



The Value of an Arts and Sciences Degree in the Workplace

BACKGROUND:

Please read the following articles that discuss the value of a liberal arts education:

- [Making the Case for Liberal Arts Colleges - Inside Higher Ed](#)
- [Why Getting A Liberal Arts College Education Is Not A Mistake - Forbes](#)
- [12 Benefits of a Liberal Arts Education - Southwestern University](#)
- [How the Liberal Arts Lead to Success - The Atlantic](#)

DISCUSSION:

After reading through the articles and considering the list of skills recognized by NACE as vital to the workforce, please discuss the following questions/thoughts as a mentor/mentee pair:

- For the MENTOR:
 - Discuss the ways in which your Arts and Sciences degree has impacted your career. What benefits has it given you? Has it disadvantaged you in any way? If you could go back in time, would you change anything about what you studied? How can you supplement your degree with volunteer experiences, internships, etc.?
- For the MENTEE:
 - What do you feel is the value of your Arts and Sciences degree? What skills do you feel are most important in today's workforce, and how can an Arts and Sciences degree prepare you? Do you have any perceived shortcomings of a liberal arts degree? Are there skills that you feel you'll need to strengthen in other ways outside the classroom?