



Leadership is knowing what you want and making it happen.
—Miriam Colón, actress

Gadgets of the FUTURE



Scientists at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York have developed a new kind of battery. About the size of a postage stamp, this strong, flexible and eco-friendly battery is being developed for use in phones, TVs and cars in the future. Look through today's newspaper for articles about other new inventions. Write a paragraph describing one invention and how it could be used in your school or in your community. If you'd like your article to be published, send it in using the contact information on the back page!

Source: <http://nieonline.com/>

College Planning Tips

If you're looking for a little advice about planning for college and a career, check out a few tips from current and former student writers for ACT:

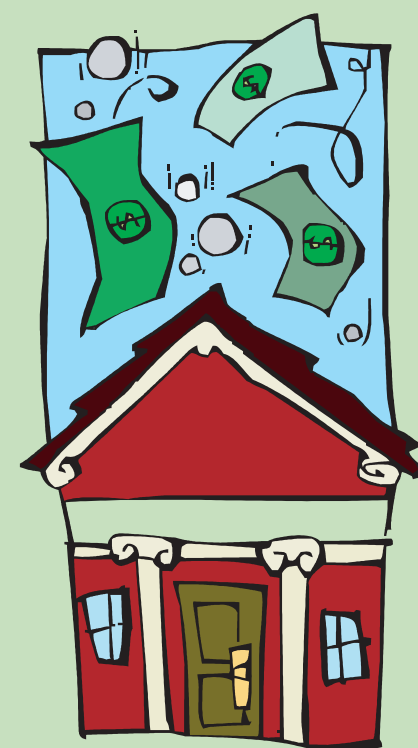
- Work hard the entire four years of high school so you will be more appealing to colleges and have a better chance at earning scholarships.
- Pursue college regardless of what people around you say. Don't let anyone talk you out of achieving your goals.
- Check out early outreach and summer programs at nearby colleges now to expose yourself to college life and career areas of interest.
- When you make a college visit, setup a meeting with a student or graduate. You can ask questions you are too scared to ask in a group.
- Talk to people working in careers that reflect your interests and find out from them what the "real world" is like. What do they like and dislike about their jobs?
- Once in college, stay connected to the key elements of your identity—family, friends, interests—yet open yourself to new ideas, activities and social situations.

Source: ACT's News You Can Use

I Can't Afford COLLEGE

Most college students and their families don't write a check for their college education. Financial aid is available and is based on your family's ability to pay for college. Besides, after looking at how much more an education can pay you over a lifetime, how can you NOT afford it? Talk with your high school guidance counselor for financial aid resources that are available to you.

Source: <http://www.kheaa.com/>



Your Life Story on Paper

Do you like being first in line? Do you like choosing from the top of the apple barrel instead of the bottom? What about being the first to take a shower instead of the last in a full house of people? Well, thinking about preparing a résumé now, in your freshman year of high school, could put you well ahead of others your age.

What exactly is a résumé? It's a summarized record of your experiences, whether they be personal, educational, or professional. It is usually short, easy to read, and well organized.

A good résumé will lead you toward success. Even if you don't need a résumé today or tomorrow, make it easy for yourself and start writing down your accomplishments and activities for when you will need one. You never know when opportunities for jobs, scholarships, or even special academic, arts, or athletic programs will pop up!

It's funny how the harder you work, the luckier you get.
—Anonymous