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**** It's Here! Summer 2022: The Summer of Enrichment**-are you worried your child has fallen behind because of the school changes due to COVID 19? We are offering enrichment this summer to address these deficits including: organizational and time management skills, reading comprehension, writing skills, study and test taking skills, math, and science. Our test prep services and college admissions consultation services continue to draw high school students. Act now to ensure your child's readiness for the Fall of 2022!

****Common App Update:** The new essay prompts have been sent to college admissions consultants like us. We are now working with rising seniors on these essays so that they are completed before summer break. Take advantage of this free time and sign up for essay services!

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By, Sydney Lavin

Summer vacation is an exciting time of year for students and parents. The end of the school year and an eight-month regiment of long school days that start early, homework, studying, and after-school activities is grueling. Students look forward to summer break as it is a time to destress and recharge after a stressful year. In order to achieve a well-rounded and enriching summer, taking advantage of new experiences including jobs, classes, summer programs, and diving deeper into personal interests can be the key to a balanced three months and lead to self-discovery and awareness about one's own passions.

For many schools, summer academic enrichment is required and important in preventing the summer slide, or loss of academic progress. Research shows that not engaging academically during summer break can lead to a setback, and most schools have summer assignments to combat these losses. Two months of reading and math skills can be lost over a summer, and cumulatively this can mean an overall two years of learning loss. Experts say that reading or taking part in other academic areas at least two to three hours per week counteracts summer slide.

Some academic work over the summer is important but so is finding fun, exciting activities. This can include camps of your choice, whether it is fashion, robotics, cooking, sports. Studying abroad, internships, babysitting and matching interests with a job can all play a role in extracurricular enhancement.

As a parent, it is important to take your child's mental health into account when guiding them in planning their break. Keeping mental health, a priority and allowing students to make their own choices are essential to individual empowerment. This can take place through cooperative creation of consistent schedules, spending

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Helpful Links

For info about SAT I, II, and AP Tests go to:

www.collegeboard.com

For info about ACT test go to:

www.act.org

For info about test optional schools go to:

www.fairtest.org/university/optional

For info about financial aid go to:

www.FAFSA.ed.gov

www.fastweb.com

www.finaid.org

For college search info go to:

www.collegenavigator.gov

www.collegeprowler.com

To take a virtual tour of college campuses go to:

www.youniversitytv.com

To learn about Colleges That Change Lives go to:

www.ctcl.org

quality time with family and friends, enjoying time outside and taking advantage of the weather. Finding balance between leisure and responsibility is a lifelong skill that students can learn over the summer.



AcademicAlly, LLC is launching the Summer of Enrichment 2022. We know students are still rebounding in the aftermath of a still-ongoing pandemic. We are offering students in grades 2-12, college, and graduate school customized programs to bridge gaps and prepare them for the fall. We are focused on the areas listed below.

Take advantage of this valuable opportunity.

Summer of Enrichment 2022

With our **individualized** programs, your student can still have a great summer AND keep those academic skills fresh.

Summer is the perfect time to **strengthen** academic skills, **get ahead** of the college admissions process, or **prepare** for classes this fall. (And we promise to make it fun!)

Organizational Skills:

- Establish time management strategies to better organize academic and personal responsibilities
- Create personalized set of tools to better manage time
- Implement a system to effectively access, submit, and store assignments in a digital format
- Learn techniques and tools to organize personal space and belongings
- Establishment and maintenance of a homework protocol
- Effective self-advocacy and communication skills
- Self-accountability strategies

Writing Skills:

- Learn the value of pre-writing in order to organize thoughts and flow of a written piece
- Fine-tune editing skills, being mindful of proper punctuation and grammar
- Understanding how to effectively conduct research using key search words and appropriate resources, guided by strong essential questions
- Develop writing skills needed for creating a comprehensive paper

Keeping on Track:

Seniors: Congratulations!! You did it! We cannot wait to see what you do next!

Juniors: Congratulations to you as well! This was not an easy year, and you came through it relatively unscathed. Start to work on your college essays-we are here to help should you need it. Visit college campuses. Take some time to rest and rejuvenate your soul as you begin your summer break; you more than deserve it!

ACT: Here is the link for the latest ACT information: <https://act.org>

SAT: Here is the link for the latest SAT information: <https://collegeboard.org>

****We are helping students with their college admissions essays and test prep now! Schedule your appointment today.**

Pay it Forward: Do you know someone who is struggling with the shift to virtual classroom learning?? Send them this newsletter or forward us their contact information. We want to help!

Contact Us

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Reading Comprehension:

- Learn how to identify and record important information
- Create a personalized system for organizing facts from the reading.
- Learn how to effectively research sources for research-based assignments
- Utilize strategies to break down readings into smaller more manageable chunks

Math Skills: up through Calculus

Science Skills:

Whether you are taking biology, chemistry, or physics, we can help you master this material!

College Admissions Consulting:

Assistance with creating appropriate colleges to which to apply

- Brainstorming and editing college essays
- Admissions interview preparation
- Strategies to maximize college visits
- Knowledge about the changing landscape of college admissions in the face of COVID 19

SAT/ACT Test Prep:

- Learn helpful test taking strategies
- Determine which test is right for you
- Up-to-date information about testing in the face of COVID 19

We work with you to **customize** a plan to ensure your student's success. Spaces are filled on a first-come first-served basis. Act now while space is available.