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Consider This! Time + Passion=Choice?

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Steven Zhou on the air

Council, Alex Glazer, shared her experience on air about attending a full immersion product development camp where she gained marketing skills that will enhance her communications and business career goals. Seventeen-year-old Brian Lee volunteers with San Francisco Smiles, a charity that supports other charities. He is inspired by non-profits helping one another. Courtney Tran, the voice on our theme song, invests her extra hours creating and recording a piano series for a local organization as she works at becoming a music producer.

Understandably, the hardest part for us teens is deciding where to dedicate our efforts. When we asked experts on our radio program such as author Brooks Olbrys, whose book *Blue Ocean Bob* inspires children to find a purpose, and education consultant Donna Zilkha, who helps incoming college students make tough decisions about what to study, the answer was clear: it didn't matter as long as you steer towards your strengths. Whether you are interested in music, video, business, farming, or engineering, there is no single right answer. Choose a field that grabs you, then go for it.

Miramonte senior Olivia Wung runs because it relieves stress, boosts her energy, and makes her happier. Running may not be a career move, but it keeps her healthy while she thinks about her future. As for me, I am immensely attracted to rather mundane office duties because I'm task-oriented in my quest to find ways to complete a job in the quickest and most effective manner. Although I am co-host of *Express Yourself!*, I spend the majority of my time in administrative roles, which is the professional direction that attracts me.

The next time you're faced with a decision in choosing a class, an extracurricular activity, or a job, don't freak out about whether or not it's the right one. As long as you have an interest in the topic and the dedication to put in the time, the formula of time plus passion will land you at the next level, which could become your career choice.

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