



UB/WI NEWSLETTER

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I hope you are still working on those New Year Resolutions and keeping each and every one! What a great time to start trying to do something better—like say... making better grades... scheduling more study time...practice for the ACT perhaps... These are all great resolutions but with out a plan—they are not likely to happen. That’s one of the reason’s we try to do those darn Goal Setting exercises with you at the beginning of semesters. Setting goals is easy—it’s figuring out the steps it

takes to actually accomplish the goals that help get you where you want to be. A friend of mine had a goal to write a novel for years but it never happened. At least until she got around to making a plan of what she needed to do to actually write a book. Those kind of things never just happen. She made a plan that involved setting aside time to brain storm the outline, to research any technical stuff she needed to know, and time to write each day. Even if it were just for 15 minutes—there had to be actual writing each day.

When she began to see progress on her book and it was no longer just a “dream” she became even more excited and determined to finish it. Now I can’t wait to see the finished product myself! Anyway, my point is: MAKE A PLAN for your future and the things you want to do with your life. A great time to start is today!

Reunion Dates

January 20

February 17

March 10

April 21

May 12

**We will NOT have a January Enrichment Session.



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Pre-College Questions

Excellent Question for all about to apply to college!

My daughter carried a 3.7 GPA prior to her junior year, when she was hired at a local water park. During her all-important junior year she earned a 2.5 GPA, which has drastically lowered her cumulative GPA. How do we explain that her work is cutting into her schooling? She worked in order to contribute to our family. I am a single mom with three children. She bought a car, pays for her own insurance, cell phone, clothes, and all her extracurricular activities. She also has a savings account for college.—worried Mom

experience at the water park, which I assume is a year-round job, since you say it cut into her school work. The admission officer should gain an understanding of why this job was so time consuming and how it impacted her grades. The essay, however, should be upbeat and focus on one of her most impressive deeds or innovations at the water park. Did she save a life? Did she help the park to double its business? Did she design a new water ride? Did she design a publicity campaign? Did she help the other workers get along? She should not necessarily emphasize the material things that she used the money to

buy, even though a parent might think that such purchases demonstrate responsibility. Not all college admissions officers will share these values. Most won't be impressed, for example, that she worked to buy her own car, cell phone and wardrobe, rather than devoting her out-of-school time to excellence in education. Lots of kids with higher grades don't own cars.
—College Admissions

Dear Mom: Your daughter should probably focus one of her college application essays on her work

We are what we think.
All that we are arises
with our thought.
With our thoughts, we
make our world—
Gautama Buddha

January Birthdays

Tandameshia Hastings 1/2
Jordan Duncan 1/12
Steven Wash 1/15
David Blume 1/27



Education is the guardian genius of democracy.
It is the only dictator free men recognize, and
the only ruler that free men require.

—Mirabeau Buonaparte Larmar

SEE YOU JANUARY 20!



