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Students Beware: Social Network Crackdown!!!

A sound piece of advice "Don't post anything on the Internet that you wouldn't post on a bulletin board" holds true more than ever. A new start-up company, Social Intelligence, conducts a search of the online activity of prospective employees from the past seven years. Even if you think you have tight security settings on your social networking account that only allow your friends to access your profile, wall or feeds, or you think you are posting comments anonymously in a comments area, all of these types of activities can still be linked back to you. You need to delete any photos or comments that do not portray you in a positive way to a future admissions officer or employer. You will also want to un-tag yourself in any photos that friends have posted of you that also portray you negatively and ask them to delete the photos. You only have one chance to make a first impression.

Source: <http://mappingyourfuture.org>

QUICK DATES

Sept 20 – Apr 19, 2012

GUCD Tutoring Program
Kalamazoo Central High School Library
Tuesday & Thursday; 2:30-5:00 pm

January 1, 2012

FAFSA Application Available

January 20, 2012

GUCD Scholarship Application Due

February 12, 2012

WMU College Goal Sunday
Bernhard Center 2-4 pm

March 1, 2012

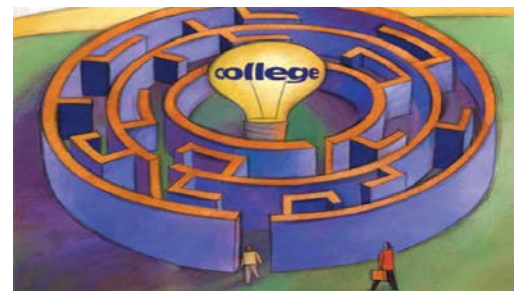
Michigan Deadline for FAFSA

ATTENTION KALAMAZOO CENTRAL STUDENTS!

The GUCD Program along with the Upward Bound Program is providing FREE tutoring to Kalamazoo Central High School students (12th grade) beginning on September 20, 2011 to April 19, 2012.

FREE TUTORING
Tuesdays & Thursdays | 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | School Library
Math, English, Science, Social Studies, Spanish
One-on-One & Group sessions
Bus tokens provided

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Skills Every High School Graduate Should Have

Life skills are the basic, everyday skills that we need to get through life. While these life skills may seem like common knowledge, just about anyone will tell you just how uncommon this "common knowledge" can be.

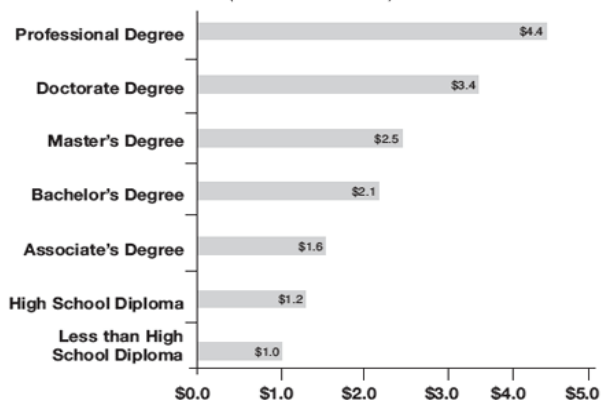
- a) How to sort and wash clothes
- b) How to Iron clothes
- c) How to write a resume
- d) Interview techniques
- e) How to dress properly for the job
- f) Time Management (Balance & being ON TIME)
- g) How to make and stick to a budget
- h) How to prioritize spending (NEEDS vs WANTS)
- i) Understanding the basics of debt and credit cards
- j) Good hygiene
- k) Healthy living (diet & exercise)
- l) How to Actively listen
- m) Public speaking skills
- n) How to respect someone you disagree with
- o) Email etiquette



Source: <http://www.squidoo.com/everyhighschoolgrad>

Worklife Earnings

(In millions of dollars)



(Earnings for full-time, year-round workers by educational attainment for worklife of approximately 40 years.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau)

If you're too lazy to work three minimum wage jobs just to survive...



...then go to college!

5 Ways to Save on College Textbooks

1. Rent Textbooks from your university bookstore or an Online retailer like Chegg.com
2. Buy used textbooks from you university bookstore, an old Student, or online like Half.com
3. Borrow the text from your university library...while supply Lasts.
4. Share with your roommate or a classmate if possible.
5. Purchase/recycle an older edition of the required text... However, page numbers & problems will be different.

Source: <http://youngadults.about.com/od/finances/a/textbook.htm>

2011-2012 ACT Test & Registration Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
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October 22	September 16, 2011	September 17 - 30
December 10	November 4	November 5 - 18
February 11	January 13, 2012	January 14 - 20
April 14	March 9	March 10 - 23
June 9	May 4	May 5 - 18



Critical Information

WMU Diversity & Multiculturalism Scholarship

Criteria for selection include:

1. First-time, domestic, undergraduate Degree-seeking student, entering WMU fall 2012
2. Complete admission application file (application, high school transcript, ACT/SAT scores and application fee) received in the Office of Admissions no later than **March 1, 2012**
3. Must be admitted to WMU
4. Must complete required essay questions **no later than March 1, 2012**
5. Embraces the values of diversity and desires adding to multiculturalism on campus

For additional information & questions, contact the Office of Admissions, (269) 387-2000, or the Division of Multicultural Affairs, (269) 387-4420.



Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know.

Daniel J. Boorstin

How Does My Child Apply for Federal Student Aid?



1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

For FAFSA on the Web, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov Using FAFSA on the Web is faster and easier than using paper. If you don't have Internet access, you can get a paper FAFSA from

- Our Web site at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/pubs
- Our ED Pubs Web site at www.edpubs.ed.gov, or
- Our Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

You can apply beginning Jan. 1, 2012; you have until June 30, 2012, to submit your FAFSA. But you need to apply early! Schools and states often use FAFSA information to award nonfederal aid. Their deadlines are usually early in the year. Michigan's deadline is March 1, 2012. Check with the schools you're interested in for their deadlines.

2. Review your Student Aid Report (SAR).

After you apply, you'll receive a Student Aid Report, or SAR. Your SAR contains the information reported on your FAFSA and usually includes your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC, a measure of your family's financial strength, is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. Review your SAR information and make any corrections or changes, if necessary. The school(s) you list on your FAFSA will get your SAR data electronically.

3. Contact the school(s) you might attend.

Make sure the financial aid office at each school you're interested in has all the information needed to determine your eligibility. If you're eligible, each school's financial aid office will send you an award letter showing the amount and types of aid (from all sources) the school will offer you. You can compare award letters from the schools to which you applied and see what aid you can receive from each school.

Source: *The Guide to Federal Student Aid 2011-2012*

4 Things Every Parent Should Know About Paying for College

- 1) Don't wait! The sooner you get a handle on the when and how of funding college, the better. Plus federal aid is "First come – First Serve."
- 2) Begin your search with free money (scholarships and grants). Some are based on financial need; others are based on achievement, religion, ethnicity, hobbies & special interests.
- 3) Next, look next for federal student loans. However, note that federal loans are capped at \$31,000 for an undergraduate student spread over four years.
- 4) Time is Money!!! Start saving today for your student's education. Most states have pre-pay plans that lock tuition rates at current levels, as well as, offering extra tax incentives.

Source: http://www.education.com/magazine/article/Ed_5_Things_Every_Should



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*If you don't design your
own life plan, chances are
you'll fall into someone
else's plan. And guess what
they have planned for you?*

Not much.

-Jim Rohn