**Activity 5: Drawing Meaningful Conclusions**

**Handout 5**

Use the College Scorecard ([collegescorecard.ed.gov](https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/)) and the template below to compare 3 schools of your choice based on your personal preferences and priorities for college.

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| What is your goal for attending college? |  |
| What is important to you in a school? |  |
| What are you interested in studying? |  |
| What are three schools you are interested in attending? |  |

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| **School** | **Average Annual Cost** | **Number of Graduates** | **Graduation Rate** | **Median Earnings** | **Median Debt** |
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Respond to the following questions based on the data you collected from the College Scorecard.

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| What does it mean that one number is higher/lower? |  |
| What factors may influence these data? |  |
| How does that difference, and those factors influence your decision making? |  |
| What are your key takeaways after reviewing this data? |  |

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| Every person and family situation are different. As you move forward, who will it be important to discuss these data points with? Who might be an important person to discuss your college plans with?  |  |
| Now that you have data and facts about your top 3 schools using the College Scorecard website, what is your next step in your college search? |  |