MISSION BRIEF

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THE LAUNCH MISSION WEEKLY TOPIC SHEET

SUMMARY

Tommy talks with the authors of Hacking College: Why the Major Doesn't Matter—and What Really Does, about rethinking the traditional college experience. They explore the flaws in conventional pathways, the concept of "empty degrees," and how aligning your field of study with your passions can shape a meaningful career. The conversation dives into the hidden job market, research, internships, and networking, offering students practical advice on how to take ownership of their education and prepare for success beyond graduation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Podcast Episode 117:
Hacking College

Blog Posts:

- Start Exploring Your Passions Before College
- Why Your Future isn't Just a Major

THINK ABOUT IT!

How can you take ownership of your education now—through curiosity, relationships, and exploration—to better prepare for a purposeful career later?

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Daily Activity Sheet

Monday	*Listen to Podcast Episode 117-* Answer the reflection questions provided in the podcast release blog post.
Tuesday	*Discovering Interests- Make a list of 5 subjects, hobbies, or issues that excite you most. Next to each, write one possible career connection (e.g., love for art → design or marketing). Pray or reflect on which ones feel most life-giving.*
Wednesday	*Exploring Wicked Problems- Research one major global or community challenge (like mental health, poverty, or sustainability). Ask yourself: "How could my future studies or career help address this?" Journal your thoughts or discuss with a mentor.*
Thursday	*Real-World Learning- Find one opportunity to shadow someone, volunteer, or ask an adult about their job. Write down what surprised you and what skills or interests overlap with your own.*
Friday	*Building Your Network- Reach out to one teacher, youth leader, or family friend who works in a field that interests you. Ask them three questions about how they chose their path and what advice they'd give to a student starting out.*