Age 30 End Result

Career:

In general:

 I am an Economics and Business major with a Studio Art minor, valuing both equally so I hope that I can find MyRC that would encompass my chosen fields of study. I want to be in a career where I can be a leader and create something on a day-to-day basis. I enjoy working with people and acting as an expert with the things I do. I also value aesthetics and thinking both creatively and critically.

Field:

- Marketing + Public Relations:
 - I enjoy this field since I would get to work with people and create and image for a company. I enjoy both the creativity this profession needs along with the analytical thinking it requires.
- Photography (self employed):
 - I enjoy the aesthetics in this field and creating something from my own ideas and skills with camera techniques. I also enjoy creating meaningful relationships with clients and having my business be myself, marketing and branding my own image as part of my business.
- What I don't want to do:
 - I don't want to work in a field where I am cut off from personal interactions with coworkers or clients. I also don't want to work in a field that stifles creativity.

Summary:

I have two interest fields in my head for possible careers, yet they both include my
interest in art and business, which is important to me and speaks volumes to my
personality and work-style. While these are the two ideas that have stood out to
me for my past few years in college, I am sure that there are others out there that
would encompass my values of creative and critical thinking into career.

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Whole Person:

- Personal:
 - Personal Relationship:
 - I am married and have at least one child or we will be planning to have our first child soon.
 - Location:
 - We live in a more urban area than where I grew up, yet it is still safe and comfortable. There will be a lot of fun things to do with good restaurants and cultural activities. The weather will be milder than the Midwest, with a body of water near by, be that a lake or an ocean.
 - Own/Rent:
 - We own a relatively good sized home with a beautiful lawn that is close to things to do yet not directly downtown. It is not the suburbs but is still a nice city neighborhood.
 - · Car:
 - I will have a mid-range SUV and my husband will have his own car as well.
 - Weekend Fun
 - We will enjoy going to parks, concerts, and restaurants, going on hiking trips and the beach and spending time with our friends and family.
 - Vacation:
 - We will go on a vacation once a year to another part of the country or abroad.
 - Friends:
 - We both have close friends from college that are in the area or nearby. We also have close friends that we made when we moved to the city.
 - · Health:
 - We are both very active, doing some sort of exercise including running or yoga everyday. We also try to go on biking outings every weekend.
 - Financial Situation:
 - We are very good about managing our money and live fairly comfortably. We are able to eat out when we want and travel at least once a year as a vacation.
 - Parenting/Kids:
 - We both think that 2-3 kids are about the limit we would have. We currently
 have one child or are thinking about starting a family. The cities we live in is
 safe with good schools and still allow our children to experience a wide variety
 of cultural things in the city. With our second child, we plan on moving more out
 in the suburbs.
 - Extended Family (Parents/Siblings):
 - While neither of our families lives in the same city as we do, we try to visit them at least twice a year, talking to them frequently throughout the year.

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- Work-Related:
 - Commute:
 - I either work through a home office or work downtown, taking public transportation.
 - · What I want as a Career:
 - At this point in my life I have made my decision between going into Marketing and Public Relations and being a Photographer.
 - At what level of management I am:
 - High management. I manage a team and many look up to me for advice and my expertise.
 - Social Work Environment:
 - I work with others who share my passion and energy for my career.
 - Physical Work Environment:
 - I work in a personal or corporate office that is creative and inspiring with a lot of things to do around the area.

INSIGHTS:

This was a very interesting exercise for me. I have known for a while that I have two separate career interests, either working for myself as a photographer or working for a company in Marketing and Public Relations, but I was happy to see that I was still able to think about and visualize my life at 30 without having made my career decision yet. I think it is important for me to live in an area that has a lot of things to do with an inspiring landscape that will help motivate me in my career. I would like to eventually go into more detail for each category depending on my two career choices, seeing how my income and standard of living would change specifically for each career and also think about specific cities that may be good areas for my interest fields.