“Talent is cheaper than table salt. What separates the talented individual from the successful one is a lot of hard work.”

– Stephen King

I know that you will be successful because I witnessed your hard work during the summer session. I am positive that your teachers are impressed at what you do with your talents in the classroom. We are anxious to hear about how your year has started when we visit in September. Enjoy the beautiful fall colors!

Karen

Getting Along With Your Teachers – from kidshealth.org

“Your algebra teachers wears clothes from 1985 and always mispronounces your name. Your English teacher loves to start classes with pop quizzes. It can be hard to think of these givers of grades as real people. But they eat pizza, watch movies, and enjoy sports on the weekends, just like you.”

“So how can you get along with your teachers? Here are some tips:”

“Developing Good Teacher-Student Relationships: We all have our favorite teachers – those who seem truly interested and treat us as intelligent beings. But what about teachers we don’t know as well (or even like as much)?”

“You can do lots of things to get a good connection going with your teacher. First, do the obvious stuff: show up for class on time, with all assignments completed. Be alert, be respectful, and ask questions.”

“Show an interest in the subject. Obviously, your teachers are really interested in their subjects or they wouldn’t have decided to teach them! Showing the teacher that you care – even if you’re not a math whiz or fluent in French – sends a message that you are a dedicated student.”

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Ready, Set, Go! – by Phil Kenkel, TRIO Director @ NWMSU

A new school year is upon all of us and along with it comes a great opportunity for you to get off to a great start by applying the skills/ideas you learned through UBMS this last year. For those of you who participated in the summer session, recall and implement the information and activities you participated in that were geared to better prepare you for your classes and postsecondary planning. Find and use a planner to help you manage your time. Implement study strategies that allow you to maximize your time and effort. Take pride in your academic accomplishments and position yourself for future success. Be engaged in your classes and do not be hesitant to ask questions and go beyond what is expected of you.

Also remember that part of the preparation for college goes beyond the classroom. UBMS challenges you to become leaders in your school and community. Identify leadership opportunities and jump in and participate in organizations in your school and community. Remember that growth and development begins when one recognizes an opportunity to get involved and is not afraid to take risks. Challenge yourself to become and active (or more active) member of your school and community.

Finally, stay up with the requirements for UBMS. Meet with your mentor and complete the project. We are excited for the upcoming school year!
**September/October- College Planning Tips - from ICAN**

**Sophomores:**

*Did you know some colleges recommend you complete four years of English; three to four years of math, science, and social studies; two years of electives; and two to four years of foreign language in high school?*

*Set up an appoint with your school counselor to discuss your educational goals. Before you meet with them, prepare a list of questions to ask.*

*Talk to your school counselor about the possibility of taking the PLAN Test. PLAN is the pre-ACT test.*

-From: Iowa College Access Network

**Juniors:**

*Check with your high school counselor to register for the PSAT. These scores are used to determine National Merit Scholars.*

*Talk to your parents and your school counselor about where you want to got to college. Make sure you’re on the right track by taking the necessary courses during your junior year.*

*Attend college fairs in your area and meet with college representatives who visit your high school.*

*Discuss with your parents what is important to you in a college (size, type, cost, etc.)*

-From: Iowa College Access Network

**Seniors:**

*Register to take the ACT if you haven't taken already taken them. You may also retake the test if you are unhappy with your previous score.*

*Ask your teachers, high school counselor and/or employers to write letters of recommendation for your admission and scholarship applications.*

*Are you narrowing down your college choices? Have you completed an admission application? Colleges have admission deadlines and application requirements. Be sure to stay on top of these tasks.*

-From: Iowa College Access Network

**Parents:**

*Encourage your child to use a planner or electronic organizer to help them manage their time, set goals and stay on a path to success. Check in with your child to make sure that they use one throughout each school year to keep track of assignments, activities, important dates and deadlines.*

*Make a plan to check in regularly about school work. If you keep up with your child’s tests, papers, and homework assignments, you can celebrate successes and head off problems as a team.*

-From: Iowa College Access Network

**College:** A natural part of adjusting to college life is recognizing and dealing with homesickness. While many college students won’t admit to being homesick, it’s more common than you think. College is a big transition in life and there is nothing wrong with being homesick. You lived with your parents and other family members for the past 18 years and now, suddenly you’re on your own. While it’s natural to feel homesick, it’s important to take steps to alleviate it so it doesn’t impact your social life or your grades. One way is to try to make friends as soon as you get to campus. Another way is to get involved. There are a lot of activities on campus for incoming freshmen that get you out and about on campus. You never know what might happen, but you do know that it won’t happen if you’re alone in your room all the time.

-From: Iowa College Access Network
Career: Market and Survey Researchers - from bigfuture.collegeboard.org

How much do teens spend on video games? What kinds of movies are most popular with college students? How much is too much for a hot cup of coffee? Market researchers and survey researchers uncover the answers to questions like these. Their methods include everything from telephone and internet surveys to focus groups to studies of past sales.

Once these answers are discovered, they’re used to create better products, ad campaigns, promotions, and more. In short, it’s the mission of market and survey researchers to know everything there is to know about customer satisfaction.

Market and survey researchers both collect information about the public. Market researchers also analyze information, including business statistics.

Did you know?
Political polls are the products of survey researchers.

Did You Know...?

Hollywood studios sometimes change the endings of movies in response to the comments of a select audience that sees it before it opens nationwide.

Outlook
Government economists expect jobs for market researchers to grow much faster than the average for all careers through 2020. In fact, it will be one of the twenty fastest-growing careers. Jobs in survey research should grow a little slower – but still faster than average. But expect fewer opportunities in that field because it’s much smaller to begin with.

Compensation
The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the average yearly salary of:

* Market Research Analysts: $67,130
* Survey Researchers: $47,740

Are you ready to.....?
* conduct interviews
* create surveys
* crunch numbers
* form opinions based on statistics
* write reports
* communicate results with others
* travel and work overtime

It helps to be...
a clear communicator who is good with numbers and able to draw conclusions from facts.

Make High School Count
Preparation is the key to any career. To become a Market Research Analyst, you should:

* take advantage of math and statistics. As a market or survey researcher, you’ll need to crunch numbers and data all the time.
* pay attention English, drama, and speech courses. Market and survey researchers must communicate their findings to people daily.
* sign up for psychology. Part of being a good market or survey researcher is understanding what makes people tick.
* master the computer. Market and survey researchers must be familiar with a wide range of software.
* try your hand at research; take polls at school or in your neighborhood and use what you learn in research assignments, oral presentations, or an article for the school paper.

A Market & Survey Researcher at work.
Mentor Information - Student Responsibilities

The student is in a unique position to benefit from the mentor-protégé relationship. As a protégé, the student has certain responsibilities also. The student will:
• make time available on a regular basis to ensure that he/she can meet with the mentor twice each month (at least 12 times throughout the academic year) outside of class.
• establish and maintain a positive, caring, respectful relationship with mentor.
• be open and honest with the mentor.
• work with the mentor to develop a “plan” to provide for the mentor-protégé interaction.
• keep the mentor informed about progress with the project and in school courses.
• work, with guidance of the mentor, to become self-directing and independent.

Getting Along With Your Teachers (cont. from pg. 1)

“It is possible to try too hard, though. Here are some things to avoid when trying to establish a relationship with your teacher:
* Not being sincere. Teachers sense when your only motivation is to get special treatment, a college reference, or a job recommendation.
* Trying to be teacher’s pet. Your behavior will come off as phony and your classmates may start to resent you.”
“A good relationship with a teacher today may help you in the future. You will need teachers’ written recommendations to apply to a college or for a job after high school.

And if you’re thinking about going into a career in science, who better to ask about the field than your science teacher?”

“Undoubtedly, there will be a few teachers along the way who you’ll always remember – and who might change your life forever.”

From: TeensHealth (www.kidhealth.org) – reviewed by: Chris Cortellessa, M.ED, NCC – date reviewed: January 2012

We need a current transcript and your 2014-15 class schedule. Please ask your school counselor to send it ASAP.

About Our Organization…

Who are we?
A life-enhancing college-prep program that provides opportunities for capable and motivated high school students to gain the academic and life skills necessary to enter and succeed in post-secondary education.
* 100% funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education
* Serving high school students from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri since 1992

Word of the Month
from Number2.com

malcontent (adj)
Dissatisfied; displeased; uneasy.

Malcontent with the government, the protesters chained themselves to the state house.

www.Number2.com (ACT prep)
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