College the Smart Way -4 ways to Save Time and Money

College Statistics

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- Literacy among college grads has fallen to 31% (American Library Association)
- College students spend more time in sports, or drinking, than in study (National Center for Education Statistics)
- 93% liberal bias in faculty (Santa Clara University)
- 70% of students "lose their faith" at college (Barna Group)

College ROI

- Only 54% of college freshmen will graduate from college (USAToday)
- 80% of people do something different than what they majored in (Forbes Magazine)
- 79% of grad's starting salaries are under \$40K (USAToday)
- In 2009, only 20% of grads found a job. (MSNBC)
 - Compared to 51% in 2007(ABC)

What do professors Say?

- "Christian Campuses are 'Christian' in name only" ~Anonymous
- "The college system is broken. Homeschool families need to take a position of leadership in discovering and using alternatives to it." ~Anonymous
- "There are far more efficient means of earning a degree today than the traditional system." ~Anonymous

Distinct Advantages of Advanced Distance Learning

- Time Savings
- Increased Quality
- Flexible
- Cost Effective

Three Types of Education

- Public Education (Conveyor Belt System)
 - Goal: to create uniformity in preparation for functioning within society (cram facts and figures)
 - Teaching what to think
- Professional Education
 - Goal: to create specialists through trade programs (medical, law school, and MBA programs)
 - Teaching when to think.
 - Leadership Education
 - Goal: to create innovative leaders (mentor driven)
 - Teaching *how* to think



Time Line of Student Debt

<u>Combined debt</u>

- 1977 | All students on the US combined borrowed 1.8 billion
- 1989 \$12 billion
- 1996 | \$30 billion
- 2010 | \$877 billion
- 2011 | Student loan debt clocked1 trillion

Overview of 5 Distance Learning Methods

- 1. Credit by Exam
- 2. Portfolio Assessment
- 3. Internships
- 4. Online Study Courses
- 5. Guided Studies

The Secret to the Speed

- Speed Reading
- Memory Training
- Writing Skills

Action Steps

- Develop Accelerated Study Skills
 - Speed Reading
 - Memory
 - Writing
- Begin with 5 General CLEP exams
- Continue with additional exams, courses, and portfolios
- After earning 80 or more credits, transfer to a distance learning college

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