It’s 9 p.m. ET, and time to kick off tonight’s #NACACreads book chat. Thanks for joining us! pic.twitter.com/WFeFeuawDD

We’ll be discussing “Gap to Great” by Andrea Wien. #NACACreads

So excited to kick off the #NACACreads chat tonight all about the #gapyear! Follow along and join in the convo starting now!
We’re lucky to have the author, @AndreaRenee, with us tonight. Welcome, Andrea! #NACACreads

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Andrea Wien
@AndreaRenee

@NACAC Thanks so much! Very happy to be here and chatting with everyone this evening. #NACACreads

Gil Rogers
@gilrogers

Here we go! I love wine clubs ... I mean book clubs. #nacacreads
#NACACreads #NACACjca Shout out to NACAC’s Com Com! Remember to introduce yourselves when it’s go time. pic.twitter.com/DtQKyNljmq

@SARAHCOXATHOME · A YEAR AGO

I'm happy because #nacacreads let's me be a higher ed nerd and doesn't judge me for it. pic.twitter.com/Eh1n5ZkHO5

@GILROGERS · A YEAR AGO
@gilrogers party on gil! #nacacreads pic.twitter.com/04ey6K3yfx

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We’ll get rolling soon. But first, #NACACreads participants: Take some time to introduce yourselves.
Even if you’re just lurking, say howdy! Tell us your name and the institution/org where you work. #NACACreads pic.twitter.com/TLsdpaYxke

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And for the record, I’m moderator Mary Stegmeir, a member of NACAC’s comm team. #NACACreads

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#NACACjca says: "My unrequited love for #NACACreads..." pic.twitter.com/easJ5suPg3

SARAH COX @SARAHSCOXATHOME · A YEAR AGO

Gil Rogers @gilrogers

Gil at @Chegg - love #HigherEd and have 2 kids under 5yo so #gapyear us a ways off but still intriguing #nacacreads

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Brian K @TheScholarLife1

@NACAC @AndreaRenee I am a big fan of gap years.

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dazeedee @dazeedee

#NACACreads Hi @AndreaRenee Daisy from NACAC Communications here

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@NACAC Hi, we're a counselor education program at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

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New to Twitter chats? Check out this handy guide — ow.ly/XevhT — and remember to tag ALL your tweets w/ #NACACreads.

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While we're getting acquainted, let's kick things off with a question for our #NACACreads guest.

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@NACAC Let's do this! #NACACreads pic.twitter.com/qctgUmZ4xU

GIL ROGERS @GILROGERS · A YEAR AGO
Hi @AndreaRenee! So happy to get a chance to talk with you on this topic! #NACACreads

@NACAC Hi! I’m Dayna from Simmons College. #NACACreads

@NACAC Welcome to #nacacreads! Glad you are here!

@AndreaRenee: What made you want to tackle the topic of #GapYear? And what surprised you most in your research? #NACACreads

I was living in Australia and kept hearing everyone talk about the gap year, and when I started looking into it, I couldn’t[1/6] #NACACreads

believe more Americans didn’t know about GY. As a writer, I wanted 2 help support the movement in the US. [2/5] #NACACreads
The most surprising thing for me was the students. All of them had such pivotal experiences, they were so articulate and.. [3/5] #NACACreads

..they credited their maturity to their GY experiences. That’s how I knew the right type of gap year was the real deal. [4/5] #NACACreads

The research coming out around the GY was also incredible. I highly recommend the work of Karl Haigler and Rae Nelson. [5/5] #NACACreads

@AndreaRenee already jealous of 2 things - 1) living in Australia. 2) you have a verified twitter account. #nacacreads

Hah! Both things quite difficult, surprisingly! Welcome to the chat! #NACACreads

Hi!! I work for @GRADCincinnati. I left the Academy to work with #FirstGen students in underserved communities/schools. #NACACreads twitter.com/nacac/status/8...
Welcome to #nacacreads!

Sarah Cox, Journal spokeswoman. #NACACjca

Thanks to all for joining tonight’s chat — let’s jump into Q1. #NACACreads

Also, hi! I’m Ashley! The newest member of NACAC’s comms team #NACACreads

@ashleyddobson your job is to find a karaoke place at #nacac17 #nacacreads

Absolutely will be doing this. Do not even worry #NACACreads

@ashleyddobson find the place and I’ll be there #nacacreads
@ashleyddobson @gilrogers Not much good karaoke here in Boston :-{ #nacacreads #nacac17

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Ashley Dobson
@ashleyddobson

@dananabananano9 Oh man! Don't burst my bubble! #NACACreads

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Gil Rogers
@gilrogers

@dananabananano9 @ashleyddobson pretty sure we can get a vendor to put a karaoke machine in their booth #nacac17 #nacacreads

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@dananabananano9 @gilrogers I am SO THERE. #nacac17 #nacacreads

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Q1: Andrea writes that interest in #GapYear programs is rising. What do you think is driving that trend? #NACACreads

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Gil Rogers
@gilrogers

A1: if I think back to the last chat and #genz I have to think part of #gapyear interest is driven by this generation #nacacreads

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Gil Rogers @gilrogers

A1 we are talking about a generation of students not simply accepting status quo. More to life than sitting in lecture #nacreads

@NACAC this is what happens when you do all of these. You get to link topics together #nacreads
pic.twitter.com/8bfRbirgqQ

Sarah Cox @SarahSCoxatHome

#NACACreads Culture change? Can stus/’rents accept that stus genuinely may not be ready for college-level learning right out of HS?

Ashley Dobson @ashleyddobson

A1: More families are recognizing that experiences, not just education, help students find a purpose (and often a career). #NACACreads
Insight from author @AndreaRenee -- #GapYear helps students find their way in the world! #NACACreads twitter.com/AndreaRenee/st...

@AndreaRenee Why do you think the gap year concept is popular in the UK/AU compared to the U.S.? #NACACreads

@Qarahn I think the rising interest is also due to costs. Rising costs might have students take a year to save up some kind of money #nacacreads

@Qarahn I'm not a fin aid expert here... but could that hurt in the long run? Esp. full-time income on the student’s part=greater EFC? #nacacreads

@Qarahn Definitely the stress of the high school/ college app experience is one. #NACACreads

@Qarahn Welcome to #nacacreads!
@NACAC thank you! Excited to join! 😊 #nacacreads

@SarahSCoxatHome Exactly! It's also risky to enroll if you're not ready.

@SarahSCoxatHome Few 18-year-olds have the executive function to make the most out of freshman year. Something I heard repeatedly #NACACreads

@SarahSCoxatHome very true! Definitely need time to make sure it's the right decision for you in all aspects #nacacreads

@SarahSCoxatHome In that respect I wonder if helicopter parenting may even be driving the need for them in some ways. #nacacreads

@dananabanana09 @SarahSCoxatHome Definitely a factor. I spoke to many fam psychologists who talk about this in the book. #nacacreads
Wisdom from @gilrogers: Today's students view education and career exploration differently than past generations. #NACACreads #GapYear twitter.com/gilrogers/stat...

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Andrea Wien @AndreaRenee

A1: The traditional model is very one-sided and linear, which is not how people today learn. #NACACreads

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Andrea Wien @AndreaRenee

A1: Very little room is left for exploratory exposure, which we know is instrumental in developing creative, curious learners. #NACACreads

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@AndreaRenee reminds me of this image. nacacreads pic.twitter.com/tQaoL9fWMw

GIL ROGERS @GILROGERS - A YEAR AGO
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@gilrogers Love this image! I've seen it before and it's so accurate. #nacacreads

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#NACACreads author @AndreaRenee believes today's students are hungry for #GapYear type experiences. Do you agree? twitter.com/AndreaRenee/st...

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Also, college is no longer a "safe bet" as it once was. Students looking for other options to make them stand out #nacacreads

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Spitting the hot fire of truth (quote courtesy of @beth_wolfe) #nacacreads twitter.com/andrearenee/st...

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We’re off to a great start w/ @AndreaRenee — author of “Gap to Great”: gaptogreat.com/book/. @GaptoGreat #NACACreads pic.twitter.com/9i1S40bRCx

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Rolling into Q2 soon... #NACACreads

Q2: (1/2) 90% of students attend college w/in 6 mo. of completing a #GapYear, yet there’s still a stigma abt taking time off. #NACACreads pic.twitter.com/EaivgjiXpY

Q2: (2/2) Are #GapYear options underused as a result? How can counselors & colleges help change perceptions? #NACACreads

More insight from @AndreaWien: #GapYear offers students a chance to stand out! #NACACreads twitter.com/AndreaRenee/st...
A2: they're absolutely underused. I'm currently in my own gap year and I'm starting to realize quite a few benefits of it #nacacreads

@ashleyddobson I loved that story of the girl who had done the Alaska trip from the book. Talk about standing out! #NACACreads

@ashleyddobson So true! Really amazing stories coming from GY students. Who wouldn't want that person on their team?! #nacacreads

A2: Simply talking about other options and normalizing different experiences is a good place to start. [1/2] #nacacreads
A2: Not the same old! #NACACreads pic.twitter.com/caNGOIU0kw

A2: I think maybe counselors could help by just having those conversations. Normalizing the topic of a gap year could help. #nacacreads

A2: by starting the conversations, and helping students realize it's not such a bad thing, could do loads of good in the end. #nacacreads

A2 seems that there is a certain "chicken and egg" scenario at play here. Driven students do #gapyear to expand and ...(1/2) #nacacreads
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A2 explore. Those same driven students are forward thinking to consider education after? #nacacreads

Gil Rogers
@gilrogers
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@AndreaRenee wonder if you have thoughts on my correlation/causation train of thought in my last 2 tweets #nacacreads

@dananabanana09
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@AndreaRenee Do you think that famous gap yr students, like Malia Obama, are helping to normalize it, or making it seem more elite? #nacacreads

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Great question from @dananabanana09! What do you think? #NACACreads twitter.com/dananabanana09...

Ashley Dobson
@ashleyddobson
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@NACAC That's a really interesting point! It will be interesting to see if the class below her follows in her footsteps! #NACACreads

Andrea Wien
@AndreaRenee
A YEAR AGO
@dananabanana09 100% - I think most programs saw an increase in interest after Malia's announcement. Helped 2 put prts at ease. #nacacreads
@AndreaRenee #NACACreads I wonder if the fact that MO locked down Harvard first is stressful to students when considering GY

@gilrogers sure do hope it’s the former and not the latter. #nacacreads

As more schools accept/offer a spring spot to students who want to take GY the easier ensuring they continue to college is #nacacreads

@gilanabanana09 @AndreaRenee We’ve offered WL students who were not admitted spring spots b4, but this yr we did a deny FA/accept SP decision 4 the 1st time. #NACACreads

Q2: Convincing students to take some time will be hard, but worth it. #NACACreads

twitter.com/nacac/status/8...

A2: (1/2) Encourage families to keep an open mind! #NACACreads
A2: (2/2) @AndreaWien includes a list of ?’s on page 65 that can help parents & students evaluate all their post-HS options. #NACACreads

Q2: We have to make #GapYear accessible for all kids. Often seen as a privileged space, but cld be game-changer for poor students. #NACACReads

@GoGrowGraduate Agree. This is one of the biggest issues. @americangap doing alot here in terms of democratization. #NACACReads

@AndreaRenee: In your opinion, what type (or types) of students have the most to benefit from a #GapYear? #NACACreads

GY is for any student who is interested but especially for students who feel burnt out. Contrary to some belief, [1/4] #NACACreads

...it’s not students who are “lost” who take a GY. Quite the opposite—many are elite students who are tired + need a break. [2/4] #NACACreads
The research also shows that students come back to college after gap year refreshed and energized to tackle their studies, [3/4] #NACACreads

they party less, study more, switch majors less, graduate faster + report higher GPAs than students straight from h/s. [4/4] #NACACreads

#NewsYouCanUse: Research shows #GapYear students are prepared for success in college. #NACACreads twitter.com/AndreaRenee/st...

Q3 is coming shortly, and it’s another two-parter! #NACACreads

And as always — feel free to toss out your own questions. #sharingiscaring #NACACreads

@NACAC @AndreaRenee Pam Davis joining, counselor from Vistamar School in Los Angeles. #nacacreads
Welcome to #nacacreads!

@GoGrowGraduate

#NACACReads #GapYear twitter.com/americangap/st...

LOVE this @GoGrowGraduate! #Gap #NACACreads twitter.com/GoGrowGraduate...

@SarahSCoxatHome Most students told me they had a college plan in place b4 GY. For others, the decision became clearer after #NACACreads

Q3: (1/2) Cost is a deterrent for many students. What can colleges, schools & communities do to make #GapYear more accessible? #NACACreads

Q3: (2/2) Any success stories you can share? Scholarship options? #NACACreads

A3 my thumbs are ready to retweet everyone here. Would love examples. #nacacreads
Andrea Wien
@AndreaRenee
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A3: @NACAC Florida State is doing good work here - $50K in funding up for grabs for students considering GY. #NACACreads

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Planning a #GapYear? Keep this in mind: Most students @AndreaRenee interviewed had a college plan in place before their GY. #NACACreads twitter.com/AndreaRenee/st...

Gil Rogers
@gilrogers
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@floridastate great work! #nacacreads twitter.com/andrearenee/st...

Sarah Cox
@SarahSCoxatHome
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RT @AndreaRenee A3: @NACAC Florida State is doing good work here - $50K in funding up for grabs for students considering GY. #NACACreads

Qarahn
@Qarahn
A YEAR AGO

Q3: first off, better budgeting. Better fundraising. It shouldn’t be the students’ responsibility to pick up the tab honestly #nacacreads

Qarahn
@Qarahn
A YEAR AGO

Q3: if universities could allocate better funding to their financial aid depts, and there were even more fundraising efforts #nacacreads
Q3: The gap year also doesn’t have to be some big, expensive abroad adventure. There are other ways to spend that time #NACACreads

Q3: along with more govt support, we could reduce that financial barrier and open the gate wider for access and affordability #nacacreads

Great point @Qarahn! #NACACreads twitter.com/Qarahn/status/

Q3: unfortunately, that's not gonna happen anytime soon, but we have to keep moving forward in this direction. #nacacreads

@Qarahn @americangap worked closely with the last admin to affect legislature. Gov'n support is critical. #NACACreads

A3: @americangap includes a list of #GapYear #finaid options on its website: ow.ly/f7mP30amBB0. Check it out! #NACACreads
DYK? Some colleges offer scholarships to #GapYear students. #NACACreads

Andrea Wien @AndreaRenee

A3: Many students also work for the 1st part of GY to be able to afford the 2nd half of the year. #NACACreads

Dr. Michelle @GoGrowGraduate

This is good to know!! #nacacreads

drmai 12:56 PM 8/2/2018 Twitter for iPhone

Sarah Cox @SarahSCoxatHome

#NACACreads For fun, what is the worst reason (you've heard) to take a GY?

Andrea Wien @AndreaRenee

@SarahSCoxatHome The dog ate my college essay? #NACACreads #kidding

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Questions for your colleagues or @AndreaRenee? Send 'em to @NACAC. #NACACreads
@SarahSCoxatHome I wish I could just take a gap year now. I wonder how my mortgage company and boss would feel. #nacacreads pic.twitter.com/qWb92QrR7M

Gil Rogers @GILROGERS · A YEAR AGO

Sarah Cox @SarahSCoxatHome

@gilrogers #NACACreads I feel Italy calling...

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Sarah Cox @SarahSCoxatHome

#NACACreads Boring, but exploring other places teaches self-management and budgeting.

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Andrea Wien @AndreaRenee

@SarahSCoxatHome A common crux of GY programs -- budgeting and self-management/care are program fundamentals. #NACACreads

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@SarahSCoxatHome Heck, even traveling for this job, which I started 3 years after graduating from college, had a HUGE effect on my independence. #NACACreads

Gil Rogers
@gilrogers

@SarahSCoxatHome I still need to learn that! #nacacreads

And learn more abt #GapYear in NACAC’s “Guide to International University Admission.” See pages 72-74: ow.ly/BlkJ309VM9R. #NACACreads pic.twitter.com/xS1HqE4Yl7

Ashley Dobson
@ashleyddobson

Do you think there is a reason gap years haven't caught on in the US like they have in the UK/AU? #NACACreads
@ashleyddobson Parental fear, stigma, lack of education around GY benefits, few know people who’ve done them. #NACACreads

And another Q for our guest, @AndreaRenee...#NACACreads

@AndreaRenee: A #GapYear often involves travel. What skills do students learn by living and working in another country? #NACACreads

Students don’t have 2 travel int’l to benefit from gap year. But they need to have experiences that stretch their norm [1/3] #NACACreads

Benefits stem from stepping outside of comfort zones, making mistakes and learning from the people around you. [2/3] #NACACreads

Researchers have identified 3 characteristics among gappers: supporting/cooperating, leading/deciding, adapting/coping [3/3] #NACACreads
Sarah Cox
@SarahSCoxatHome

#NACACreads #NACACjca Love "The Gap Year Gain": RW experience often results in clarity of purpose—a clear reason for collegiate study.

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Want to encourage more teens to take a #GapYear? Share success stories with students and their families, says @AndreaRenee. #NACACreads twitter.com/AndreaRenee/st...

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@ashleyddobson

#nacacreads twitter.com/Qarahn/status/...

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Rolling into Q4. #NACACreads

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Q4: What are some specific skills that #collegebound students should seek to develop during their #GapYear? #NACACreads

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Ashley Dobson
@ashleyddobson

A4: Resilience and independence: Important skills for college & life! #NACACreads

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Qarahn
@Qarahn

Q4: financial literacy. COOKING SKILLS. Critical thinking. Self-dependence. #nacacreads

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Q4: controlling their autonomy. Leadership development. Just to name a few. #nacacreads

Andrea Wien 
@AndreaRenee

A4: Gappers are more comfortable advocating for themselves and taking leadership roles. #NACACreads

Gil Rogers 
@gilrogers

A4 I think we started getting there towards the end of the last question. Budgeting, self reliance are huge. #nacacreads

Gil Rogers 
@gilrogers

I had a chat with @ladycatie today about how different financial perspectives are in HS vs other times in life. GY can help #nacacreads

Ashley Dobson 
@ashleyddobson

@gilrogers So different! I had no appreciation for money and how hard it was to pay your own way! #NACACreads

Gil Rogers 
@gilrogers

@ashleyddobson my story 4 @ladycatie today was when I was a junior I owed $300 in taxes and thought it was the end of the world. #nacacreads
@gilrogers I worked at a local hardware store and I thought I was RICH! (You know bc I didn't have any pesky bills) #NACACreads

NACAC Myth-busting: #GapYear edition --- GY isn't a "year off." It's a time to gain important skills. #NACACreads twitter.com/AndreaRenee/st...

Sarah Cox #NACACreads Do they "discover themselves" or is this just a trope?

Andrea Wien @SarahSCoxatHome The process of "discovering" is lifelong but gappers gain tools 2 help learn how 2 learn abt themselves. #NACACreads

RT @AndreaRenee The process of "discovering" is lifelong but gappers gain tools 2 help learn how 2 learn abt themselves. #NACACreads

NACAC Keep those comments coming! Q5 is up next. #NACACreads
Anyone have data on this Q from @GoGrowGraduate: How many #FirstGen students participate in an official #GapYear? #NACACreads twitter.com/GoGrowGraduate...

@NACAC @GoGrowGraduate Florida State has done some research here. Maybe Joe O'Shea, AGA Board Pres, would know. #NACACreads

Gap year is not the "easy" option - it's mentally, emotionally, physically, spiritually challenging -- often all at once. #NACACreads

#NACACreads ...goabroad.com, teenlife.com, thinkingbeyondborders.org. Others?

#NACACreads Resource sites from #NACACjca: americangap.org, usagapyearfairs.org, gooverseas.com...

#GapYear isn't (and should never be) the "easy option" -- advice from @GaptoGreat author @AndreaRenee. #NACACreads twitter.com/AndreaRenee/st...
Great conversation so far! #NACACreads.

Q5: How does the college admission process differ for #Gappers? What should students and parents know ahead of time? #NACACreads

RT @AndreaRenee GY not the "easy" option - it's mentally, emotionally, physically, spiritually challenging —often all at once. #NACACreads

A5: @NACAC offers tips: ow.ly/hoXA30amCJb. One piece of advice? Apply as a senior, then ask for a #GapYear deferment. #NACACreads

@NACAC A5 guess it depends on if they apply to college as a senior or during the gap year... IMHO pros and cons to both. #NACACreads

Please expand! #nacacreads twitter.com/dananabanana09...
May be easier to apply during HS, especially due to being near HS resources, but an app submitted during a GY might be stronger. #nacacreads twitter.com/dananabanana09...

@ashleyddobson @NACAC downside to that would be still having to decide on the path before the process of finding said path, no? #nacacreads

@gilrogers True...but it helps put parents at ease and it outlines a solid future plan #NACACreads

A5: Not all colleges are on board, but many will work with students who outline clear GY plans #NACACreads

Have #GapYear plans? Many colleges will work with you! #NACACreads twitter.com/AndreaRenee/st...

A5: They certainly want to know earlier than later if a student is requesting deferral. Many say apply, get in, THEN defer ASAP. #NACACreads
@AndreaRenee: #GapYear options abound! What advice do you have for parents or counselors helping students plan a #GapYear? #NACACreads

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I can’t stress this enough: the gap year needs to be customized for the student. There is not a one size fits all approach. [1/4] #NACACreads

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The questions at the end of each chapter of my book go into detail about how to identify the right kind of GY. [2/4] #NACACreads

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It’s different for everyone, so the most important thing parents and counselors can do is to listen, listen, listen. [3/4] #NACACreads

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There are also great resources like the @americangap and gap year counselors like Interim who can assist the process. [4/4] #NACACreads

A YEAR AGO

@AndreaRenee oh the business elements of all of this from the college perspective make my head hurt. #nacacreads

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Andrea Wien
@AndreaRenee
@gilrogers True, but definitely worth the headache. And tides are turning at the collegiate level. Some have programs in place. #NACACreads

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Gil Rogers
@gilrogers
@AndreaRenee oh totally. And glad those considerations aren’t mine to make. All the metrics/data and discounting and and and... #nacreads

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Customization is crucial! Great advice for counselors and parents helping students plan a #GapYear. #NACACreads. twitter.com/AndreaRenee/st...

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Counselors have an important role to play in helping students weigh their post-HS options! #NACACreads #GapYear @GaptoGreat twitter.com/AndreaRenee/st...

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Andrea Wien
@AndreaRenee
@ashleyddobson @gilrogers Some students change schools after GY. Story of one (initially Harvard, now at Wash U) in the book. #NACACreads

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Sarah Cox
@SarahS CoxatHome

#NACACreads True? With a few exceptions, colleges can do more to communicate how they approach the GY experience.

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Dr. Michelle
@GoGrowGraduate

Many #FirstGen kids take time off to work & earn b4 college. What wld happen if we shift the narrative to frame this as #GapYear? #NACACReads

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Ashley Dobson
@ashleyd dobson

@GoGrowGraduate Really interesting to think about that perspective shift! #NACACreads

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What do you think, #NACACreads? Could/should we reframe the way we think about #GapYear? @GoGrowGraduate twitter.com/GoGrowGraduate...

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Pamela Davis
@ecco327

Dividing a gap year into quarters conceptually helps make it less daunting when talking with parents and students both #nacacreads

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Andrea Wien
@AndreaRenee

@ecco327 Yes! Helpful to know it doesn't all have to be planned at once. Use part of year to inform the next move. #NACACreads

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Love this idea! #NACACreads #GapYear twitter.com/ecco327/status...

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Ashley Dobson
@ashleyddobson

@AndreaRenee Makes sense. If you grow and change during the year, the same school might not still be a good fit #NACACreads

A YEAR AGO

Andrea Wien
@AndreaRenee

@ashleyddobson And how great to find that out before you step onto campus rather than after a tumultuous freshman year!? #NACACreads

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Gil Rogers
@gilrogers

@AndreaRenee @ashleyddobson not big of deal for Harvard to lose deferred student but feel for directors @ less selective school #nacacreads

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Gil Rogers
@gilrogers

I wonder if re impacts of #gapyear is a topic of discussion in @NACUBO and @AACRAO circles #nacacreads #emchat #highered

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Andrea Wien
@AndreaRenee

@gilrogers @ashleyddobson Interim told me it's actually rare that a student decides 2 transfer. Most change direction vs school. #NACACreads

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@gilrogers

@AndreaRenee @ashleyddobson fair fair point. #nacreads

A YEAR AGO

@dananabanana09

(((Dayna))) ❄️

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Side note, as a transfer couns I’ve seen an uptick in stdnts starting college, leaving, then taking a GY b4 applying 2 transfer #NACACreads

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Head’s up: Q6 is coming shortly. It'll be our last question of the night. #NACACreads

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But first — thanks to everyone for taking part in #NACACreads! And a special thank you to @AndreaRenee!

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For more from @AndreaRenee, visit her website — gaptogreat.com. #NACACreads

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.@NACAC Thanks so much for having me and to everyone for participating! So fun to talk gap year with all of you! #NACACreads

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And if you haven’t already, check out her book “Gap to Great” — it includes tons of helpful tips for students & families. #NACACreads pic.twitter.com/sr4DfoLcT2

Thank you, @AndreaRenee! Great book and a great chat. #NACACreads twitter.com/AndreaRenee/st...

NOW, our final #NACACreads question for the night....

Q6: How can colleges and high schools better support students who decide to take a #GapYear? #NACACreads

A6: Share alumni stories. Let families know about students whose #GapYear helped them solidify school and/or career plans. #NACACreads
Last #NACACjca plug: "The Gap Year Gain": RW experience ofn results in clarity of purpose—a clear reason for collegiate study. #NACACreads

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a6: The more normalized this becomes, the more it will be an option available to everyone #NACACreads

How can colleges and counselors better support #GapYear students? Share success stories --- great advice from @ashleyddobson! #NACACreads twitter.com/ashleyddobson/

A6: We do alumni panels and host a Gap Year @USAGapYearFairs #nacacreads

Q6: in order to support them, they need to have the programs in place. They need to accept the idea of a gap year. #nacacreads
Gil Rogers
@gilrogers

Goodnight all! Always enjoy @NACAC #NACACreads

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@gilrogers Thanks for joining us! Lovet the perspective you bring to #NACACreads

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So nice feeling welcome on a twitter chat. Thanks @NACAC! #nacacreads
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A6: institutions need to offer the gap year program, and lay out the supports and guidelines clearly for students. #nacacreads

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A6: and less pressuring. I was incredibly pressured in high school to go to college and I had no idea what I wanted to do. #nacacreads

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A6: take the pressure off. Talk to students to ask what is helpful for them. What they need. Build the support based off that. #nacacreads

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Great point from @Qarahn. Students need good resources, guidance as they begin the process! #NACACreads twitter.com/Qarahn/status/…

@Qarahn Same. I didn’t even know GY was an option or something people did. #NACACreads

A6: Present gap year options and resources as part of soph and junior college nights; cheerlead for it! #nacacreads

@ecco327 I like this idea! @Qarahn talked in the same vein about turning the direct pipeline to college pressure off #NACACreads

@ecco327 Yes! Important to start discussion before senior year! #NACACreads

#GapYear needs cheerleaders, says @ecco327. #NACACreads twitter.com/ecco327/status...
#NACACreads My take away pic.twitter.com/2NbigDF3w8

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#NACACreads Thanks for sharing your expertise @AndreaRenee!

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All right! That’s it for tonight! Thanks for a great discussion. A transcript will be posted soon. #NACACreads

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Ashley Dobson @ashleyddobson

Bye y'all! This was fun! #NACACreads

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Thanks again, and make sure to join us for our next #NACACreads chat.

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