

Get a Summer Job to Prepare & Save for College

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Ace The Interview

- Dress professionally and arrive 10 to 15 minutes early.
- Don't bring anyone with you. If you need a ride, make plans to get dropped off and picked up.
- Bring a pen and paper to record important information, copies of your résumé or application and reference sheet and examples of your work.
- Smile warmly and firmly shake hands.
- Be prepared to ask questions about the company and job.
- Always follow up with a thank-you note.

This summer, turn off the daytime television and take on a summer job that can prepare you both financially and mentally for college and beyond. Getting a summer job while you are still in high school provides valuable real-world experience and may help you save some money for college. Finding work takes work. It also takes organization, motivation, time, energy, a positive outlook and critical thinking.

Here's an inspirational story for you. One summer in Jeffersonville, Ind., there was a boy by the name of **John Schnatter** who spent his days washing dishes at his father's pizza tavern. That summer job inspired him to open a pizza business of his own. Schnatter's business, Papa John's Pizza, now has more than 3,000 locations nationwide and 23 international operations!

Before you go hunting for a summer job, make sure you have a worker's permit. All teens ages 14, 15, 16 and 17 must have a work permit before they can begin work. •



For more information on how to get to and through college, visit www.learnmoreindiana.org or call 1.800.992.2076

Meet the new face of Learn More Indiana



The votes are in, and **Steven Thompson**, a junior at **North Central High School**, is the new Learn More Indiana Spokesperson. He will star in radio and television advertisements that teach students the importance of taking challenging courses in high school and will promote college access and success

at future events, including high school functions and the annual Back to School Bus Tour with **Russ Parr** at the Indiana State Fair.

Steven is a great example of a student that has jumpstarted his future. Getting involved in and outside of school will help gain the skill sets and knowledge to help prepare for your future. Here are just a few of Steven's accomplishments:

- As the assistant director of operations to the Kaleidoscope Youth Center, Steven wrote to the United Way of Central Indiana and was awarded the Technology Grant.
- Steven placed third at the Indiana Association of School Broadcasting Competition.
- Already in the broadcasting industry, Steven is a disc jockey and news reporter for WJEL 89.3FM.

- Steven attended the 56th Inauguration in Washington, D.C.
- Steven also serves as a member on the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township Wellness Committee, NCHS Alumni Hall of Fame Committee and NCHS PL221.

And the runner-up is ...



Conner Ayers, a senior at **Franklin Central High School**, plans to attend **Indiana University** in Bloomington in the fall of 2009 and major in Spanish. Throughout his high school career, Conner has been involved in athletics, including cross country and track and field. Outside of school and sports, he

is also a member of the SADD Club (Students Against Destructive Decisions), National Honor Society and the Student Ambassadors Program.

Fun Fact: Conner is a triplet! •