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Web Resources
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College Navigator

1. College Navigator— “This is a really handy government-provided guide to researching financial aid at just about any college in the country. It’s provided by the government, it’s free, and it’s more objective and reliable than the information you’ll find in any of the guides that cost money.” from Zac Bissonette, author of *Debt-Free U—How I Paid for an Outstanding College Education Without Loans, Scholarships, or Mooching Off My Parents*.

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

10 Dumb Reasons to Pick a College

2. The College Solution blog’s Lynn O’Shaughnessy is a financial journalist and the author of a critically acclaimed book, *The College Solution: A Guide for Everyone Looking for the Right School at the Right Price*. Her (entertaining and honest) blog entry “10 Dumb Reasons to Pick a College” can be found at <http://moneywatch.bnet.com/spending/blog/college-solution/10-dumb-reasons-to-pick-a-college/5370/?tag=col1;blog-river>

Rate My Professors .com

3. Rate My Professors—Each year Rate My Professors, the internet’s largest destination for professor ratings, compiles a list of the top professors based ratings and comments from students. Find out who the highest rated professors are and if the school you’re interested in made the highest rated schools list.

<http://www.ratemyprofessors.com/>

What are you going to do with a major in ___ ?

4. Does Your Major Matter? Article by Donald Asher—Well-meaning oldsters still ask college students: “What are you going to do with *that* degree?” The question should be, “What do you want to do?” The major is just not that important anymore.

http://usuphilosophy.com/why-major-in-philosophy/what-are-you-going-to-do-with-a-major-in-___/

NACE Top-paid Majors

5. NACE (National Association of Colleges and Employers) Top-Paid Majors for the Class of 2011—Among the college Class of 2011, engineering dominates the list of top-paid majors, according to *NACE’s Spring 2011 Salary Survey*.

Survey results indicate that engineering majors account for seven of the top 10 spots on the list. In fact, the only non-engineering major among the top-five highest-paid is computer science (\$63,017), which is second on the list.

http://www.naceweb.org/s04142011/top_paid_graduates/

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