ORIENTATION: DAY 1

KEEP IT LIGHT, BUILD RAPPORT
ORIENTATION: DAY 1

UNDERSTANDING OF ACES
ORIENTATION: DAY 1

EXPLORATION
ORIENTATION: DAY 1

HIGH SCHOOL vs. COLLEGE
HOW MANY CLASSES TAKEN IN ONE SEMESTER?

HIGH SCHOOL: 6-8

COLLEGE: 4-5
LESS CLASSES!
HOW MANY HOURS SPENT IN CLASS PER WEEK?

HIGH SCHOOL: 30-35ish

COLLEGE: 15ish
MORE FREE TIME!
HOW MANY HOURS SPENT ON HOMEWORK PER WEEK?

HIGH SCHOOL: 0-10ish

COLLEGE: 30-45ish
MORE HOMEWORK 😞
ORIENTATION: DAY 2

INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS
ORIENTATION: DAY 2

CREDITS & REQUIREMENTS
ACADEMIC CENTER FOR EXPLORATORY STUDENTS
EVERY STUDENT MATCHED WITH AN ADVISOR
3 REQUIRED MEETINGS WITH ADVISOR
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APPOINTMENTS
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WALK-IN HOURS
M-F 9am-noon and 1pm-4pm
WHO WE SERVE
PRE-PROFESSIONAL
PHARMACY
SPORT MANAGEMENT
DECIDED
BUSINESS
FINE ARTS
EXPLORATORY
“Identify one word that best describes your thoughts/feelings on the process of choosing a major.”

57% of students chose a “negative” word: (anxious, stressful, scary, difficult, confusing, etc)
WHAT IS SO STRESSFUL ABOUT CHOOSING A MAJOR?

“By choosing a major, I’m choosing what I’m going to be doing for the rest of my life!”
What is most important to employers when hiring college graduates?

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B. Strong transferable skills

C. Choice of major

D. Attractive earlobes
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WHAT EMPLOYERS WANT

1. Written communication skills
2. Problem-solving skills
3. Ability to work in a team
4. Initiative
5. Analytical/quantitative skills
6. Strong work ethic
7. Verbal communication skills
8. Leadership
9. Detail-Oriented
10. Technical skills
11. Flexibility/adaptability

2019 Job Outlook Report - NACE
According to a 2016 study by EAB, students have higher graduation rates when they declare their final major _________

A. Before entering college  
B. During first semester  
C. During third semester  
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GRADUATION RATES & MAJOR DECLARATION

1. Declare final major during 5\textsuperscript{th} semester = 84% 
2. Declare final major during 4\textsuperscript{th} semester = 83% 
3. Declare final major during 3\textsuperscript{rd} semester = 83% 
4. Declare final major during 2\textsuperscript{nd} semester = 82% 
5. Declare final major during 1\textsuperscript{st} semester = 79% 
6. Enter college with declared major = 78%

2016 study by the Educational Advisor Board
GRADUATING ON TIME

Students who declare their final major as late as their 5th semester graduate in 4 years.

2016 study by the Educational Advisor Board
“Student’s interests grow and change during college, as shown by the large numbers who switch majors. **Students who take the time to explore are most likely to choose a major that aligns with their interests.** They are less likely to become dissatisfied and lose motivation. Studies have shown that students with interests closely aligned with their field of study perform better academically and are more likely to graduate on time.”
TAKE THE TIME TO EXPLORE
THE MAJOR EXPERIENCE

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