MSU strives to cultivate “T-Shaped” graduates with a depth and breadth of knowledge and experiences that prepare you for rapidly changing workplace requirements. Your time in and out of the classroom helps you to discover your Purpose, gain Confidence in your abilities, and become Aware of and understand the perspective of others.

**Purpose**
- I am self-aware.
- I know what I value.
- I have dreams and aspirations.

**Confidence**
- I can contribute.
- I feel part of something.
- I ask questions and take action.

**Awareness**
- My Purpose fits in the world.
- I understand what is expected to achieve success.
- I seek different perspectives to gain insight.

**ACTION PLAN:**

1. **Getting to know yourself**
   - Reflect ask yourself some basic questions to find deeper insights
   - Evaluate just write down what feels right to you (and not what others think…)
   - Discuss your worksheet with someone in Career Services! Find out where we are on pages 10-11

2. **Picking your major**
   - What sounds good for when you’re all done with school? Explore career options on pages 18-19 & 24-27
   - Major doesn’t always = your career or job title Learn more by turning to page 20-21
   - Consider going to grad school? Find out more by turning to pages 22-23

3. **Get some experience outside of the classroom**
   - Test drive your options and develop skills through real world experience Learn more by turning to pages 28-29

**GOT PURPOSE?**

By talking about it and thinking about it, all of you are in the process of figuring out your Purpose – “…what you’re trying to do or become.”

Purpose will be your lifelong journey that’s based on:
- what you are naturally good at and enjoy doing
- what you get excited about or care deeply about
- what fits with your personal values and ways you prefer to operate in the world

Over time, your Purpose will be fueled by your natural skills, passions and values. As a college student, your assignment is to work on identifying your Purpose so you can better target options for your career path, college courses and out-of-classroom experiences.

**PURPOSE noun**
the feeling of being determined to do or achieve something; the aim or goal of a person; what a person is trying to do or become
YOUR PATH TO Purpose

Activity

What do you love doing? What would you be happy to do for free? Why do you love it?
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

Who do you want to work with (or help)?
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

Why am I in college? What drives me to be in school?
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

What are you really good at?
1 ________________________ 2 ________________________ 3 ________________________
4 _______________________ 5 ________________________ 6 ________________________

What skills will I need beyond my college classes/degree? See pages 38-39 for examples of skills.
1 ________________________ 2 ________________________ 3 ________________________
4 _______________________ 5 ________________________ 6 ________________________

What does “success” look like to you?
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

What is one word you’d use to describe yourself?
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When I am finished with school what do I hope to do?
Plan A: ________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

Plan B: ________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

What are possible barriers between right now and my desired job/career? (Plan A)
1 ________________________
2 ________________________

What are possible barriers between right now and my desired job/career? (Plan B)
1 ________________________
2 ________________________

Next Step: Talk with someone in Career Services to explore your Purpose!