

Why College?

After Professor Andrew Delbanco

1. One wants the inside of one's head to be an interesting place in which to spend the rest of one's life.
2. To develop certain qualities of mind and heart (left brain/right brain)
3. "To develop a skeptical discontent with the present, informed by a sense of the past."
4. To develop the ability to make connections among things that appear disparate. (essentially different in kind; not allowing comparison).
5. To appreciate the natural world, enhanced by a knowledge of the Arts & Sciences.
6. "To have a willingness to imagine experience from a perspective other than one's own."
7. To develop an ethical responsibility and integrity.
8. "To make oneself known, NOT in grades and exams, but in the way one lives."
9. To welcome uncertainty, paradox, and the demands of greater complexity.
10. To develop and sustain curiosity and humility.
11. To walk in with one idea or question and leave with many.
12. To awaken in one, a passion for learning.
13. To teach one how to go on learning for the rest of one's life
14. "To cultivate a slow, sustained deliberation of the fundamental questions of our age."
15. To move beyond the search for the immediate and practical
16. "To develop a well functioning Bull Shit Meter!"