



FREE COLLEGE

Can Happen to You!

LECTURE NOTES

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**Thank you so much for coming to my seminars/
booth or purchasing this lecture on tape.**

Here is the handout from my speech, complete with notes. These are highlights from my book, *College Prep Genius*, which contain over 350 tips, strategies, shortcuts, 75 scholarship web sites, college interview tips, 300 must-know math terms, etc.

For more information about getting free college and raising test scores, go to www.collegeprepgenius.com.

If you are interested in hosting one of my “Master the SAT Classes” in your city, you may contact me at 81-SAT-2-PREP (817-282-7737) or info@collegeprepgenius.com.

Thanks again,

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Number 1 University

Harvard

Well-Rounded vs. Angular

1. *Academics*
2. *Community Service*
3. *Extra-curricular*
4. *Awards, achievements, honors*
5. *Test scores*

PLAN FOR SUCCESS

- *High School Notebook*
- *4-Year Academic Plan/ 4-year Summer Plan*
- *Start test prep early*

AP

College-level courses, taken in jr/sr years; tests in May; grades 1-5; receive college credit; demonstrates mastering of coursework; skip classes in college; homeschoolers can study on their own; watch internet course or get an outside AP teacher.

DUAL

Students enroll in high school and college simultaneously and earn credit for both. The credit may or may not transfer (sometimes used for honors class or internal placement). See info at www.collegetransfer.net & www.transfer.org. Taken in jr/sr years; fill out application; take an SAT/ACT; and the cost can vary from free to nominal.

CLEP

Earn college credit by taking qualified tests; corresponds to one-semester class; tests are 90 minutes long; fee for test and center; taken at any age; can take fewer classes, spend less money; use to finish a degree; too many college credits can nullify scholarships.

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Community Service

Create a spreadsheet: location, hours worked, supervisor's name, get letters of recommendation; show commitment, passion and dedication!

*Websites: www.dosomething.org | www.volunteermatch.org | www.cogito.org
www.house.gov/wait/intern03.htm | www.jhu.edu/gifted/imagine/index.html*

*Congressional Award -1. Personal Development 2. Fitness 3. Exploration 4. Volunteering
Ages 14-23 www.congressionalaward.org*

Important Test Score Info

Start preparing in 9th grade; Keep record of improvement; Take until desired score; Add best SAT scores to transcript (entrance, scholarships, credibility)

SAT vs. ACT

100% of all colleges take either one; both are for college entrance and scholarships. SAT is logic and ACT is content-based but if a college prefers one over the other, they convert the score (e.g. 1300 SAT = 29 ACT)

Important Transcript Info

Type it, two pages, specify course title, include best test scores, notate if state equivalent, add graduation date, sign and notarize

Little-Known Secrets

- 1. Johns Hopkins (CTY)*
- 2. Duke (TIP)*
- 3. Northwestern (CTD)*
- 4. University of Denver*
- 5. Stanford (EPGY)*

Qualify through Iowa/Stanford tests; parents can nominate for Duke: tip.duke.edu/node/539

4-Year Summer Plan

Attend multiple campus programs; goal related jobs; enriching activities (unaccredited/independent) Set limits--kids need downtime

Com App

www.commonapp.org

NOTEBOOK/PORTFOLIO

Letters of recommendation, extra-curricular, community service, 4-year summer plan, transcript/test scores

#1 CRITERION -- raise SAT score

WHY -- levels playing field

HOW -- learn hidden patterns

WHEN -- ASAP: more time to improve

WHERE -- at home, self-directed, incorporated in curriculum

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10 Secrets of the SAT

1. *Highest score is 2400*
2. *No penalty for taking it many times*
3. *Many colleges use Super Score*
4. *Most colleges use Score Choice*
5. *Offered 7 times a year*
6. *PSAT is by the College Board*
7. *Reasoning Test*
8. *Costs 625k to make*
9. *Full scholarships*
10. *Learnable test*

16 Steps to Test Success

1. *Check www.tip.duke.edu (4th-9th grades)*
2. *Create account at www.collegeboard.com*
3. *Add logic*
4. *Take PSAT in 9th grade (October)*
5. *Practice 1 hour a week for PSAT*
6. *Use real PSAT/SAT tests*
7. *Take PSAT in 10th grade (October)*
8. *Practice 2-3 hours per week*
9. *Summer before junior year 10 hours/week - full length tests*
10. *Take PSAT in junior year (when it counts)*
11. *Take October/November SAT*
12. *Add 10 hours of practice for SAT*
13. *Take more SATs in spring*
14. *Summer before senior year add 10 hours/week practice; Saturdays take full length tests*
15. *Take October/November SAT as a senior*
16. *Learn how to take the test*

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Alaska Performance Scholarship

Level 1

\$4,755 per year, SAT 1680, GPA-3.5

Level 2

\$3,566 per year, SAT 1560, GPA-3.0

Level 3

\$2,378 per year, SAT 1450, GPA 2.5

University/Community College

Engineer, teacher, scientist, doctor, accountant, artist, lawyer

Vocational Schools

Hairdresser, cook, mechanic, IT Person

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