



## THE LONG-TERM BENEFITS OF GOING TO COLLEGE FOR STUDENTS

### Helping your child to become college ready

- People who go to college will earn more over their lifetime – about 40% more than people without a college degree.
- People with college degrees increase their chances of taking up a highly skilled job and decrease their chances of being unemployed. Most 21st century jobs require a college degree.
- People with college degrees are happier and healthier. More likely to be involved in your community and suffer from less physical and mental health problems.
- Reference: OECD Report: Education at a Glance 2013 and The Spirit Level, Wilson and Pickett

### The Immediate Benefits of Going to College for students

- Learn a new subject or gain more in-depth knowledge
- Acquire a qualification for the workplace
- Be stimulated by world-class lecturers
- Have access to amazing facilities – libraries, computer rooms, labs, sports centres
- Meet new people from around Ireland and the world
- Join a student club or society
- Play sports
- Socialise
- Travel the world through internships, study abroad programmes
- Increase your confidence and sense of achievement and direction



## THE LONG-TERM BENEFITS OF GOING TO COLLEGE FOR STUDENTS (CONTINUED)

### The Long-term Benefits of College Graduates for Irish Society

- Meet employers require a college education to meet the demand for knowledge-based 21st century skills. (60% of jobs in US)
- Less reliance on social welfare
- Increased likelihood of long-term employment
- More involvement with voluntary and community based activities
- Better physical and mental health of society
- Cost: benefit analysis. Cost of educating people at third level is returned multi-fold through increased earnings and taxes
- Improved social –cohesion. Increase in personal satisfaction and happiness. Lower rates of anti-social behaviour and incarceration
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### The Benefits of College-readiness for schools

- Helps your community of students to realise their full potential
- Increase the sense of direction and achievement felt by your students and your teachers
- Recognition that a college degree is the common currency of the 21st century
- On average 65% of 18-25 year olds are enrolled in college. Will 65% of your 6th years go to college this year?
- Important element of school self-evaluation reports within the Inspectorate of the DES
- High expectations + supportive environment = college going culture

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