Exploratory/Undecided Students: Myth Vs Reality

1. **Myth**
   - Their goal for achieving a baccalaureate is weak

2. **Myth**
   - Exploratory/Undecided students are low achieving

3. **Myth**
   - They are indecisive

4. **Myth**
   - They are unmotivated

5. **Myth**
   - They are not ready for college

6. **Myth**
   - The students lack vision

7. **Myth**
   - Exploratory/Undecided students lack purpose

8. **Myth**
   - They are wasting time and money

9. **Myth**
   - They will not graduate in a timely manner

**Reality**

1. **Reality**
   - Their degree path is unclear, but they have the academic drive to succeed. They are often focused on career and not major.

2. **Reality**
   - They are strong academic performers. In Fall 2015, 30% of the Exploratory/undecided majors were on University

3. **Reality**
   - Students are actively exploring major options. These students use a plethora of resources (online and on campus) to gain academic information

4. **Reality**
   - Motivation is rarely the issue. They are seeking the best option for reaching their final goal.

5. **Reality**
   - They are ready and academically prepared, and they are exploring multiple interests.

6. **Reality**
   - Many do have a vision, but it is not defined or confined by a major.

7. **Reality**
   - This might occur occasionally but most do not think in terms of majors but rather about a desire to learn and gain valuable skills needed in the workforce

8. **Reality**
   - With appropriate advising, students can take courses that are productive and can graduate at the same rate as other students.

9. **Reality**
   - They are ready, academically prepared, and they are exploring multiple interests.