, Common Application, Alumni Student Panel, College Admissions Panel.

2

Week 2:

Monday, 6/9 - Friday, 6/13 from 7:30am-3:30pm

College campus tours and information sessions.

*Students must attend ALL week 1 college bootcamp days in order to attend college visits.





College Bootcamp:

Interested? Curious? Please let us know!

Go to: [College Bootcamp](#)

You'll receive first access to registration in May for this unique and comprehensive opportunity.

Questions? Ask!

- Mrs. Tucker → atucker@leyden212.org

Advisory Workshops: Choose Your Path

Go to: [Junior Workshops](#)



**Help, I still don't
know what I want to do**



How to search for & visit colleges

Learn how to find the right colleges and plan your college visits.



**Intro to trades, apprenticeships, and
certifications**

Discover trades, apprenticeships, and certifications, and how they lead to careers.



Intro to Triton opportunities

Explore programs and opportunities at Triton College.



Military Options

Learn about military options, including ROTC, academies, and enlisting.



What is the common application?

Understand the common application and how it simplifies the college application process.

Get Started: Click on each link to Explore Your Options

1

[Apprenticeships](#)

Learn more about apprenticeships and find programs that match your interests.

2

[Certification](#)

Explore different certification programs and find ones that align with your career goals.

3

College Degree Program

Associate degree: **[Nest Resource: 2-Year](#)**

Bachelor degree: **[Nest Resource: 4-Year](#)**

Discover associate and bachelor degree programs that fit your academic and career aspirations.

4

[Employment](#)

Explore different job opportunities and gain experience in your field of interest.

5

[Military](#)

Learn about the different branches of the military and explore service opportunities.

6

[Trade and Vocational Schools](#)

Discover trade and vocational schools that offer programs in your chosen field.

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