Quick Takes: Advice to Students Seeking Jobs

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Tips for parents of college-bound students

“Paying for college is a lifetime investment,” said Don Preston ’83, dean of enrollment management at Linfield. “The financial outlay can be large in the short term, but a college education is required for nearly all jobs that pay well in the 21st century.”

Preston, a well known figure in financial aid throughout the Northwest and the nation, is one of the main panelists on Oregon Public Broadcasting’s annual production, Financial Aid for College.

Ideas for parents to ponder:

• Encourage students to consider a mix of college choices and options.
• Include Linfield and other private colleges in the mix. Thanks to scholarships and grants, the net price is often comparable to that of public institutions.
• Consider the “net-tomentumedge” factors – do students at this university usually graduate in four years or does it really take longer? Lack of access to required classes at the appropriate time can slow down academic progress, delay graduation and increase overall costs.
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