



Hillcrest High School

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Health Careers Summer Projects

Incoming 9th Grade Due: September 26, 2011

Choose one of the following projects:

Project 1: A) Write one essay on what you would like to accomplish (your goals) while in high school. How will you accomplish your goals? What skills are you weak in and how will you work to improve these skills? What skills are you strong in and how will you continue to maintain these skills? What excites you about entering high school? What scares you about entering high school?

B) Write a second essay expressing your career and college interests. What would you like to become after graduating high school? Which colleges offer your career interest? What are the admission requirements for these colleges (example: SAT scores, grade point average, regents grades, high school ranking, etc)? What will you have to do to succeed in high school and be prepared for college? How much is tuition and how will you pay for college? If you do not want to attend college, what do you intend on doing with yourself after high school? Why is college not an option for you?

C) Log on to Hillcrestweb.org and friend the Face book to get information on college

Project 2: A) Create a video, a skit, or a report whereby you interview someone who went to college. Ask questions about:

- What were the entry requirements to college?
- How much money did you need to complete college?
- Where did you find the money to pay for college?
- What grades did you receive while in college?
- What were the benefits of going to college, what skills were learned, and what types of employment were available after leaving college?
- How long did it take you to complete college?
- What did you do during summer breaks to prepare for college?
- What subjects in college prepared you to succeed at work?
- What are good grades in college and how did you earn them?
- What was the your major and minor in college?
- Why did you select that major and minor?
- Do you think college helped you in your current career?
- Would you recommend others to apply and go to college? Why or why not?

B) In contrast, interview someone who didn't go to college, and ask questions about:

- What were the difficulties you faced in finding employment?
- How are pay scales different for college graduates and non-college graduates?
- Do you have any regrets about not having gone to college? What are they and why?
- Did you do an internship or a job training program after graduating high school?
- What advice would you give to high school students about college versus going from high school to work?

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Project 3: A) Research a college at a private and/or public university in New York or in any other states that offers internship programs. This should be a school that you are interested in attending. In your report, summarize the internship by explaining what qualifications a student must have to be accepted in this internship. Why do you think an internship can be a worthwhile experience? What skills and experiences must you have to qualify for this internship? What do you have to do in your first year of high school to qualify for this internship? How would you sustain your skills throughout high school?

B) Complete a resume for yourself. Portray yourself in a professional manner. Your resume will be updated yearly to reflect your job experience.

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Your project will count as a test grade in all of your Health Careers classes (example: CORE, English, Social Studies, Science, etc) and calculated toward your 1st marking period grade.

Your project is due September 26, 2011 and can be returned to any Health Careers teacher.