Episode 15 – Welcome to Grad-post Season 2!

Welcome to the second season of Grad-post! Wait – there was a Season 1? Yep – 14 episodes worth! Let's see "The Bear" do that. Check out Spotify or <u>grad-post.com</u> for the full slate of episodes.

Grad-post is a podcast about life before, during, and after graduate school, and whether an advanced degree is right for you. I'm your host, Brian S. Mitchell. I'll draw upon my experiences as a graduate dean and research mentor, as well as my network of students, colleagues, and experts to bring you the most complete information on graduate education that I can.

Season 1 was kind of a mish-mash of topics, but there was a lot I wanted to get off my chest. This season will be more focused. In the first half-dozen episodes or so this fall, I'll address topics of particular relevance to those of you still working towards your bachelor's degree but thinking about graduate school as your next step. And I'm not just talking about seniors. I'll start with some thoughts on what you can do as a sophomore or junior to start laying the groundwork for your grad school application, even if you're not sure you'll want to go. Then, we'll get into the actual application process itself. We'll talk about financing, standardized tests, GPA boosting, and life choices in general.

The second half of Season 2 will come after the first of the year and will be about – well, I don't know yet. I certainly have a lot to say, but I'm always open to suggestions. Send your ideas to <u>graddean@gradpost.com</u> (don't forget the hyphen!).

At any rate, new episodes will come out every two weeks or so, and keep an eye out for those bonus episodes on special topics, timely information, or just when my random musings turn into a recording. Look for the first full episode of Season 2 to drop in the next week or so on the topic of undergraduate research. In the meantime, enjoy what's left of your summer! If the temperature is high where you are like it is where I am, every degree counts.