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Getting the Job You Want

There are three types of people hiring managers want to avoid: those who cannot learn the job, those who will not do the work, and those who are not cooperative. LeadershipIQ.com reports that 46% of new hires fail within 18 months. Surprisingly, these people do not lose their jobs because they cannot do the work---they lose their jobs because they are not cooperative. If you want to impress the hiring managers, let them know that: you are friendly and easy to work with, you have a good attitude, you are easy to coach, and you have good people skills.

Nelnet Awards

This year Nelnet will award \$1 million in scholarships and you could be among the lucky Grand Prize winners of up to \$25,000 for a year of college expenses. There is no essay required to enter or win, and all winners are randomly selected.

Entering is as simple as filling out the online entry form at www.nelnet.com/win. Students can enter online daily to increase their chances of winning. Drawings are held monthly starting November 9 through August 8, 2008.

Lodge Scholarship

The Masonic Grand Lodge of AF & AM of Kansas is sponsoring a scholarship essay contest. The topic is "Is there such a thing as global warming? Explain your rationale." Any Junior or Senior attending a Kansas public high school is eligible. Essays will be judged on originality and development of the topic, and will be picked up by a local Lodge member on November 7, 2007. First prize is \$4,000, second is \$3,000, third is \$2,000 and fourth is \$1,000. There will also be four Honorable Mention awards for \$500 each. See Mrs. McClelland for more contest guidelines.

**Ability is important,
but dependability is crucial.**

Pinet Award

The Stella & Eli Pinet Memorial Scholarship was established to assist graduating Seniors of Onaga High School who plan to continue their education in college or vocational school program. This renewable scholarship is offered each year for study at an accredited institution of the student's choice. This award program is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a department of Scholarship America in St. Peter, Minnesota.

Interested students must complete an application and mail it along with a current, complete official transcript of grades, postmarked no later than November 30, 2007.

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal. Financial need is not considered. Selection of recipient is made by Scholarship America. In no instance does the sponsor or any faculty member of OHS play a part in the selection. Applicant winners will be notified in December. See Mrs. McClelland for an application.

Burger King

The BK Scholars awards are \$1,000 each and may be used for educational expenses, such as tuition fees and books, during the first year of college or post-secondary vocational technical school.

Applications are available online from October 15 to February 15, 2008. Last day to submit the application by postmark is February 15, 2008. To obtain information about their eligibility criteria, visit their website at www.bk.com/scholars.

fastweb.com

This is a good site that lists several scholarships and also has good information about choosing careers, paying for college, job and internship helps, and other related topics. You will have to fill out a profile, but it is a worthwhile site.

Jobs and Careers

Is a job the same thing as a career? A job is work that people do for pay. The work usually consists of certain tasks.

A career is a series of related jobs built on a foundation of interest, knowledge, training and experience. Many people work at several jobs during their career.

According to the US Department of Labor, the average American has at least seven jobs, including part-time jobs as teenagers, before age 30. You may know people who took jobs when they were young and stayed with the same company for their entire working lives. Forty years ago, that was typical. Today it is not.

Make it your goal to have a job or career that makes it a pleasure to go to work every day, that gives you something to look forward to for the following day, that provides ample room for growth in the future, and supplies you with enough income to keep you from worrying about your basic needs.

Chiropractic College

The health-care field, and chiropractic in particular, is one of the fastest-growing professions in the country. Cleveland Chiropractic College, in Kansas City, Kansas, prepares students for a variety of career paths. The college offers three degrees: an Associate of Arts in Biological Sciences, a Bachelor of Science in Human Biology, and a Doctor of Chiropractic degree. Students may complete the BS degree in less than four years. Cleveland also offers accelerated science courses in 8-week modules, preparing the student for a career in many allied health professions. www.cleveland.edu

College Senior Days

November 14---Cowley College

November 16---Colby Community College

November 10---Kansas Wesleyan U.

Career Interest Assessment

You need to figure out who you are and what you want before you can make an informed choice about your future. This website offers a lot of valuable information concerning jobs, careers, college and financial aid. It also has a self-assessment survey to help you get a realistic picture of your skills, interests, personality, values, motivation, knowledge and abilities. www.xap.com/Career

College Success Seminar

Kansas State University will be hosting a seminar, which has been designed to assist high school sophomores and juniors in making the transition from high school to higher education, on Monday, December 3, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$20.00 and applications will be accepted until November 28, 2007.

See Mrs. McClelland for a registration form or visit www.consider.k-state.edu/success.

Pittsburg State

PSU has recorded the largest enrollment in its 104-year history with 7,087 students enrolled in classes this fall semester. This is the first time PSU has topped the 7,000 mark.

Pittsburg State President Tom Bryant said the numbers are the result of efforts to maintain a moderate enrollment pace. "This is the kind of growth we are looking for, particularly considering our needs for parking, housing, health services and classroom space," he said. "The integration of several different variables brought about this increase, but our faculty and innovative programs continue to be the biggest reasons students choose Pitt. State." www.pittstate.edu/admit

USA Funds

For the 2008-09 academic year USA Funds will award up to \$3.2 million in new, renewable scholarships to students demonstrating financial need. Students who plan to enroll in qualified postsecondary-education programs as full-time or half-time undergraduates, or as full-time graduate and professional students, are eligible for \$1,500 awards. They will accept applications online at www.usafunds.org/scholarship between December 15, 2007, and February 15, 2008. More details are posted on their website.

You become what you surround yourself with. Surround yourself with people who have integrity and are always kind to others.

ACT (school code & the CEEB code = 172-245)

<u>Test date</u>	<u>Regular Fee (\$30)</u>	<u>Late Fee (\$49)</u>
12/8	11/2	11/3-15
2/9	1/4	1/5-18
4/12	3/7	3/8-21
6/14	5/9	5/10-23