

What's Your Major?

There's Help to Find an Answer

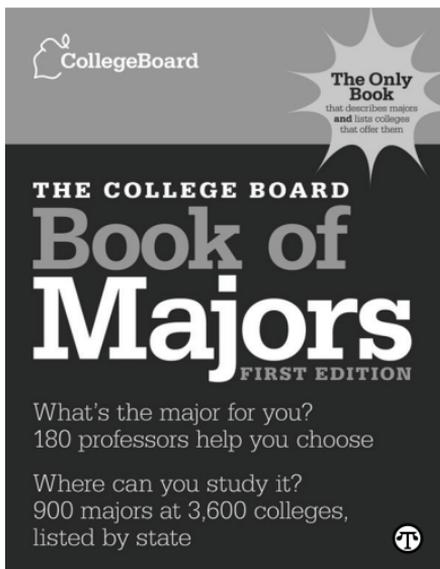
(NAPSA)—Students don't expect to be asked about their major field of study until they're in college. But thinking about their interests and options while they're still in high school can be important to their success in college.

"If high schoolers ask themselves a few simple questions about what they like, what they're good at, and what kind of career they want, they'll find it easier to pick a major—and a college—that's right for them," says Tom Vanderberg, the editor of the recently published *College Board Book of Majors*.

Considering which majors they might choose in college can also help students decide which courses to take in high school, says Vanderberg. For example, students interested in economics, business administration or engineering should take calculus, if they can.

The College Board Book of Majors (\$24.95, softcover) describes more than 900 academic and professional majors and also shows which colleges and universities offer them.

It profiles 180 of the most popular majors in depth: skills and interests that make a "good match" with each major, what types of courses and assignments students can expect when completing the major, and careers the major can lead to. Tips are also given to help find out if a college has a strong program for that major.



"It really helps to get an early look at the possibilities," says Vanderberg. "A student might think she wants to become a computer scientist but when she realizes that she likes to work with more of a hands-on approach, she might decide that telecommunications technology or digital media is better for her. Finding that out before she starts college can save time and money."

Renee Gernand, Senior Director for College Planning Services at the College Board, says, "This book is designed to help a student move from 'I'm good at math' or 'I like helping people' to specific majors that might be right for them." She adds that this is the only book that also lists the colleges that offer those majors.