

Planning a path to reach our goals, both personal and academic, is an important step in achieving success.

Brainstorm the path you have taken to reach this moment in your life. Think about the steps you are taking now and those that you will take in the future to reach your goal.

When you have finished, work with a classmate. Tell your partner about the steps on your path to reaching your goal, and take notes about your partner's steps.

MY GOAL:	MY PARTNER'S GOAL:
PAST STEPS that I have already taken:	PAST STEPS that classmate has already taken:
PRESENT STEPS that I am taking:	PRESENT STEPS that my classmate is taking:
FUTURE STEPS that I will take:	FUTURE STEPS that my classmate will take:

In the video you will watch, students talk about the steps they have taken on their path to academic success and the experiences they have had along the journey.

Before watching the video, let's review some vocabulary that you will hear.

Vocabulary Word	Definition
empowering	
aspirations	
Running Start	A program in Washington state that allows high school students to take college level classes during their junior and senior years
a four-year	A university or college that offers four-year bachelor's degrees
journey	
pulling you down	
inspiring	
hurdles	
liberating	
restored	
demystify	
initiative	
obstacle	
sole breadwinner	
pathologist	
encompassing	

While watching this video, please pay special attention to the individual pathways described by three of the students. Take notes about the steps that these students took in the past, are taking now, and will take in the future on their path to success.

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Major:	Major:	Major:
PAST STEPS	PAST STEPS	PAST STEPS
PRESENT STEPS	PRESENT STEPS	PRESENT STEPS
FUTURE STEPS	FUTURE STEPS	FUTURE STEPS

You have viewed a video and taken notes on the pathways to college success taken by three students at South Seattle Community College. Please select one of those three students and write a summary of the information from your notes to tell the story of that student's journey.

