



# Success by Degrees

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## Texas College & Career:

A one-stop, no-cost online resource for college and career planning

Students, parents, educators, and employers now have a one-stop, no-cost online resource for helping students to plan for college and career success.

Texas College & Career, launched in August by the Texas Education Agency, brings together the best state-sponsored college- and career-planning tools into a single Web site.

From the time a student enters middle school, Texas College & Career provides:

- Resources to help students, parents, and educators explore career options, measure progress toward academic requirements, and research financial aid opportunities
- Tools to help educators and administrators measure and report student progress and keep at-risk students on track for success

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## The College for All Texans Foundation

Our mission is to increase participation and success in higher education for all Texans.

The Foundation is a support organization for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in raising awareness and financial support for its Closing the Gaps initiative.

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## Advise TX is building momentum for Texas' college-going culture



A statewide effort to lead low-income and first-generation students to college is gaining momentum, thanks to a program that sends near-peer college advisers to high school campuses.

The [Advise TX](#) College Advising Corps has placed highly trained advisers in 120 Texas high schools this fall, to guide students through the complex college and financial aid application process and to help them find the best postsecondary college fit.

The effort, in its third year, is showing impressive results, said Jennifer Pandya, Statewide Coordinator for [Advise TX](#). In 2011-2012, the most recent year for which there are results, some 33,000 high school seniors applied to one or more colleges through the [ApplyTexas](#) web site, after receiving assistance from [Advise TX](#) advisers.

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**Why I became an Advise TX Adviser**

*Alma Limas  
2011 UT - Austin  
Serving West Oso High School in Corpus Christi*

*I am a first-generation student who knows how daunting the college application process can be without proper guidance or family support. I hope to empower students by giving them the tools necessary to achieve a post-secondary education.*

[Meet more Advise TX advisers](#)

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## Rock Your Future: New College and Career Readiness Tools from Generation TX

Back-to-school is a good time for students from middle school to high school to start thinking about their futures, and Generation TX



has launched several new resources to put students on the path to college. These exciting tools, including event-planning kits for building college-going spirit and checklists to help make college happen, are

available in the [Rock Your Future](#) section of the [GenTX.org](#) web site.



[More on exciting new tools from GenTX.org](#)



[Discover the Top Five Ways to Rock Your Future](#)

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