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ACT Focus

Tip of the Week: Pick a Guessing Letter Before the Test



What if you really, really can't eliminate any answers? On ACT questions, it's best to pick the same letter answer choice every time. In truth, you have a higher likelihood of getting questions right by guessing the same letter every time than by skipping around.

Using a guessing letter saves you time and ensures a random guess. If you've already decided you're going to go with a certain letter regardless of the question, you can preserve randomness and count on the law of averages to give you around one question correct out of every four guesses.

If you skip around with your guesses, you are more likely to fall prey to the ACT's traps.

Pick one A through D letter (A, B, C, or D) and one F through J letter (F, G, H, or J) before the ACT, and stick to it. You can also plan to guess your chosen letters on questions for which you've eliminated one or more answer choices (*provided the guessing letters don't correspond with the choices you've already eliminated.*)

SCHOLARSHIP Update

College scholarships are not just awarded to those students with an outstanding GPA. Each scholarship has its own parameters. One scholarship may be need based, while another may be awarded based on field of study, being part of an organization, or even having an account at a specific bank. The guidelines are set by the group awarding the money. *Keep looking for those scholarships!*

September 15, 2021

Gates Scholarship Due

September 30, 2021

"Don't Text and Drive" Scholarship Due

September 30, 2021

Money Metal Exchange Scholarship Due

September 30, 2021

Cirkled In Scholarship Due

October 8, 2021

AES Scholarship Due

October 15, 2021

Heisman High School Scholarship Due

October 15, 2021

Newcomer Funeral Service Group Scholarship Due

October 15, 2021

American Muscle Student Scholarship Due

2021-22 Scholarship Information

Report Earned Scholarships **HERE.**

THIS WEEK'S COLLEGE REPS

WEDNESDAY 9/8



Illinois College
11:10 during
Empower Hour
LC Classroom

- Priority App. Deadline: 12/1/21
- App. Deadline: Rolling Admission
- Scholarship Information:
www.ic.edu/sfs/scholarships

THURSDAY 9/9



Lindenwood University
11:10 during
Empower Hour
LC Classroom

- App. Deadline: Rolling Admission
- Scholarship Information:
www.lindenwood.edu/admissions/scholarships-grants

TUESDAY 9/14



University of Missouri, Columbia MO

11:10 during Empower Hour
LC Classroom

- Priority App. Deadline: 12/15/21
- App. Deadline: Rolling Admission
- Scholarship Information:
www.financialaid.missouri.edu



LOOKING Ahead

Fall 2021

August 16–September 17

SLU 1818 Dual Registration Period

August 16–September 17

MSU Dual Credit Registration Period

September 11

ACT Test Date

September 15

Truman State Dual Credit Full Payment Due

September 15

Senior A+ agreements due

September 28

Junior/Senior College Night

October 1

FAFSA opens

October 2

SAT Test Date

October 23

ACT Test Date

November 1

Priority Application

Deadline (Most Universities)

November 6

SAT Test Date

December 4

SAT Test Date

December 11

ACT Test Date

HELPFUL Links

COLLEGE GUIDANCE

www.stdominichs.org/college

SCOIR

www.scoir.com

SCHOLARSHIPS

www.fastweb.com | myscholly.com

FAFSA

www.studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa

COMMON APP

www.commonapp.org

NCAA ELIGIBILITY

web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3

ACT

www.act.org

SAT

www.sat.org

Alumni Spotlight

Clayton Arnold '17

Southern Methodist University

BA in History, Business & Political Science Minors



Clayton Arnold is a 2017 graduate who was heavily involved in both athletics and performing arts. Clayton was a state medalist high jumper in Track & Field while also performing as the lead in several plays under the direction of Mrs. Melfreya Findley. Upon graduation, Clayton pursued an out-of-state education by attending Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas where he majored in History while minoring in Business and

Political Science which would open the door for his current position as a Financial Professional at Equitable Advisors.

“St. Dominic let me explore everything I was interested in as a student through the choices for elective classes and extra-curricular activities; so when I realized I loved learning about the past and working with people, History was an easy choice of a major. Financial consulting is a great way to apply the analytical and interpersonal skills I began developing in high school. The dual credit options at SDHS also gave me a lot of room to breathe my first year of college; with 30 credit hours already on record, I was able to take fewer classes while trying different classes.”

Clayton emphasized the importance of being involved in school activities and clubs not only for the experience of meeting new people, but how that experience helped him develop skills he would need to succeed at SMU as a college student. *“Mrs. Findley helped me grow into an empathetic person, and the loving environment she cultivated both in class and in theatre helped me be more comfortable with being myself. Athletics taught me the importance of self-discipline, consistency, and a positive mindset - things that translate from the field to the classroom and beyond.”*

Weekly Wellness

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8 Things to Say to Help Manage Stress

1. Take a deep breath. Slow breath in and out. Repeat. Hit the pause button and reset those racing thoughts and emotions.
2. I'm already proud of you. How I feel about you does not hinge on how the test, paper or game turns out. I'm proud of the effort you are putting in.
3. This is not your whole story. Whatever is going on right now is not your entire life and is not all there will ever be. This is a part of your reality but not all of it. There is more to today and your future than this.
4. How you feel at this moment is not how you will feel forever. You will not be stuck here for the rest of your life.
5. Remember you have made it through tough times before. This is not the first time you have felt this way and it won't be the last. So far you have a 100% success rate of surviving things you thought you would never get through. Don't let the current struggle make you forget your past successes.
6. Just do the next thing. The next right thing you can figure out to do. The next thing that needs to be done. The next thing that seems productive.
7. Is there anything I can do to help?
8. I'm here for you. You can count on my support.