

Who doesn't love the summer? It's the time when you actually get to have time to relax, have fun, do things you don't normally do and not totally think about school. During the summer, you have the opportunity to

Recharge your batteries and get ready for another exciting and challenging school year!

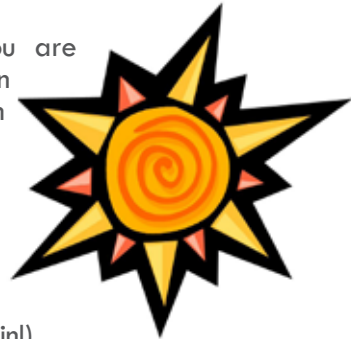
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So what are you doing to do with your time? Some people consider taking a class or two just to stay on track for graduation, while others use the time to volunteer or earn extra cash at a job. Whatever you do, there are some key things to remember as you anticipate the last day of classes.

School's Out for Summer: What are you going to do with your time?

When you start plan for your summer, consider these options:

- Take at least one class just to keep your brain active and school-focused.
- If there is something that you are passionate about, find an organization that focuses on that and volunteer. ↔↔↔
- Get a summer job and save up money for school. (Don't work too much, though. You'll want to have some energy left for when classes start again!)



- Get a group of friends together and go on a small road trip—maybe to a nearby town or amusement park.
- Come by the College Forward office and get involved.
- Spend the month before school starts preparing for

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VOCABULARY

WORD OF THE MONTH

Allege (v): to assert without proof.

Example: The students **alleged** that they did indeed do their own work and did not cheat on the project.

Summer Planning, cont'd.

- classes and getting yourself mentally prepared (e.g., buy an organizer, purchase your books, contact your professors, make a budget for the semester, etc.)
- Plan a small family get-together so you can update everyone on what you've accomplished this year.
- Enjoy time with yourself! Treat yourself to lunch and a movie and just relish your alone time.

So, as you get ready for a scorching hot summer, think about some of the things we've listed and try putting some of them into action! Enjoy the sound of flip flops on the pavement, the sun warming your face, the wind blowing through the trees, and Sno Cone stands at full capacity! What a wonderful season to just have fun and enjoy life. Take advantage of any moments where you can create a memory and take a mental snapshot. Have a great summer, collegians!





College **Fun Fact**



Deep Springs, a 2-year all-male college in California, is one of the **most selective** institutions in the U.S. Each year it admits only **10-15 students!** Students earn **FREE** tuition, room and board by working 20 hrs/week on the ranch. Afterward, most graduates of the college continue their studies at elite universities **Harvard, Yale, the University of Chicago, or Oxford.**

Know of a college fun fact? Please send it (with your source) to us at:

collegians@collegeforward.org

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:



Education is for
improving the lives
of others and for leaving
your community and world
better than you found it.



Marian Wright Edelman

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 11-12th (Fri)

American Cancer Society's Relay for Life
7pm Friday-7am Saturday (Buda, TX)

MAY 19th (Sat)

Bowling at Westgate 6pm

JUNE 22nd (Fri)

CLC meeting/retreat (time to be
announced)

JUNE 16th (Sat)

Summer Collegian Reunion (location and
time to be announced)

<http://www.nacacnet.org/MemberPortal/Events/CollegeFairs/>
- NACAC - A listing of major college fairs throughout the country hosted by the National Association of College Admissions Counselors. These fairs are attended by hundreds of colleges and offer students a great opportunity to meet college representatives and gather literature.

www.studyabroad.com Studying abroad just might be one of the smartest things you could do. If you have an interest in studying in another country, in addition to learning about another culture, consider studying abroad. There are plenty of options. Check with your study abroad office for more information, but until then check out this link.

<http://www.back2college.com/>
Have you been out of college for a semester or you know someone who has? This website will give you information on how to get back into the college. Make sure to contact an academic advisor at your preferred college or university to get details on how you can re-enroll. Your education is in your hands!

Resources & Links

<http://www.collegeprofiles.com/> Are you interested in transferring and would like to find out information about a few different colleges? This site has college profiles for thousands of colleges and universities. If you know of a college that you are interested in, though, visit that site directly.

http://www.collegeboard.com/student/csearch/majors_careers/45103.html The College Board website has 10 tips for surfing college websites. Check them out and see what you think!

<http://www.uncf.org> The United Negro College Fund is an organization that funds and supports students who attend Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's). If you are interested in an HBCU and want to check out scholarship opportunities, visit this website.

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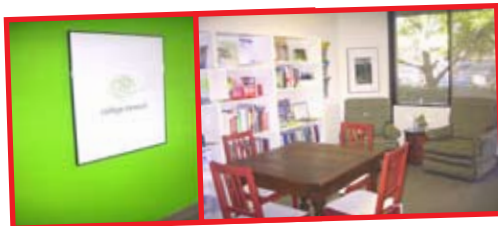
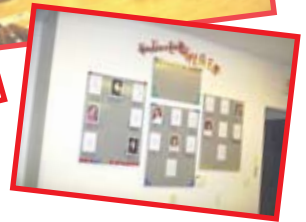
We'd like to keep you informed about new staff members and other office happenings at College Forward—watch this space to get the scoop on what we've been up to!

Melody's Staying! Sprucing up the Office!



Melody, IT and Marketing Coordinator, has joined the College Forward permanent staff. Previously serving as an AmeriCorps*VISTA member for 2 years, Melody seamlessly transitioned into being a staff member in February and will continue to serve in an important role: Operations Manager!

The office is looking better than ever! We now have a volunteer recognition wall, new filing cabinets, and pictures everywhere. It is the most colorful office in the complex. You should definitely come by, see the place and say hi to everyone! The doors are always open to you!



STUDY TIP OF THE MONTH

Don't Stress!



Did you know that stress can lead to all kinds of health issues like headaches, fatigue, sleep disturbances, and chest pain or pressure? So, no matter what you are going through, remember to take a moment to BREATHE and put things into perspective. If you're overwhelmed with papers and tests...take the time to plan and maximize your time. Definitely do not wait until the last minute to do the things you need to do!

There are some things that you can do to cope with stress: have realistic expectations, maintain a sense of humor, give priority to the most important tasks and do them first, break up big projects, and take a mental vacation (don't focus too much on what's stressing you out and read a book or listen to some relaxing music). Always keep in mind that you are in control of your life and what happens to you. Don't let things or people overwhelm you!

Historical Figures in Education

Mary Jane McLeod Bethune (1875-1955) was born in Mayesville, South Carolina and died in Daytona Beach, Florida.

A U.S. educator born to former slaves, she made her way through college and in 1904 founded a school that later became part of Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla. She was president of the college from 1923-42 and 1946-47.



Prominent in African-American organizations, particularly women's groups, she directed the Division of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration (1936-44).

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