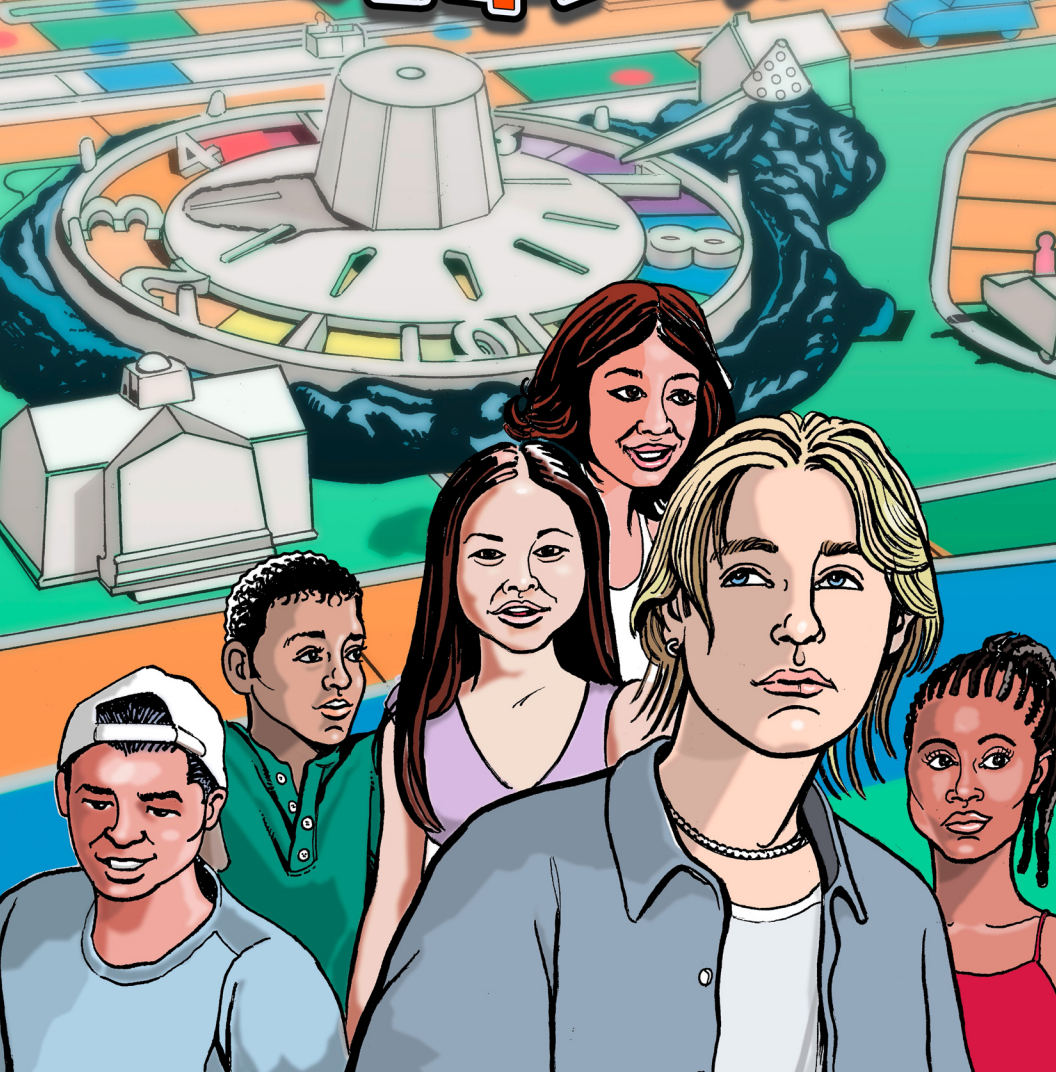


CAREERPATHWAYS

Opportunities for Oregon's High School Students



IT'S YOUR CHOICE



KENDRA DAYDREAMS ABOUT HER FUTURE ...



KOBIE'S ALLERGIES ARE DOING MUCH BETTER, AND HIS RASH IS ALMOST COMPLETELY GONE.

TALAL DAYDREAMS ABOUT HIS FUTURE ...

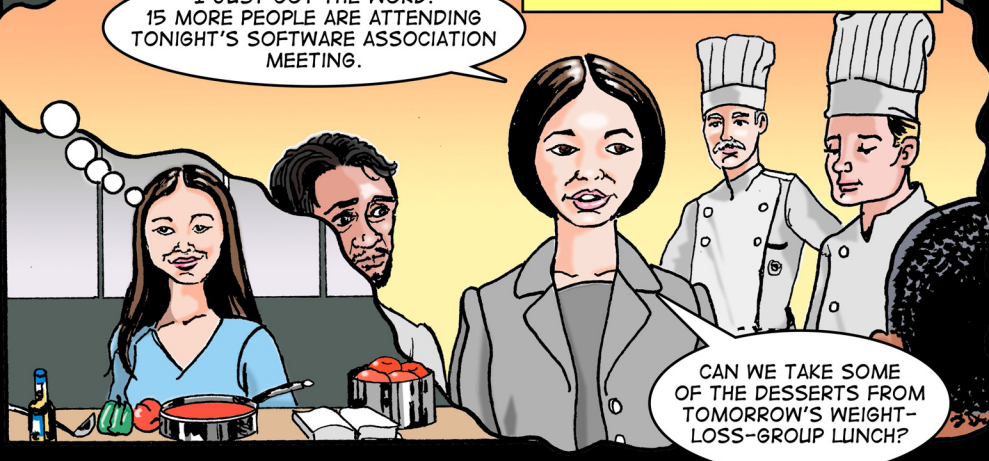


I CAN GET A BETTER FIT FOR THESE PARTS.

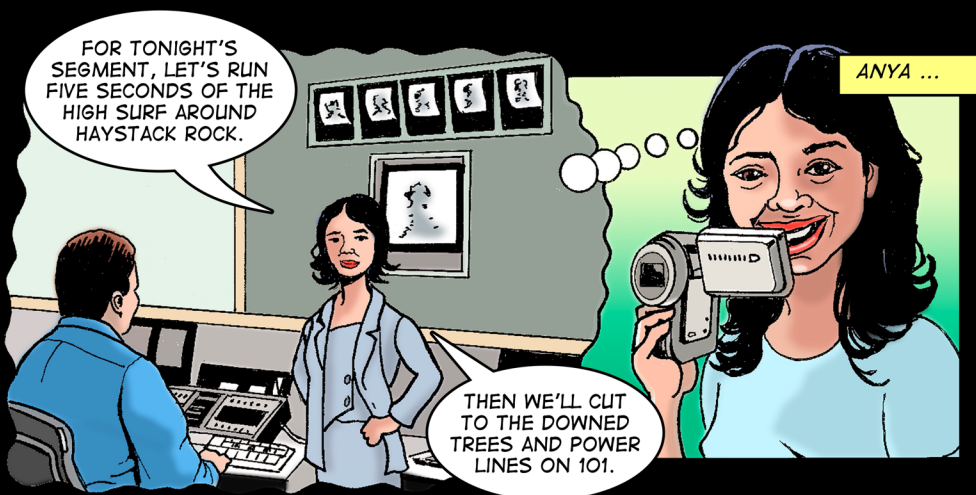
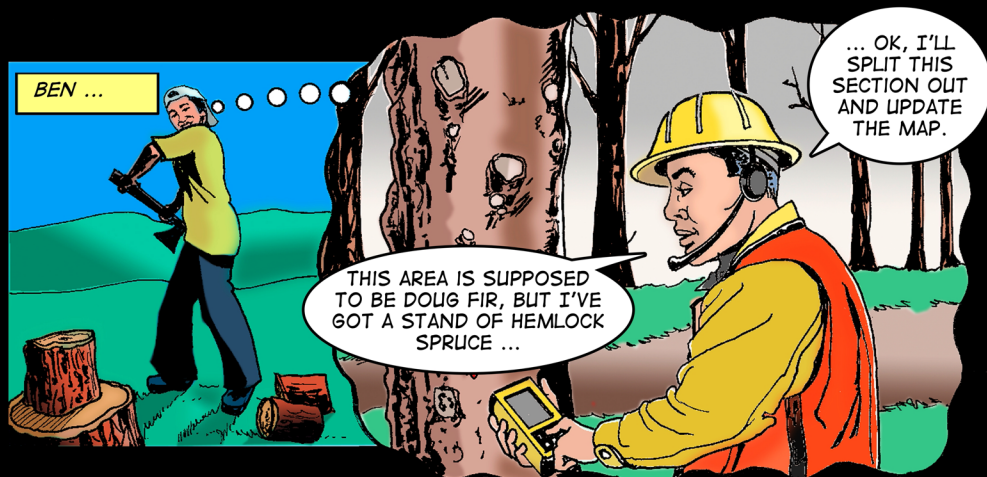
LET ME TRY ADJUSTING THE CODE.

I JUST GOT THE WORD: 15 MORE PEOPLE ARE ATTENDING TONIGHT'S SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

LILY ... (OH, YOU GET THE IDEA ...)



CAN WE TAKE SOME OF THE DESSERTS FROM TOMORROW'S WEIGHT-LOSS LUNCH?



IT'S YOUR CHOICE

STORY: IT'S YOURS TO WRITE HOWEVER YOU WANT.

EDUCATION: PROVIDED BY HIGH SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT OREGON.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE: TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WRITING YOUR OWN STORY, TALK TO YOUR PARENTS OR VISIT A CAREER ADVISOR AT YOUR SCHOOL.

Don't read this!

It's the boring stuff your parents will want to know about.

Why do I need to be on a Career Pathway?

Whether you know it or not, you're always going somewhere in life. The question is—where do you want to go? And how do you get there?

Career Pathways can help you with the answers. It provides direction, so you can see what education and training you need to get the kind of job that fits what you're good at and what you like to do.

If you're planning to go to work right out of high school, Career Pathways can help you gain the skills you need to get a good-paying job. And if you're planning to continue your education, Career Pathways can give you a head start on the courses needed—in high school, at a community college or a university—to prepare for the career you've chosen.

What's in it for me?

Lots. Nobody wants to be stuck in a boring, dead-end job where you don't make any money. And while dream jobs don't just fall into your lap, Career Pathways can help you achieve your dreams—by making smart

choices about your career and education while you're still in high school. It can mean the difference between having a job that just pays the bills and having a good-paying career doing something you love.

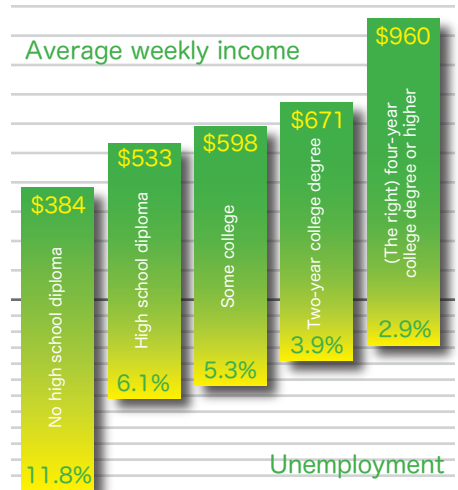
What about money?

You've heard it before, but it's really true: education pays.

It keeps on paying, too. In your lifetime, you'll make a lot more money the more education you achieve. The average annual income for workers with a four-year degree or higher is \$49,920. Adults with no high school diploma average \$19,968. That's a difference of nearly \$30,000 every year.

Even if you're not planning to pursue a four-year degree, you can make a good living. Workers with some post-secondary education—like a certificate—average \$31,096 a year, while those with a two-year degree earn \$34,892. Career Pathways can help you get the skills employers are looking for—so you'll be qualified for good-paying jobs where workers are needed.

Education doesn't just mean a bigger paycheck. It also means a steadier one. The unemployment rate drops sharply the more



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

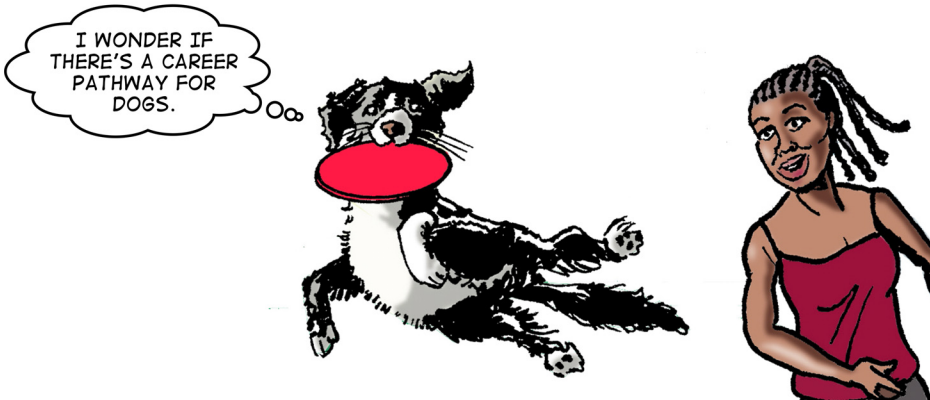
education you have. Career Pathways can help steer your interests toward careers that have strong demand.

Which path will you take?

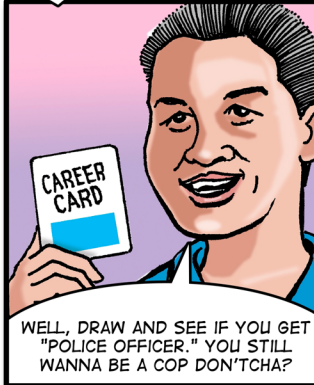
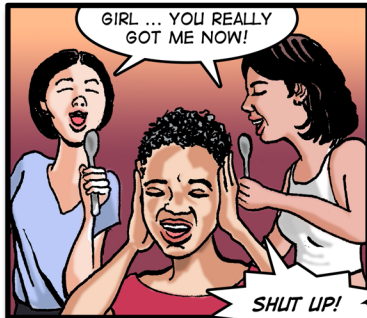
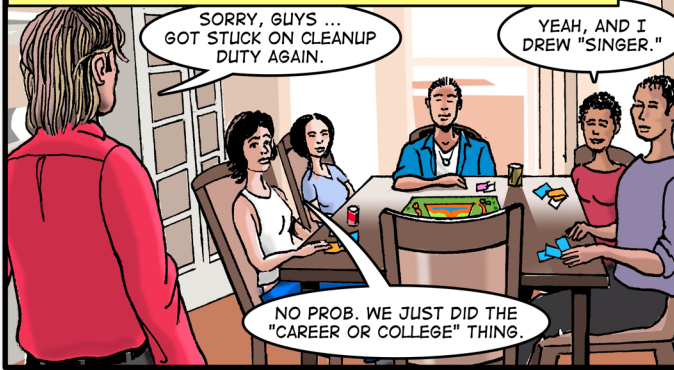
There are many Career Pathways to choose from. For some careers, you may only need to earn a certificate or complete on-the-job training to get started. You can also choose to work for a while, then go back to school to earn a more advanced degree. That opens up even more career opportunities. The advisor at your school can help you find the Career Pathway that's right for you.

Remember, the chart below is just a teaser. Beyond the jobs listed here, there are all kinds of jobs in the six career focus areas identified by the Oregon Employment Department. These are the average salaries for people in these positions statewide. Actual salaries will vary by the job, location and your work experience. So your starting salary will likely be lower.

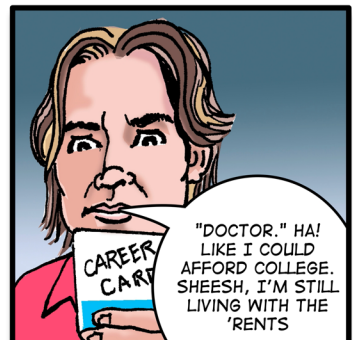
Health services					
Industry cert. or on-the-job training		Associate's degree		Bachelor's degree or higher	
Medical assistant	\$30,015	Nuclear medicine technologist	\$64,813	Veterinarian	\$76,573
Industrial & engineering systems					
Industry cert. or on-the-job training		Associate's degree		Bachelor's degree or higher	
Machinist	\$40,796	Auto collision technician	\$39,204	Civil engineer	\$66,305
Business & management					
Industry cert. or on-the-job training		Associate's degree		Bachelor's degree or higher	
Real estate appraiser	\$55,730	Food service manager	\$45,508	Financial analyst	\$75,403
Natural resource systems					
Industry cert. or on-the-job training		Associate's degree		Bachelor's degree or higher	
Agricultural equipment operator	\$27,367	Environmental science technician	\$42,078	Forester	\$61,471
Arts, information and communications					
Industry cert. or on-the-job training		Associate's degree		Bachelor's degree or higher	
Computer support specialist	\$41,953	Film/video editor	\$52,669	Telecommunications engineer	\$73,699
Human services					
Industry cert. or on-the-job training		Associate's degree		Bachelor's degree or higher	
Police officer	\$49,363	Paralegal	\$42,319	Elementary school teacher	\$46,680

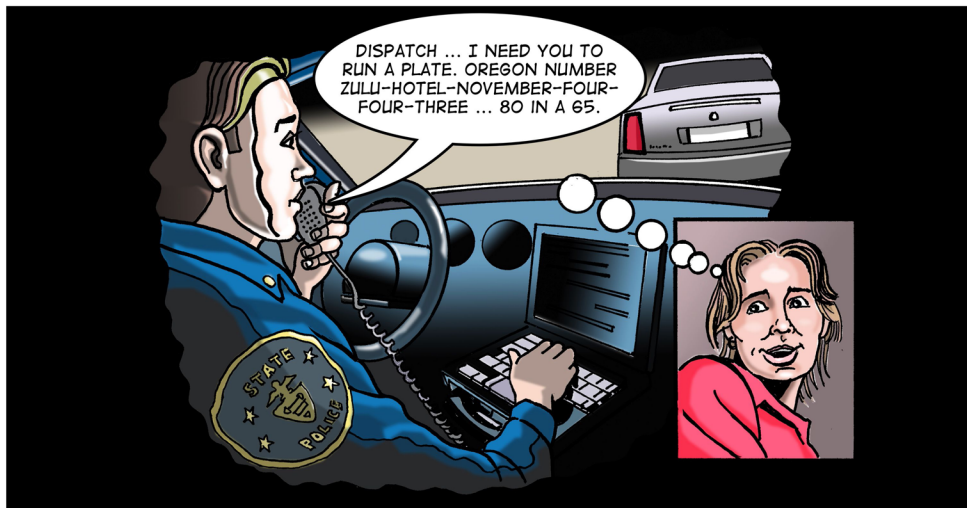
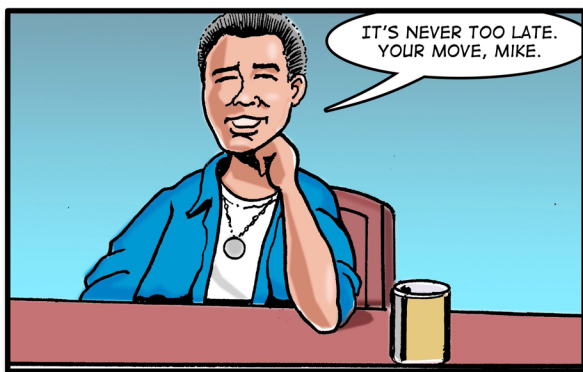
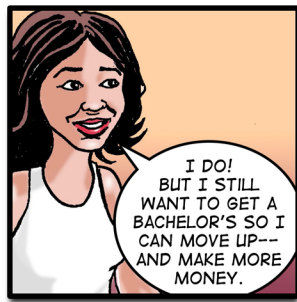
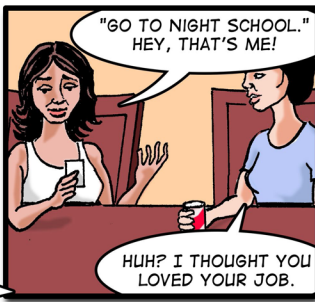
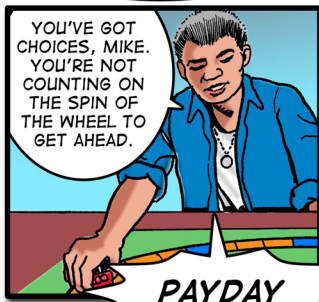
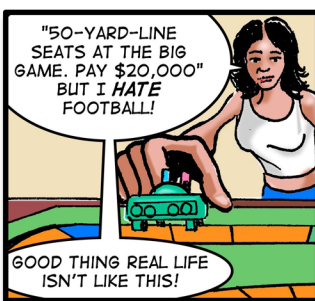


A FEW YEARS LATER, MIKE ARRIVES LATE TO GAME NIGHT ...



THE ONLY CLASSES I LIKED WERE MATH AND SHOP.





Want to know more?

There's lots more information about Career Pathways online. Check out these sites and the links within them:

America's Career InfoNet

www.acinet.org

Features wage and employment trends, occupational requirements and state-by-state labor market data.

Oregon Career Information System

oregoncis.uoregon.edu

Connects education to careers, providing statewide occupation, education and job search resources.

Oregon Employment Department

www.employment.oregon.gov

Serves as a Web portal for job listings, job market information and other resources.

Oregon Labor Market Information System

www.QualityInfo.org

OLMIS provides comprehensive statewide information on wages, skills, industries, job openings and more.

Oregon Skill Sets

www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=271

Identifies Oregon's six career learning areas and the education and training needed for different jobs.

Today's Military

www.todayismilitary.com

Explains the opportunities and benefits of serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

U.S. Department of Labor

Bureau of Labor Statistics

www.bls.gov/oco

Describes training and education needed, earnings, prospects and working conditions for hundred of jobs.

WorkSource Oregon

www.worksourceoregon.org

A public/private statewide network that connects job seekers and employers.

THIS IS A LOT TO
THINK ABOUT. I
BETTER GET
MOVING.



GET STARTED. TAKE THE FIRST STEP.

Career Pathways is for everyone: high school students, college students and adult workers. Career Pathways is designed to help you look at your education in terms of a career. Whether you plan to join the work force straight out of high school or go to a community college or university, Career Pathways can help you get the training and education you need.

Career Pathways is not some fad or a quick fix. It's a lifelong process to match what you like to do with the skills employers are looking for. Which means you can make a good living doing what you enjoy.

To learn more about Career Pathways and where it can take you, take the first step: See an advisor at your high school or your local community college.

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