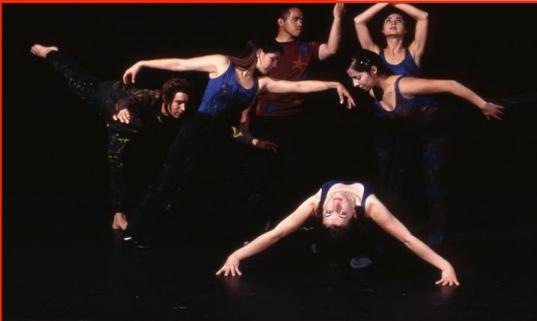


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The U.S. faces a sizable shortage of highly skilled workers and by 2012 we will be in crisis with insufficient numbers of people attaining Associate's degrees, Bachelor's degrees or beyond.

Source: Anthony Carnevale, National Center for Education & the Economy

With 75% of new jobs requiring some level of post-secondary education, only 35% of Americans (age 25-64) have 2 or more years of post-secondary education.

Source: National Information Center on Highway Education Policy

“Today, the terms of competition revolve around a central axis: a nation’s ability to mobilize, attract and retain human creative talent.”

The three T’s of a creative economy:

1. Talent,
2. Technology and
3. Tolerance.

R. Florida, The Flight of the Creative Class
Cited by S. Gunderson, Greystone Group



“Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that a son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, that a child of farm workers can become the president of a great nation. It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another.”

Nelson Mandela

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine . . . ”

Marianne Williamson, A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of "A Course in Miracles," 1992

Thank You

