

# FINAL PRESENTATIONS

## Team: Rethink Your Resume

### Problem:

Do students understand the value or importance of the diploma, transcript or college experience?

### Solutions:

## Rethinking University Orientation to Focus on Purpose of College

The reasons students are motivated to enter college are often oversimplified, incomplete and ill considered. This is due in large part to the idea that the purpose of a degree is solely to improve a person's earning potential. By helping students early on to gain a broader perspective of how college is much more than a path to a profession, they will make wiser, more informed decisions and a more concerted effort as they navigate through college. This can be accomplished by having a freshman course that focuses on the purpose of college. This course would have the students explore in greater depth what the purpose of college will play in their lives and how they plan to leverage this experience to achieve their goals.

## Applying for the Major

When applying to be part of a specific major, we recommend that students be required to meet with professors from that department and articulate to them the reasoning behind that choice. There a dialogue can take place to be certain that the students have a clear concept of what the major has to offer. They would also receive feedback and recommendations from the professors to help them with aspects of their decision that they may not have considered.

## Combine Career Services with Advising

Students often wish that their college experience was more directly connected to career preparation. We suggest that there be a stronger connection between Career Services and Advising. Rather than have two separate organizations, we recommend that each department have a career specialist, who would work closely with the department advisor. Together, the advisor and career specialist could aid the student in getting through college, while also helping him/her prepare for a career, or the next stage in life.