



# A Student Story—High School

MAJOR IN SUCCESS PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

## Are You Playing... “Pin-the-Tail-on-the-Major-and-College?”

**M**y daughter, Megan, was a junior in high school when she participated in the “Major in Success” program offered by Cindy. Megan is a confident, out-going young lady who thought she had her life all planned out. Then she met Cindy, went through the assessment process, and everything changed.

Some of the assessments confirmed attributes that Megan already knew she had, especially her high score in being an extrovert, but The Highlands Ability Battery was something unique in the world of career planning. It objectively measures innate abilities. Cindy merges these abilities with the student’s personality preferences, interests, and personal motivators to come up with several possible major and career paths.

In Megan’s case, the results from The Highlands Ability Battery caused her to completely change her planned college major. Cindy advised that Megan’s choice of career should include intellectual challenge, face-to-face interaction, a fast-paced environment offering problem solving as the foundation of her work and the opportunity to utilize her rapid flow of ideas. Conversely, she would not excel in jobs that were mundane and routine.

Cindy was with us every step of the evaluation process. She personally went over every result for each of the assessments. She used those results to make a number of recommendations as possible career choices. Just as important, she took time to get to know Megan and what she wanted out of life.

Knowing that Megan hoped to someday be a stay-at-home mom, Cindy recommend careers that would lend themselves to part-time or flexible employment in the future. Cindy’s personal, caring attention had a big impact on Megan and on us, her parents.

Cindy also took pains to differentiate between a vocation and an avocation. She learned what Megan loved to do in her spare time. It would be great if those interests could be incorporated into a career. If not, they might be enjoyed as a hobby or on a volunteer basis.



The Highlands Ability Battery provided suggestions for how to best utilize her Learning Channels and compensate for any problems in study techniques.

**I had never realized what an often overlooked but necessary step it is to help your child determine what career paths most suit their abilities, personality, interests, and personal motivators. So much time is spent evaluating and choosing the best college, with so little thought given to which college best meets the student’s career aspirations.**

This has been an eye-opening and life changing experience for my daughter. The time spent in discovering her strengths was invaluable in helping her narrow down her major and career choices and therefore her choice of colleges. Cindy’s warmth and personal touch made the experience very enjoyable. Thanks again Cindy!

*Kim Feeney*