



21st century skills for century Students

Focusing and prioritizing are very important in the era of opportunities. As said by Steve Jobs, doing multiple things in different arenas, however well done would not make sense macro-cosmically despite sounding convincing a micro-cosmically. The main takeaway from his speech at the Worldwide Developers' Conference(1997) is "FOCUSING IS ABOUT SAYING NO", do things where the parts add up to a greater total than things where the total is less than the parts. Steve Jobs' emphasis on prioritizing aligns with 21st-century skills, such as critical thinking, self-direction, and global awareness. These skills are essential in navigating today's complex world.

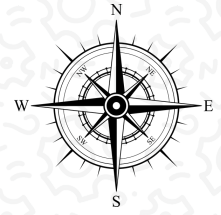
Readiness for College Admissions



Career Department's primary objective is to spread awareness for both students and parents is to take informed choices about their college admissions. Our mantra to success is we start this process as early as primary years. Readiness process includes :

- **Strategic College Exploration**
- **University Selection Strategy**
- **Extracurricular Mentoring**
- **Building Strong Profiles**
- **Awareness on Industry Trends**
- **University Applications**
- **Financial Planning & Scholarships**
- **Interview & VISA Guidance**

Unconventional Career Choices



"Become an engineer!" 'Become an accountant!' "Do medicine, every family needs to have one doctor!" These lines are what every young student hears when they're in high school, be it from pesky relatives or teachers, sometimes even our parents! However, it is important to remember that everyone's career mould is far more unique than fingerprints. This little segment on our magazine has been created for you to see what mould you want to create with your expertise and interests. From our next editions, we shall provide details about unconventional career choices that you think can sculpt your life the best!

Building Strong College Applications



- Start preparing from early grades
- Invest in your passion & skills
- Ace in co-curriculars & activities
- Make summer breaks productive
- Build strong networks & connections
- Promote your achievements
- Present your holistic self to the world
- Intern in your field of interest
- Involve in volunteering & leadership activities in your communities/school
- Of course, excel in academics

DID YOU KNOW?



There are many careers which doesn't even exist today but are going to dominate the world within next couple of decades.



Best Universities **VS** Best **Fit** Universities

There is a long time debate on which universities to choose, is it to choose a best university or a university which is best to you. Reality is the best university in the world may not necessarily be the best for a student since there are many factors involved to fit a student's preferences and career goals. Important factors to consider while selecting a college are:

- Size of College
- College Culture
- Affordability
- Location
- Scholarships
- Safety & Security
- Extracurriculars
- Placements

MERU University Fair

'The university fair was an insightful event as it provided endless options to those who are certain and uncertain about their career paths'.

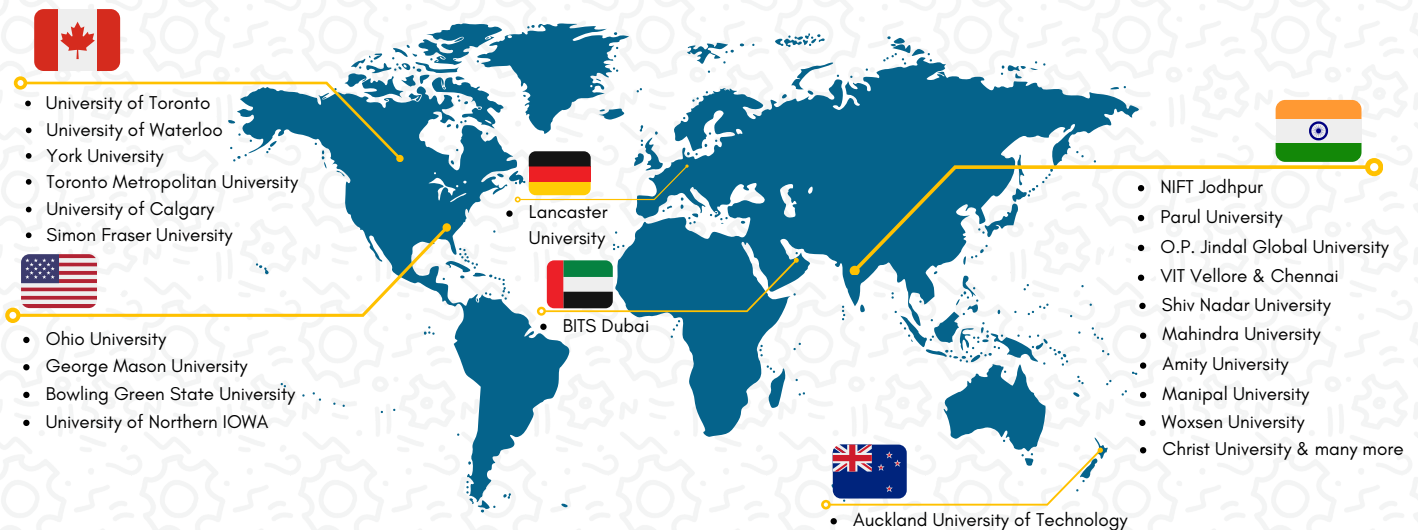
-Vishrutha, A Level



The first edition of 'Meru University Fair' was held in January of 2023. Thanks to the connections held by our Career Counselor, Academic Head and Principal, we had 60+ universities from all across India and overseas visit the Meru Miyapur campus along with their representatives, all of whom are well-versed in multiple disciplines such as Sciences, Humanities, etc. The crowd at the fair ranged from students to their parents and other interested third parties too, proving to be very successful.

"Best part of career readiness is the fun of College Exploration"

University Offers 2023



Student Testimonials

Siri Chenupati
Grade 12, Commerce



The career counselling department at Meru is extremely helpful. They are very concerned about students' future, even if they are no longer part of the school. They conducted a university fair and guided us in filling our application. They act as a link for interaction between students and colleges. They also helped us develop our skills and in our resume creation.

Dhanush V
Grade 12, Science



Meru's career counselling team has helped me in taking the right steps at the right time. They have got me in contact with every university I wanted to help me in application process. This alone shows their seriousness towards every child's career. I should especially thank Suhaas sir, our career counselor who guided me from the beginning.

TRUSTED STRATEGY

A trusted strategy is to create a shortlist of 10 universities by knowing your strengths and chance of acceptance. This way of applying to a prepared shortlist is found effective by thousands of students around the world.

Reach - 3 aspirational universities

Match - 4 target universities

Safety - 3 sure shot universities

Inculcating Leadership Skills @ MIS-MUN

Model United Nations (MUN) is a simulation of the actual United Nations (UN), which is a global organization created for the sake of improving diplomatic relations between nations, peacekeeping and global welfare. It has always provided emphasis on diplomacy, rescue and rehabilitation of the worn out parts of our world.



MUNs teach us many interpersonal skills such as conflict resolution, teamwork, problem solving and negotiation. They also increase one's knowledge on global and political affairs within and around a nation, fulfilling one of the core aims of being a global citizen: to be aware and well-informed. Displaying such skills in the 21st century's dynamic work culture is considered to be a very valuable asset to one's resume or CV. So the next time you're invited to a MUN, don't pass the opportunity up!

'MERU' - Host School for IC3

IC3 Conference & Expo brings together leading high school representatives, universities, and industry experts for a collaborative dialogue on issues that drive sustainable and inclusive counseling practices focused on student success.

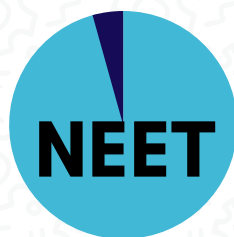
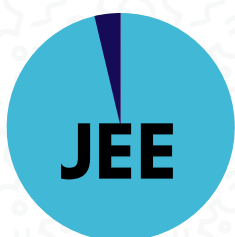


The IC3 Movement seeks to enable high schools to help their students make best-fit higher education and career decisions, and aims to empower every school to run a robust, career and college counseling department. We are delighted to announce that MERU will be a Host School students get to interact with 50+ universities. In 2023, the multi-day event will span from 21-25 August, with the main conference days on 23-24 August and pre-conference workshops taking place on 22 August.

"Consistent small steps yield Big outcomes"

Reality Check

Sprouted during British rule for the sole purpose of making a living and post freedom for the advancement of the country. It is safe to assume that many viewed STEM as the fool-proof way to find employment, which has led to the expectations of parents to revolve around such career paths. This has led to an over-saturation of students appearing for NEET(18,72,3390)* and JEE(10,26,799)*.



■ Number of seats available
■ Number of applications per year

STEM → STEAM

It is baffling to see such a number considering how competitive these exams are. They have an acceptance rate less than the IVY leagues!!

3.7% < 4%

Acceptance rate of IIT's & AIIMS

Acceptance rate of Ivy leagues

As parents, it's important to understand that a well-rounded education combining both STEM and STEAM is crucial. Encouraging children to explore their interests in the arts can provide them with a diverse and flexible skill set that makes them stand out in the job market. By broadening their horizons, we can help them make informed decisions about their careers and set them up for success in a rapidly changing world.

Parents Checklist for Career Guidance

- Attend counselling session
- Observe & Visit Colleges
- Explore suitable majors
- Gather transcripts
- Enroll in a Summer Program
- Provide expert exposure
- Apply for passport
- Derive list of suitable colleges

Students Checklist for Career Readiness

- Explore majors & minors
- Shortlist best fit universities
- Take up a Summer Internship
- Read 2 Self-Improvement books
- Shadow a professional
- Practice for competitive exams
- Build your profile/portfolio
- Document all your research

Happiest Majors

- Humanities
- Sport & Exercise Science
- Engineering
- Natural Science
- Mathematics
- Computing
- Accounting/Finance
- Media & Communication
- Arts and Design
- Modern Languages

**Survey by TheKnowledge Academy with 4000+ university students inputs*

STUDENT WALL



Joining for a 6 month internship at Alags, helped me immensely to gain confidence and exposed me to topics like International Military Interventions and to many such world issues. This 6 months learning is a step-ahead for me for my career readiness.

- Arnav Grade 12 CBSE

The University Fair in March gave the students an opportunity to explore various unique options for further education, that may have otherwise remained undiscovered. We now have a plan for our college applications.

-Manvitha A Level



Me and my team won a honorable mention in a global competition organized by Full Sail University where schools around the world presented their ideas on SDG's. I strongly believe that this experience will help me in my profile building & in my college applications.

- Harith Adimulam Grade 10

Being Balanced with the Process

As high school students the ticking clock for college applications is ever so loud. And this brings in the pressure to be an all-rounder and take part in every opportunity that one comes across. As exciting as the prospect of participating is, it is just as overwhelming. It is important to create your own road map suiting to your interests and focus on your plan of actions. It is better to work towards a certain goal and take up opportunities that reflect your fields of interest. Understand that each one has different road map which leads to their effective college preparation process.

Student Editorial Board



Sri Sanjana Rayudu, A Level



Jyothsna Sriya A Level

Road Map

Apply before deadlines, Apply for aids if needed & contact admissions team before paying fees.

Prepare for tests, build profile, get passport & get letter of recommendations

Shortlist 7-8 universities & know eligibilities & specific requirements

Explore & Research suitable majors & various universities

