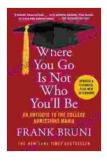
Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be: A Long-Term Perspective on College



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When it comes to college, there's a lot of pressure to get into the "best" school possible. Parents, teachers, and even friends all seem to have an opinion on where you should go. But what if I told you that where you go to college is not the most important factor in determining your future success?

I know, it's hard to believe. We've been told our entire lives that getting into a good college is the key to a successful career. But the truth is, there are many factors that contribute to success in life, and where you go to college is just one of them.

In this article, I'll explore the idea that where you go to college is not the most important factor in determining your future success. I'll discuss the importance of factors such as personal drive, resilience, and networking. I'll

also provide data to support the claim that college graduates from different schools earn similar salaries over time.

Personal Drive

One of the most important factors in determining your future success is your personal drive. This is the inner motivation that pushes you to achieve your goals. It's what gets you out of bed in the morning and keeps you going when things get tough.

Personal drive is not something that you can learn in college. It's something that you develop over time through hard work and perseverance. If you have a strong personal drive, you'll be successful no matter where you go to college.

Resilience

Another important factor in determining your future success is resilience. This is the ability to bounce back from setbacks and challenges. Life is full of ups and downs, and if you want to be successful, you need to be able to pick yourself up after you've been knocked down.

Resilience is not something that you can learn in college. It's something that you develop through experience. If you've faced challenges in your life, you've probably already developed some resilience. But even if you haven't, you can still learn to be more resilient by facing your fears and challenging yourself.

Networking

Networking is another important factor in determining your future success. This is the process of building relationships with other people who can help you achieve your goals. Networking can help you find a job, get a promotion, or start your own business.

Networking is something that you can learn in college. There are many opportunities to meet new people and build relationships at college. But even if you don't go to college, you can still network by attending industry events, volunteering, or joining a club or organization.

Data

There is a lot of data to support the claim that where you go to college is not the most important factor in determining your future success. For example, a study by the National Center for Education Statistics found that college graduates from different schools earn similar salaries over time.

The study found that the median salary for college graduates 10 years after graduation was \$55,000. This salary was the same for graduates from both elite and non-elite schools.

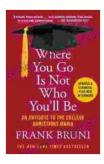
Another study by the Brookings Institution found that the unemployment rate for college graduates is the same regardless of where they went to school.

The study found that the unemployment rate for college graduates 10 years after graduation was 3.5%. This rate was the same for graduates from both elite and non-elite schools.

The data shows that where you go to college is not the most important factor in determining your future success. What matters more is your

personal drive, resilience, and networking. If you have these qualities, you'll be successful no matter where you go to college.

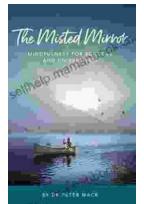
So if you're worried about getting into the "best" college possible, don't be. Just focus on developing your personal drive, resilience, and networking skills. These qualities will help you succeed in college and in life.



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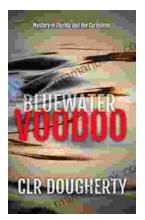
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