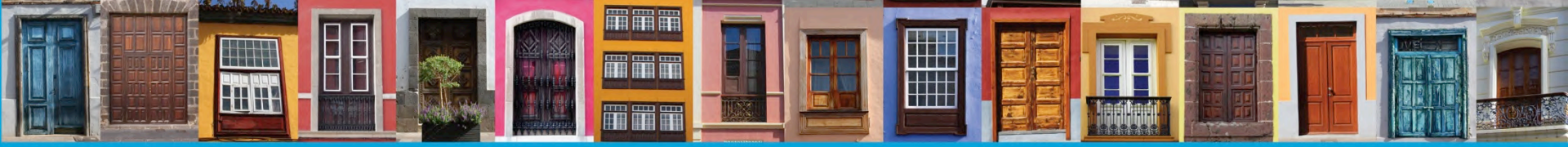




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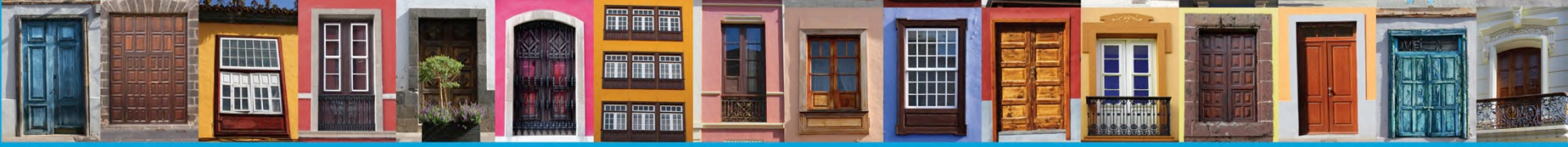
Picture Yourself as the Future of the Legal Profession



TODAY

- Continuous Goal Setting
- High School Success
- College Readiness/The College Experience
- Legal Careers





PICTURE YOURSELF

**Police
Officer**

**US
Customs
Agent**

**Law
Librarian**

ATTORNEY



Paralegal

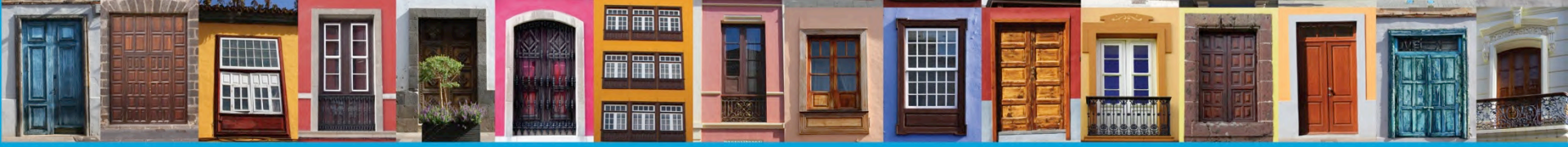
Judge

**Non-Profit
Organization
Advocate**

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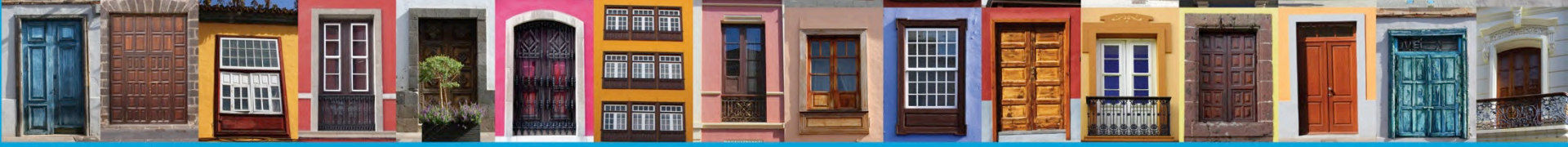


Continuous Goal Setting

- What do you want for yourself?
- How are you going to get it?

“Setting a goal is not the main thing. It is deciding how you will go about achieving it and staying with that plan.” - Tom Landry





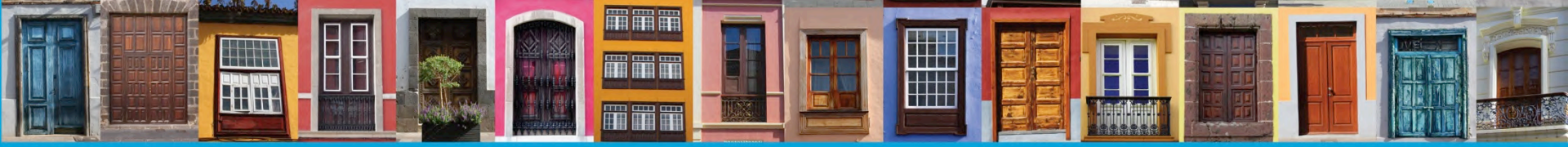
HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS

What Does Success in High School Mean?

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- **Grades**
 - Take challenging courses and excel in them!!
- **Activities (In School and Outside of School)**
 - Student Groups and Associations
 - Volunteer projects
 - Community Activities
- **Work Experience**
 - Internships
 - Jobs
 - Volunteer





WHY Consider COLLEGE??

- Increases earning power
 - H.S. Diploma earnings = \$39,480
 - Bachelors Degree earnings = \$62,440
 - Professional Degree earnings: \$123,240
 - U.S. Department of Commerce, 2009
- Builds higher level thinking skills
- Boosts maturity
- Expands social opportunities
 - “It’s who you know”

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What Should You Look For In a College

- Distance: How far from home?
- Setting: Big city, suburb, small town?
- Size: How many students?
- Areas of Study: What will I learn?
- Diversity: Will I fit in?
- Student Life: Will I have fun?
- Costs/Financial Aid: Can I afford it?

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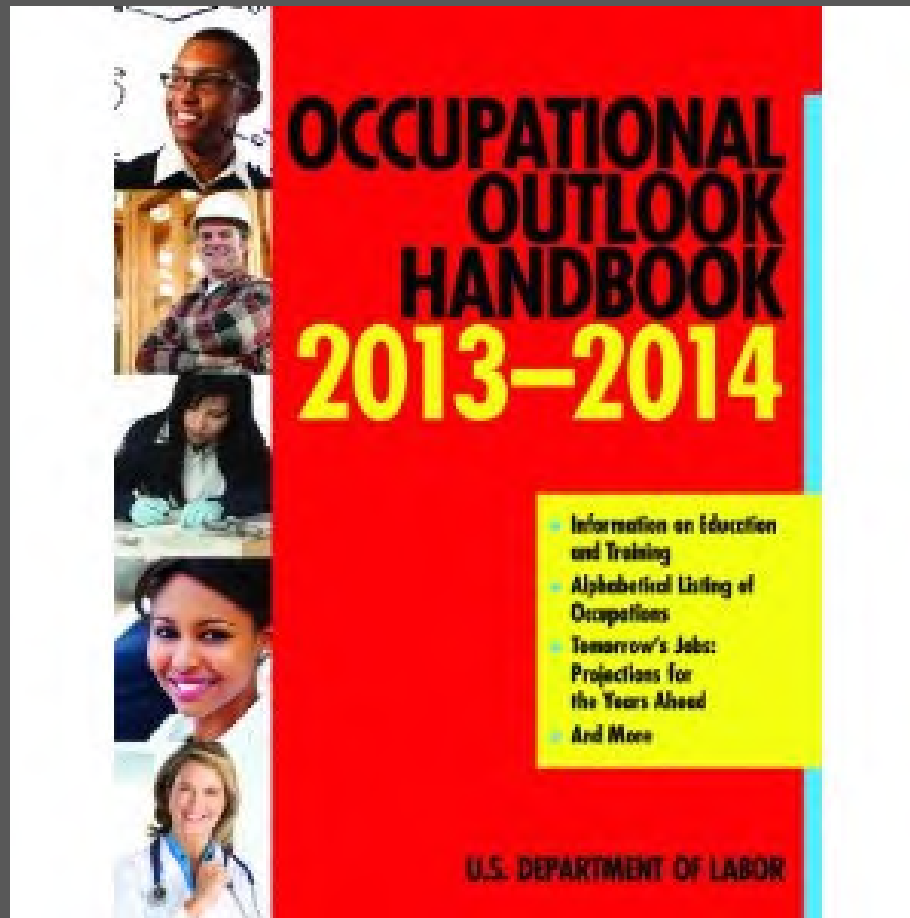
Seek, Find and USE Resources

- School Resources
 - Guidance Counselor
 - Teacher
 - Also seek out Resources at the SCHOOL YOU ARE APPLYING TO!!
- Web Resources
 - Google
 - Websites
 - Social Media Feeds
- People
 - Alumni
 - Mentors

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Speaking of Using Resources...





IN COLLEGE

- Be open to new experiences
- Challenge yourself (courses AND experiences)
- Attend events (on and off campus)
- Participate in School Activities
- Network with Professors, Administrators, Alumni, Visitors!
- Intern
- Volunteer Opportunities

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Develop Your Skill Set

- Analytical Reading and Writing
- Speaking Opportunities
- Interactions with Diverse People/Communities
- Talk to people who are doing what you want to do
 - Learn about their paths
 - Learn from their lessons
 - Set your goals

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How do you go from here to a Career in the Legal Field?

- Do all of the above!!
- Be your very best
- Always ask for help and advice and seek mentors
- Know that it may be challenging, but you can accomplish this!



Famous Lawyers



Sonia Sotomayor



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Nelson Mandela



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Judge Judy



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Barack and Michelle Obama



What should I do now?

This is a great time to focus on preparing for college.

- Set your goals!
- Research your options!
- Ask for help!

