The Jungle Trek



Juniors—you are so close to beginning in your final year of High School. In order to make the best decisions for your future, it is important this summer you take time to finish some goals. This final Junior newsletter, will give you tools to help you gather information and learn about your options for post-secondary options. Below is a summer check list in preparation of your senior year.

- ⇒ Apply to 1 scholarship a week. Here are the links to the two Websites I recommend. CollegeDepot and CareerOneStop. Keep a log of the scholarships you have applied to and save your essays as you may be able to reuse these for additional scholarships.
- ⇒ Attend the Senior Boot Camp with "Be A Leader" and earn a \$500 Scholarship. See Below for additional information.
- ⇒ <u>Volunteer</u> This is a great opportunity for your growth, experience, and community.
- ⇒ Look at career options. You can go into MajorClarity through Educational Resources.

  MyMajors is another great website that will have lists of Careers and Job Titles.



- ⇒ Find Colleges/Trade Schools that will offer programs for your interested career choices. If you are interested in out of state schools look at the <u>WUE Schools</u> that offer you an additional discount because you live in Arizona.
- ⇒ Discuss your options with your support system (family, friends, mentors, etc..). Listen and consider their advice since they have played an important role in your growth.
- $\Rightarrow$  Tour the Colleges/Trade Schools your are interested in attending (Virtual or in Person)
- ⇒ Attend workshops with College Depot

Most of all have fun with it all! Enjoy learning and growing through the summer.

## Arizona Colleges you can tour this summer Click on the College Name to go to their tour info

<u>Arizona State University</u> - Tempe, Glendale, Phoenix (Dorms Available)

<u>University of Arizona</u> - Tucson (Dorms Available)

Northern Arizona University - Flagstaff (Dorms Available)

Grand Canyon University - Phoenix (Dorms Available)

Ottawa University - Surprise (Dorms Available)

Park University - Gilbert (Dorms Available)

Prescott College - Prescott (Dorms Available)

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University - Prescott (Dorms Available)

Arizona Christian University - Glendale (Dorms Available)

**Huntington University** - Peoria

Benedictine University - Mesa (Dorms Available)

Glendale Community College - Glendale

Estrella Community College - Goodyear

Scottsdale Community College - Scottsdale

Gateway Community College - Phoenix

Yavapai Community College - Prescott (Dorms Available)

Coconino Community College - Flagstaff (Dorms Available with NAU)

Central Arizona College—Coolidge (Dorms Available)



application deadline: may 15

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## To Work or Not to Work?

Juniors begin the process of deciding whether they should get a job and work their senior year. I am a strong advocate for working in life, however you are only a high school student for 4 years. You will have the rest of your life to work. A job is an opportunity to learn so many things but your schooling should always be a priority.

Work experience can teach you:

- How to work with different people. Customer service skills are important in life and you can learn how to manage conflict
  appropriately.
- Showing up to work timely. Absenteeism and arriving late are major reasons people lose their jobs.
- To understand taxes and how they affect your pay.
- The importance of clocking in and working hard. Your personal phone should not be used during working hours.
- To dress for success. Are you wearing clothing that is appropriate to represent the company.?
- To do what needs to be done. Talk with your employer to find out what you can help with during slow periods.
- To smile and treat everyone with respect. Say "Please" and "Thank you" to customers, team members, and managers.

Things to remember with your first job:

- 1.) Will you work for a company/manager that understands that your school is priority?
- 2.) Will you work hours that will allow you time to complete your studies and attend important high school activities?
- 3.) While working, will you be able to wake up on time for school?
- 4.) If you see anything of concern in the workplace talk with a trusted adult as they can help you manage a sticky situation.
- 5.) If you are injured on the job always notify your direct supervisor and request copies of that notification.
- 6.) Will the position help you in future? Interested authors may consider working in a library or book store as it is great experience.
- 7.) Make wise choices . I have had to turn down candidates for employment because of errors they made in their past.
- 8.) Some employers offer amazing scholarships to their employees.

Below are some places that offer great first time work experience:



























## **Terms to Learn**

**Form W-4:** is an Internal Revenue Service tax form completed by an employee to indicate his or her tax situation to the employer. The W-4 form tells the employer the correct amount of tax to withhold from an employee's paycheck.

**Form W-2:** is an Internal Revenue Service tax form used to report wages paid to employees and the taxes withheld from them. Employers must send this form to every employee by January 31st for the previous year's work.



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