

SUMMER IS HERE!

Can you believe that the 2011-2012 school year is over already? We have had a great year in ETS—a year full of informative meetings and fun-filled events. We hope you enjoyed the school year as much as we did. NOW—take a break and enjoy the summer. THEN—be ready to come back in the fall for another fantastic year!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2012!

We are very proud of all you have accomplished and are even more excited to hear about all of the amazing things you will do in college and beyond! Remember to stay in touch and continue to contact us if you have questions about college! We want you to succeed and will help in any way we can. Good luck!

ADVICE FROM OUR GRADUATES

“Listen to your coordinator! They are there to help and they’re great at what they do.”

–Brianna Williams, Lincoln High School

“Live it up! Go to all the games and get involved!”

–Lindsey Richardson, Oskaloosa High School

“Take ETS serious, they’re here to help!!!!”

–Colby Glass, Lincoln High School

“Go to class and don’t slack off!”

–An Nguyen, East High School

“Stay in school!”

–Stephanie Craig, Oskaloosa High School

CONTACTING ETS THIS SUMMER

Contact us if you need anything this summer, but please allow more time for us to respond.

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Ellie: 270-293-4213

*You can contact your coordinator via Facebook or cell phone as well.**

** Chantelle is no longer with the ETS program—please contact the ETS office or Ellie.*

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

ETS has had a fun-filled spring! Learn more about what our high school students have been up to!

SOPHOMORES GO TO WISCONSIN

On April 26-28, ETS Sophomores had the opportunity to visit Madison, Wisconsin. Twenty-nine students participated in the trip to the state's capitol! Students toured the vast and beautiful campus of The University of Wisconsin, Madison and its renowned Chazen Art Museum. We stopped at the zoo and local favorite Ian's Pizza, located near the Capitol building, which created a great opportunity for students to see politics in action! Prior to heading back to Iowa on Saturday, students also had the chance for a private behind the scenes tour of the Madison Opera House. The ETS staff really enjoyed the company of our students. We are extremely proud of their behavior, attitudes and energy. Thank you for participating in this experience!

FRESHMEN LEADERSHIP RETREAT

On May 10-11, 29 ETS Freshmen "retreated" to the beautiful Honey Creek Resort, located on Lake Rathbun outside of Moravia, Iowa. On Friday, students enjoyed a delicious meal at the Rathbun Lakeshore Grille and then were off to enjoy the indoor waterpark. After food and swimming, the rest of the evening was full of fun in the cottages—movies, games, Wii, laughter, and (a little) sleep. After a short night, students woke up to a full day of leadership and team-building activities. We received an orientation on "geocaching" and were off to find our own treasures around the resort. Students then participated in workshops focusing on goal-setting, leadership, and teamwork. After lunch, all of the students and staff took part in community service by walking the grounds and picking up trash.



Sophomores at the Herny Zalis Zoo in Madison, Wisconsin

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT IOWA COLLEGES

Over the course of this school year, all 7th and 8th grade students have had the opportunity to visit a college in Iowa. It is our goal at ETS to expose students to a variety of college options over the course of their participation in ETS. Here is where the middle schools went this year:



Wartburg College:
Hoyt MS

University of Iowa:
Eddyville-Blakesburg MS & Oskaloosa MS

Iowa State University:
Woodside MS, Harding MS, & Hiatt MS

Graceland University:
Weeks MS & McCombs MS

IOWA STATE
UNIVERSITY



What did students learn on these trips? Here is what they had to say:

"At the University of Iowa, I learned and experienced a lot of things. We got to tour the campus and see what it was like to go to school there. We looked at most of the buildings and got a good idea of what college was like."

--Paris Curry, Eddyville-Blakesburg Middle School

"At the Univeristy of Iowa, I had fun. I took an exciting tour. I saw a cambus that took people around campus. I ate lunch. I saw an awesome presentation about the school. We asked questions. It was all awesome."

--Theron San, Oskaloosa Middle School

WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE?

We asked our middle school students why they want to go to college. This is what they said:

- "I want to be able to have better opportunities and be successful."
- "I want to go to college because I want to be a physical therapist so I can help people and make their lives easier."
- "I want to go to college so I can get a good, steady paying job that I enjoy."
- "I want to go to college because I want to learn things I can't learn in elementary or high school."
- "I want to go to college because I like school."

ATTENTION: CLASSES OF 2013 & 2014!

In the fall, you will be juniors and seniors! This means it is time to get SERIOUS about preparing for college! Make the most of every opportunity ETS gives you to prepare for your future! Please consider attending the various events we are already planning for you.

IOWA PRIVATE COLLEGE WEEK—DUBUQUE TRIP!

ETS students who will be juniors and seniors this fall are invited to attend our Iowa Private College Week event in August. On August 7-8 (Tuesday & Wednesday), we will be travelling to Dubuque, Iowa to visit three different private colleges: the University of Dubuque, Clarke College, and Loras College. All eligible students should have received an application. In case you didn't, please contact your coordinator or the ETS office immediately in order to get signed up for this event.



IOWA PRIVATE COLLEGE WEEK—ON YOUR OWN!

Can't attend the ETS trip to Dubuque or just not interested in those schools? ANYONE can participate in Iowa Private College Week. EVERY one of the 29 private colleges in Iowa participates in this week-long event. You can visit any of these college August 6-10 in either the morning or the afternoon. To learn more or to schedule your own visits—go to www.thinkindependently.com

CENTRAL COLLEGE TRIO VISIT DAY

On Friday, September 21, all juniors and seniors will be invited to attend a special large group visit day at Central College. One of Central's "fall preview" days, this visit is being specifically organized



for students who participate in federal TRIO programs such as Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound. Your coordinator will have more information for you when school starts.

2012-2013 ACT DATES

Mark your calendars now to take the ACT! We recommend students take it twice—spring of junior year and fall of senior year. Remember to get a fee waiver from your coordinator! To check out sample test questions, go to: www.actstudent.org

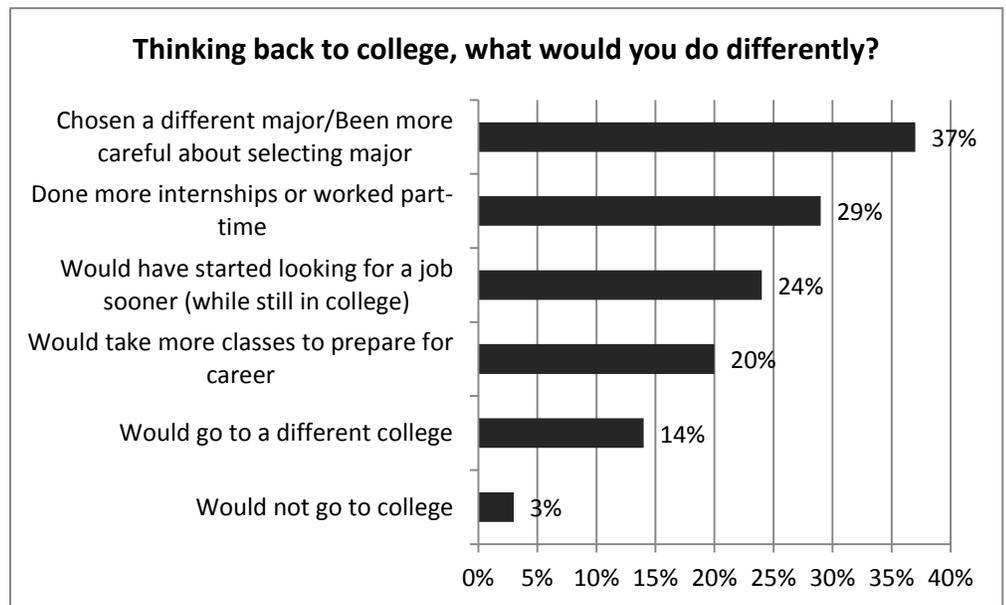
Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 10, 2011	August 12, 2011
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011
December 10, 2011	November 11, 2011
February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012

CAREER INFORMATION

COLLEGE REGRETS?!?

A recent study asked college graduates (2006-2011) if they had any regrets about college. Check out their answers here. Notice that hardly any regretted going to college, but many regretted not preparing enough for the world of work after college!

Source: nytimes.com



4 COLLEGE MAJORS WITH 0% UNEMPLOYMENT!

According to the Georgetown University Center on Education and Workforce, US college graduates who studied astrophysics, geophysics, pharmacology and actuarial science had 0% unemployment in 2010! Many students who study these small and highly-skilled fields have job offers before they even graduate.

Source: cnnmoney.com

FIVE GROWING CAREERS IN HEALTH CARE

Want to work in the medical field but don't want to be a doctor? Here are five growing healthcare careers that you can have by attending 2-year community college programs.

1. **Registered Nurses** tend to patients, perform diagnostic tests and analyze results, and operate and monitor medical equipment.
2. **Dental Assistants** may schedule appointments, organize patient records, sterilize equipment, and assist dentists with procedures.
3. **Occupational Therapy Assistants** help with therapeutic activities, work with children who have development disabilities, and focus on helping patients develop, recover, and improve the skills they need to use on a daily basis.
4. **Pharmacy Technicians** work in pharmacies completing tasks such as taking prescriptions, distributing medication, and interacting with customers.
5. **Medical Assistants** are medical office assistants that set up appointments, deal with insurance companies, take patient histories, and other duties directed by a doctor.

Source: <http://education.yahoo.net>

SUMMER FUN

SUMMER BUCKET LIST?

You've heard of bucket lists, right? A Bucket List is a list of things you want to do before you "kick the bucket." But what about a SUMMER BUCKET LIST—things to do with your family before *summer 2012 kicks the bucket*?

Make a list as a family of things you want to do this summer—make sure everyone contributes at least one idea. See how many things you can check off before school starts again in August. Here are some suggestions:

- Explore the great outdoors! Find a trail you've never been on before or try fishing or camping
- Go to a beach
- Enjoy s'mores over a campfire
- Go star-gazing
- Head to your nearest public library to check out books and possibly participate in a summer reading program
- Play miniature golf
- Check out your local farmers market
- Go to a zoo
- Eat ice cream
- Go to the races
- Visit the Science Center of Iowa
- Have a picnic
- Attend a free outdoor concert
- Play beach volleyball
- Watch fireworks
- Go geocaching
- Iowa State Fair [August 9-19]
- Visit college campuses
- Iowa Private College Week Roadtrip

7 HABITS OF EFFECTIVE KIDS!

Here is a list of 7 Habits of Highly Effective KIDS put together by the parenting website, babble.com. See if you can make all seven of these things a HABIT this summer:

1. **Hobbies**
2. **Physical Activity**
3. **Family Dinners**
4. **Reading**
5. **A balanced diet**
6. **Chores**
7. **Sleeping**

ONLINE?

While you are updating your Facebook status or searching the web, check out these websites:

College Planning:

www.icansucceed.org
www.ihaveaplaniowa.org
www.collegeboard.org

ACT Planning:

www.actstudent.org

Scholarship Search:

www.fastweb.com
www.scholarships.com

Explore Colleges Online: use a search engine to find college websites and see what you can learn! Take virtual tours of campus and see what programs are offered.