



Keep it up

As the holidays approach, it may be hard to focus with all of the activities going on. Be sure to schedule in time to study so you don't fall behind. You're in the home stretch of the first semester, keep up the good work!

Remember Me

SAT Registration
November 6

ACT Registration
November 7

SAT Test Date
November 8

SAT Test Date
December 6

ACT Test Date
December 13

ACT Registration
January 9

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High School Students

- If you don't know your counselor yet, set up a time to meet with him/her. It is important to familiarize yourself with all of the college resources at your school - which includes your counselor.
- If you're attending an **A+** high school, ask about the requirements. It is a good idea to meet these requirements even if you aren't sure about your plans after high school.
- Meet with college admission representatives during their school visits, talk to military recruiters, and be sure to **explore your interests** as you look to the future for a possible career.
- Don't miss out on other college tips and information about scholarship opportunities. Follow Journey to College on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.

Seniors

- If you're planning to attend college, now is the time to apply. Consider applying to a few different schools so you have some options as you narrow your choices.
- It's not too early to start looking for **scholarships**. Apply for any scholarships for which you may be eligible. Ask counselors, teachers and employers to write letters of recommendation for college admissions and scholarship applications.
- Go on college visits. Take the guided and/or bus tours, but be sure to explore on your own as well. If you can't make a physical visit to all of the schools that interest you, look online for a virtual tour.
- Remember to keep your grades up. You want your GPA to be as high as possible when applying for schools and **scholarships**.

College Students

- Live like a college student now so you don't have to later. Create a **spending plan** and stick to it.
- Instead of going out for entertainment, suggest **alternative ideas** that require less (or no) money. All those late night fast food runs and movies can add up quickly.
- Be smart about credit cards and other lines of **credit**. Charge only the amount you expect to be able to pay when the bill comes in each month.
- If you receive the **Bright Flight Scholarship** or **Access Missouri**, keep in mind that as a renewal student, a 2.5 cumulative GPA is required to continue receiving the award.
- Check your grades often and be sure to study when test time rolls around.

Parents

- Encourage your child to prepare for and take the **ACT** or **SAT**.
- If your child is a senior, they should be applying to colleges during this time. Help them narrow their choices by taking them on college visits and doing cost comparisons.
- Encourage your child to apply for as many **scholarships** as possible.
- College can be expensive. So it's important for you and your child to understand how much **tuition and fees** will cost and develop a **spending plan**.
- Discourage your children from taking on any more **debt** than needed. Use the **repayment estimator** to see how much they can actually afford to borrow.