**Applying Futuristic Talents in Academics**

*These insights and action ideas can help you apply Futuristic talents to achieve in various aspects of your academic life.*

**General Academic Life**

* 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 “What If?” thinking. Encourage them to project beyond to what “might be” in 10, 15, or 20 years.
* Know what is expected in each of your classes so you will be able to plan your college years. Visit with your academic counselor regularly to keep stretching your thoughts.
* Associate with others who enjoy philosophizing about the future.

**Study Techniques**

* Try to truly understand what you're studying; don't just memorize. Always relate what you're studying to where you see yourself in the future.
* Write a description of your desired future, and post it where you will notice it frequently. Look at it often, and connect what you are learning to where you want to go.
* Take exams seriously and prepare thoroughly. Treat them as steps toward your future.
* Join a group in which you can lead others to create new visions of the future.

**Relationships**

* Talk about your goals and dreams with your friends, family, and professors. Their awareness of your objective will be a motivator.
* Surround yourself with people who will be instrumental in at training your aspirations. Form strong relationships that can last a long time.
* Encourage younger people who are interested in the same things you enjoy.
* Don't let other people's negative comments about your dreams dissuade you from reaching toward them.

**Class Selection**

* Choose classes that will apply to your career goals.
* Pinpoint professors who are futuristic in their thinking, not those who merely maintain the status quo.
* Risk taking a class that will push you to the edge in your thinking.

**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.
* Keep others in your committee or group focused on what can be, frequently sharing the vision that you see.