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Suggested Questions to Ask Students to Explore Career Options

1. What impact do you want to make on the world?
2. What topics and ideas spark your curiosity?
3. What do you “geek” over? What could you talk about for hours?
4. What do you have to offer others?
5. What comes naturally to you?
6. What are your favorite classes, and why?
7. What extracurricular activities do you enjoy? What have you learned about yourself from participating in the activities?
8. What is important to you? What are your values?
9. Who has influenced your ideas about your career options?
10. What jobs might you consider as a parallel plan? (Plan B, Plan C, etc.)
11. What career paths can you cross off your list?
12. Who do you look up to? What about them inspires or motivates you?
13. What personal qualities do you view as your strengths?
14. What activities make you feel happy or energized?
15. When do you feel most comfortable and at ease?
16. What are the biggest lessons you’ve learned so far?
17. If you were guaranteed success, what would you do? How do you define success?

Source:

<https://www.wellesley.edu/careereducation/resources/20-questions-jumpstart-your-career-exploration-0>