

Advice for new graduates: make an unlikely “investment” in your future!

The excitement of commencement has died down and you have entered the “real world.” I venture a guess that many of you haven’t found your dream job yet and that probably seems daunting. But I’m here to tell you to not worry about making the right choice as you launch into your career - because you probably won't.

Reality check: most recent graduates entering the work force haven't had the real world experience to be able to accurately say, "This is what I want to do with the rest of my life.”

It's unlikely that your career is going to follow a singular path based on the step you take right now. So try not to stress about that step as the defining moment in your career, because it likely won't be.

Instead of trying to make the "right" choice, right now, spend the time finding out what motivates and energizes you.

Pick a direction that seems appealing, and then treat the next few years as an investment. Along the way, keep asking yourself, “What kind of work makes me want to get out of bed in the morning? What do I love about this? What is it that makes this type of work enjoyable? What about it drives me crazy? Why?” Take stock of your situation and the negatives and positives associated with it.

If you spend the first years of your career investing your energy into discovering what really makes you happy, trust me, your investment will pay off. And you'll thank yourself later.

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