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Foreword



Remember how you felt the first time you stood on the soccer sideline, or in the auditorium at the band concert, and your child was about to perform, for the very first time, before you and your fellow parents?

There were probably some butterflies in your stomach. You wanted so desperately for your child to succeed that perhaps you had to stop from running out on the field or up on the stage to kick that ball or play that trumpet yourself. Somehow you held back, yelled out words of encouragement, and it all worked out in the end.

Now your child is about to “perform” again, this time for keeps. He or she is embarking on or taking significant new steps along a college and career journey. You are smarter now and you realize that, in the end, your child must make the most of his or her own college and career opportunities.

But you still want to help, as you should. And no doubt that is why you have picked up this copy of *The College to Career Road Map: A Four-Year*

Guide to Coaching Your Student. Congratulations. You realize that empowering yourself to best support your child on the road to college graduation, and beyond, is not only an effort of a loving heart, but also of a wiser head.

Our national organization, College Parents of America, is all about parent empowerment. Our mission is to support parents with children in the middle school years, all the way until those children are ready to enroll in graduate school or join the workforce. We look for “best-in-class” resources in every field, and there is no team of authors better in class than Terese Corey Blanck, Peter Vogt, and Judy Anderson.

Enjoy, and benefit from, their collective forty-plus years of wisdom working with students, hiring managers, and the world’s most well-known Internet job site.

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