Futuristic

People who are especially talented in the Futuristic theme are inspired by the future and what could be. They inspire others with their visions of the future.

Career Development Tips

- Your ability to imagine a preferred future can be applied to the career planning process. Imagine yourself on graduation day – and five years after that. What are you doing? How did you create the opportunity? Use Graduation Planner to help you imagine the road to graduation.
- Volunteer in an organization where you can help create the future, painting vivid pictures for those who work there, helping them see the role they will take in making this vision become reality. Look for opportunities at the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Job Board.
- Use the connections you establish in your jobs during college to network for the career you envision for yourself after graduation.
- Choose a career in which you can help others envision the future and inspire them to create it.
- You are capable of investing lots of time in producing original or creative works. Environments that reward vision and creativity, allowing you freedom to dream and invent, are likely to enable your Futuristic talents to flourish.
- Talk to architects, designers, commercial artists, city planners, and others whose careers provide the opportunity to envision the future. Ask them what they most enjoy about their work. Conduct an Informational Interview to learn more about these types of occupations.

Theme Contrast

Futuristic: I’m so preoccupied with tomorrow, I’m not ready for today
Adaptability: I’m so occupied with today, I’m not ready for tomorrow
Futuristic: I can see a better world
Strategic: I can see the route that leads us to a better world

General Academic Life Tips

- Take risks to gain new insights, even if they are out of your comfort zone. Set academic goals to project yourself into a successful future.
- Challenge professors with your “What if?” thinking. Encourage them to project beyond to what “might be” in 10, 15, or 20 years. You can do this by Taking them to Lunch.
- Know what is expected in each of your classes so you will be able to plan your college years. Visit your academic adviser or your college’s Career Services office regularly to keep stretching your thoughts.
- Associate with others who enjoy philosophizing about the future.

Extracurricular Activities

- Join a committee that has a forward-thinking leader who can stretch you beyond day-to-day events.
- Look for internships that will challenge your thinking and help you reach beyond your current level on GoldPass.
- Keep others in your committee or group focused on what can be, frequently sharing the vision that you see.
- Join a Student Group that believes that it can have a positive effect on the future like the Minnesota Student Association (MSA).