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# CATCHING THE COLLEGE FIRE

*The challenges for acceptance into college may be fierce, but FHN's tributes are fiercer*

This is it. The platform before the short drop into the arena. The training ground before the games begin. As the promise of college draws closer, the pressure of it all sets in. The application process, the earning of scholarships, and the receiving of financial aid are daunting tasks for the average high school student, but when the cannon explodes and tributes plunge into the arena, the preparation of each student is pushed to the limit.

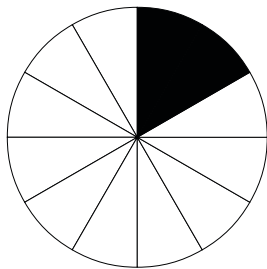
High school serves as the final training ground to hone the skills of English, math, and science, but ultimately the planning and preparation of the students is what will increase the odds of acceptance in their favor.

The perilous task of paying for college also looms as an ever-present danger. Students must have the drive to succeed in high school. Challenging courses, extracurriculars and volunteer work all play a role in determining who the dedicated students are from the supine students, and also a role in which students earn scholarships and other types of financial aid.

The scores of the tributes receive on standardized tests are also a key factor in determining the likely academic achievement of students in college as well as their performance in high school. Tests like the ACT, SAT, and PSAT rank possible tributes with nothing more than a number and the highest scores stand out from the competition and draw the attention of the ultimate Gamemakers: the colleges.

While all of these factors present obstacles for students to overcome, the main challenge comes in balancing each of the requirements to become accepted into their desired college. With vigorous training in the forms of challenging classes, with dedicated participation in extracurricular activities, and with unstoppable goals, tributes can strive to become victors in the end. At the end of the games, there will be few victors left standing. It's up to these tributes to decide their own futures and make their own success.

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# APPLYING

## WHAT THE GAMEMAKERS ARE REALLY LOOKING FOR

*With the fierce competition for acceptance into college, it's difficult to stand out- even if you are the "Girl on Fire"*

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### MATT SCHNEIDER

**ACT Score: 36**

**Advanced Placement Courses and Honors**

Classes: AP Psychology, AP Calculus BC, AP Literature, AP Spanish, Spectra, Honors Symphonic Band

**Clubs Involved In:** National Honor Society, Speech and Debate, Spanish Club, Scholar Bowl, Young Democrats

**Colleges Applied To:**

University of Minnesota, Indiana University, Boston College, Ohio State University

**What do you think is the toughest part about applying to college?**

"Trying to make yourself stand out from the crowd is the toughest part."

**Do think extracurriculars have been helpful?**

"I think that extracurricular activities have been huge. Not just for college, but for my high school experience. Some of the best friends and memories I've made happened through extracurriculars."

The clock begins to tick as soon as high school begins. In this four-year training period, students are expected to learn as much as possible in order to prepare for the next task at hand: a college education. However, getting accepted into college presents a daunting challenge when each college has different ideologies for its "model student."

"Being involved is a big thing," Admissions Counselor for Truman State University Lauren Titterington said. "I want students to be involved as much as they think they can handle being involved. I think being yourself is a big part of it, and being involved in the things you want to be involved in is a big part of it as well. Making sure you are staying on top of your classes, that you are able to handle everything you are trying to undertake."

For senior Matt Schneider, becoming involved in extracurricular activities was a priority right at the start of freshman year. Immediately, he became involved in activities that were meaningful to him and provided the opportunity for significant involvement. He participated in clubs like Spanish Club, Scholar Bowl and Speech and Debate to figure out what he liked best.

"I knew that I needed to stay involved in extracurricular activities at school and take on leadership roles, not just for college, but because I wanted to," Schneider said. "Every year since then I've be-

come more involved in clubs at school and deepened my involvement in each."

After freshman year, Schneider decided to step up to the challenge of leadership in many of the clubs he was involved in. These various leadership roles for Schneider now include President of National Honor

Society, Speech Chairman, and Treasurer of Spanish Club.

"Well-rounded students are going to be a big thing," Titterington said. "Someone who has taken college preparatory classes, and not every school has AP or IB classes, but if you're taking classes that are Pre-AP or Honors that are going to prepare you for college, then that's going to be a

big thing. Obviously competitive ACT scores is a big thing. Students involved outside of the classroom and that is obviously very important as well. We want them to be involved not only in the academic side of things, but also extracurricularly."

Not all colleges require a résumé to demonstrate a student's involvement in extracurricular activities, but many use this information to determine what role each student will play on campus. It is also used to determine how they will contribute to the community academically and socially. For many universities, the search for well-rounded students proves to be a top priority when viewing applicants due to each school's desire for a diverse student body.

"All activities where students can highly participate or take on a leadership role help them in the admissions-scholarship search," Guidance Department Chair and College Career Counselor Lisa Woodrum said. "I think it also helps them in life because people are going to be leaders after high school and after college, so I think that's important."

FHN's opportunities for involvement range from foreign language clubs to Student Council. For students, the A+ program enables them to feel a sense of leadership and pride in community service by encouraging them to participate in 50 hours of various volunteer work. It also

allows students to earn scholarship money for college.

"Especially for selective college admissions, the biggest thing for you to stand out from other people is to have passions for something or for many things," Schneider said. "The best way to find what you're passionate about is to be involved in as many different clubs. Right from the start freshman year try things out and if you don't like them don't stick with them, but the only way that you're going to be able to really know what you like doing--what you want to be doing--is to try things out; and the best time to start is the beginning."



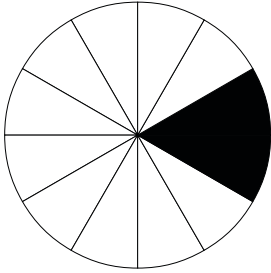
### LISA WOODRUM

**Guidance Department Chair and College Career Counselor**

**What can help a student get accepted?**

"All activities where they can have a leadership role helps and it helps them in life because people are going to be leaders in college."





## ZAK DAVLIN

**ACT Practice Score: 24**

**Goal:** Upper 20s

**Advanced Placement Courses and Honors**

**Classes:** Honors physics, Math Analysis

**Clubs Involved In:** Wrestling

**Colleges Looking At:** Truman State

**Would you recommend the ACT Prep class?**

"If you're looking for a higher ACT score, it's an easy way to increase points—especially in English."

**How important do you think the ACT is?**

"The higher the score you get on the ACT, the more scholarships and grants that you get. One third of the stuff colleges look for is the ACT, so it's important."

# ACT PREP

## THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

*To gain recognition, tributes must take the ultimate test*

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Two hundred fifteen questions. Three hours. Four sections. One score that determines a student's college preparedness and potential. Perhaps one of the most well known college entrance exams, the ACT is important indicator of a student's academic performance through high school. It is also accepted by every four-year college and university in the United States.

"If [students] have never taken it before, they don't really realize how grueling it is," ACT Prep teacher Pam Stratton said. "I mean, three hours with one 10 minute break is exhausting. Learning how to pace themselves will help tremendously."

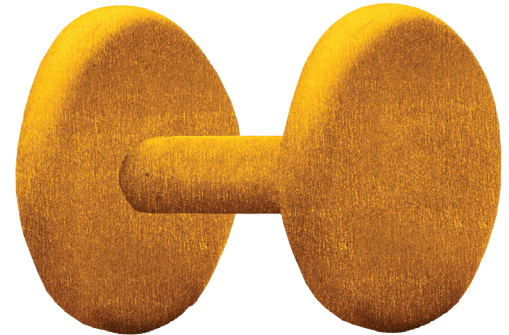
The ACT is broken up into four sections: English, math, reading, and science. The 45 minute, 75 question, English portion measures standard English and rhetorical skills and the 35 minute, 40 question, reading portion of the test measures students reading comprehension. The 60 minute, 60 question math section of the ACT measures the math skills that students have learned throughout high school and contains various topics ranging from pre-algebra to trigonometry and plane geometry. Lastly, the 35 minute, 40 question, science portion of the test measures skills such as interpretation of data and analytic reasoning that are involved in natural sciences.

"It's all about improvement," Stratton said. "Some kids have taken it before, we talk about setting a realistic target. Realistically, you should be able to utilize strategies and raise [your score] at least three points."

Since the ACT plays a key role in college acceptance, FHN introduced an ACT Prep class this year in order to better prepare students and increase their chances for scholarships and various forms of financial aid. Throughout the course of one semester, the two classes switch between Stratton, who teaches the math and science portions, and Dawn Jones, who teaches the English and reading portions. About every two weeks, the students in math switch to English and vice versa.

"Anyone in math first quarter could forget everything, so we just do it back and forth," Jones said.

The class specifically targets the ACT by focusing on the content of the test, while also teaching students useful strategies to tackle each portion. Some of these strategies include Process of Elimination (POE), estimation, and Personal Order of Difficulty (POOD).



## HELPFUL HINTS

*Use this timeline to find out the steps students should take through high school to best prepare for college*

### FRESHMEN should...

- Consider taking ACT or PreACT
- Meet with a guidance counselor
- Get involved in extracurricular activities
- Begin taking challenging classes
- Sign up for the A+ program

### SENIORS should...

- Take the ACT at least one final time before January
- Take the SAT before January
- Take SAT subject tests
- Continue taking challenging courses
- Finish any remaining A+ hours
- Try for AP credit by taking the AP tests and scoring a 3 or above
- Participate in extracurricular activities
- Take on leadership roles
- Get involved in the community
- Volunteer more
- Read more
- Visit any schools left on the list
- Check for application deadlines
- See if the colleges they are applying to are on the Common Application

### SOPHOMORES should...

- Take PSAT in October
- Participate in extracurricular activities
- Create a filing system for college materials
- Start researching schools
- Visit schools between sophomore and junior year
- Take the ACT at least once

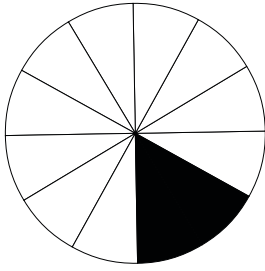
### JUNIORS should...

- Take the ACT in September
- Take the PSAT in October to try for the National Merit Scholar program
- Try the SAT and SAT subject tests
- Complete all 50 A+ hours
- Research and visit schools
- Keep taking challenging classes
- Start applying for scholarships
- Being looking more closely at specific colleges
- Take the ACT in June
- Continue applying for scholarships
- Write colleges essays
- Find a teacher who would be good for writing letters of recommendation
- Ask a teacher for help with editing college essays
- Look into types of financial aid
- Fill out a FAFSA

"POOD is essential on the reading section," Jones said. "Of the reading passages, students know which they're best at and which they're worst at and they put them in order of personal difficulty. They can do drills and decide how they take the test."

For junior Zak Davlin, the decision to sign up for ACT prep was largely based on his desire to earn scholarships since he must pay for college on his own. With continued practice in class, Davlin is aiming for a 30 on his ACT.

"I've already seen that by applying strategies to English, I only miss one to two questions per page," Davlin said. "I think most things [we have learned] are going to improve my score five to six points. I've seen improvement through the practice and the homework we get."



# CAMPUS VISITS



## CATHERINE HOUSE

**ACT Score:** 32

### Advanced Placement Courses and Honors

**Classes:** AP English Literature, AP Psychology, AP Biology, AP Calculus BC, Band

**Clubs Involved In:** Knights of Excellence, StuCo, DECA, Science Club

**Colleges Applied To:** Missouri State University, University of Alabama

### What did you think of the college visits?

"They're very similar schools. It made me very excited to start college, I don't really want to wait. It felt like it could be my home away from home."

### Explain what you liked about each of the schools you visited.

"At Alabama, I loved the campus and all of the staff was very friendly and informative. For Missouri State, I liked the community. It seemed like there was a lot going on and I wanted to be a part of it."

## COMMON MISSOURI SCHOOLS



Check out this map showing some of Missouri's most popular schools and where each of them are located

- **Truman State University**- Recognized as the best public university in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges 2014."
- **University of Missouri Kansas City**- Offers more than fifty majors and programs in 125 academic areas.
- **University of Missouri Columbia**- Offers more than 300 degree programs.
- **Missouri Science & Technology**- Ranked second in the nation for engineering by Online College Database's Directory of U.S. Colleges.
- **Missouri State University**- Received "Best in the Midwest" distinction from The Princeton Review.
- **Southeast Missouri State**- Offers more than 200 areas of study.
- **St. Louis University**- Ranked first in health law by U.S. News & World Report for 2014.
- **Washington University**- Offers more than 90 programs in a broad spectrum of traditional and interdisciplinary fields.
- **University of Missouri St. Louis**- Offers the only professional optometry degree in Missouri.
- **St. Charles Community College**- a public two-year community college with associate degrees and certificate programs.
- **Fontbonne University**- Offers undergraduate and graduate programs focused on educating students to think critically.
- **St. Louis College of Pharmacy**- Integrates the liberal arts and science with a professional program leading to a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm. D.) degree.

info from respective school websites

# BIG DECISIONS

*Getting familiar with the territory plays a crucial role in determining the success of a tribute in the arena*

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With so many colleges to choose from, it's senior Catherine House's job to pick which one best suits her. Without an idea of what she wants to do, she thinks best way to find her ideal college is by visiting each.

"There were some places that I was like 'Yeah, I might want to go here,' but after I visited I was like 'Eh, not so much anymore,'" Catherine said. "So by going on a tour and visiting, it really helped narrow it down."

During a typical college visit, the potential student walks the campus with a student tour guide, either in a group or one-on-one. This is a time to ask questions and get a feel for the school.

"It was helpful to be able to ask the questions when I was there because it's to someone who is passionate about their school and will give you more information than you origi-

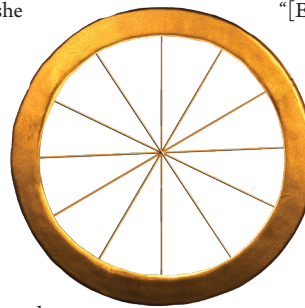
nally asked for so it's really informational," Catherine said.

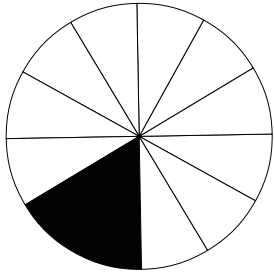
During visits, the colleges themselves want to make a good impression. Catherine thought the colleges put their best foot forward and really exhibited all of the great things that they had to offer.

"[Every college] makes their school sound great," Catherine's mom, Mardi House said. "It can sometimes actually make it even harder to choose a school because they make it sound so good that you want to go there."

Choosing a college is usually difficult for most people. Visiting a campus allows potential students to make the decision after personally seeing and learning about the college.

"It's important to make sure that if there is anything at all that you have doubts about, that you have a chance to ask those important questions," Mardi House said. "I personally like communicating face-to face so for me it makes it easier to understand what they are saying to me and it makes it more personal."





## ADDISON EAKER

ACT Score: 30

### Advanced Placement Courses and Honors

Classes: AP Stats, AP  
Literature and AP Biology

Clubs Involved In: StuCo,  
National Honors Society

Colleges Applied To: Ball  
State University, University  
of Nebraska Lincoln (UNL)

### How big of a role is financial aid going to play in choosing a school?

"[Financial aid] is going to play a huge role because my parents are concerned with me being in debt. They'd rather me not have that. I want to go to an out of state college, but I might have to go to an in state school for that reason."

### Why is financial aid important to you?

"[Financial aid is important] because schools are really expensive and you don't want debt and loans hanging over your head for the rest of your life."

# FINANCIAL AID

## PARACUTES WON'T SEND THEMSELVES

*Tributes must be advocates for themselves if they want aid in the arena*

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The fight for college admissions is never an easy one. Some are torn between their decision to pursue a math major or an English degree. Some can't decide whether to aim for veterinary school or the medical field, but for many finances are a challenge.

"I'm really excited to be leaving and experiencing new things but it's also really like, I'm really anxious about it too," senior Addison Eaker said.

Students often don't know the right questions to ask when it comes to financing their college education. In consequence, adults often don't know when students may need help. It's up to students to educate themselves about financial aid. Students like Eaker are researching scholarship opportunities, one of the three kinds of financial aid.

"Making a decision is definitely the hardest part because there's so many factors that go into it," Eaker said.

Many financial advisors believe students should apply for financial aid because they never know what could happen. There is always the possibility for a family's economic situation to change.

"I always encourage every student to apply for financial aid," Rebecca Fallon, financial aid adviser from University of Missouri-Columbia (Mizzou) said. "The way federal aid works is that everyone, no matter how much your parents make, no matter what the financial situation is, every student who fills out a FAFSA, qualifies for federal student loans."

Financial aid is split into three categories: grants, scholarships, and loans. Seniors are able to apply for aid in January of their senior year, usually after their parents have paid taxes. It is recommended that students talk with their parents before this date in order to form a plan to get the most financial aid.

"I think that a really important piece of information that I would recommend to all students is just be in communication," said Fallon. "Be in communication with your parents, when you're filling out the FAFSA, when you're applying to colleges. If you're going to need their help paying for it, make sure you have that conversation now, rather than the day before classes start."

To apply for financial aid, a student must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is an online form that requires some personal information that will help determine how much aid a student will receive.

"You don't really know [how much aid you'll receive] till

## HOW TO GET FREE AID

*Grants can be a good way to help pay for college*

A grant is a sum of money given by an organization or government, for a particular purpose.

### TYPES OF GRANTS:

- Federal Pell Grants: Federal Pell Grants usually are awarded only to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or a professional degree.
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG): Students can receive between \$100 and \$4,000 a year.
- Teacher Educational Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH): This grant requires students to take certain kinds of classes in order to get the grant, and then do a certain kind of job to keep the grant from turning into a loan.
- Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant: You may be eligible to receive the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant if your parent was a member of the U.S. armed forces and died as a result of military service performed in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11.

you do it," Senior Admissions Counselor at Truman State University Matt Magruder said.

Some weeks after the applications come in, a letter is sent back to the student who applied that informs them about the scholarships and grants they are eligible for. However, they must prepare in advance.

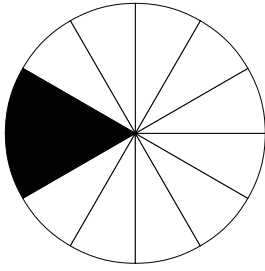
"It's never too late," Magruder said. "I think earlier is always going to be best."

One of the most important things to remember is to watch for deadlines.

"The best advice I can give is to make sure that you pay attention to deadlines," Assistant Director of Undergraduate Financial Aid at Princeton University, Benjamin Eley said. "A lot of schools have different deadlines for what they call priority consideration so if you apply for financial aid late, you might miss out on some money that you would otherwise get."

Stay ahead of the clock and get things done as early as possible. The last thing anyone wants to do is lose a potential admission in the college of their dreams.





# SCHOLARSHIPS



**KENDRA KELCH**

**ACT Score: 28**

**Advanced Placement  
Courses and Honors**

**Classes:** AP Calculus, AP  
Physics

**Clubs Involved In:** Young  
Democrats, Cheerleading,  
National Honors Society,  
Gay Straight Alliance, Great  
Moon buggy Race Club,  
Robotics Club

**Colleges Applied To:**  
Purdue, University of  
Florida, Missouri Science  
and Technology, University  
of Iowa

**Why apply for scholarships?**  
"I'd rather not start my life  
off after college with a heap  
of debt. I don't want to wait  
until I'm 40 to get all of my  
student loans paid off."

**Scholarships Awarded:**  
Merit Scholarships, Women  
in Engineering Scholarship,  
FIRST Robotics Scholarship,  
Legacy Scholarship at  
University of Iowa, Air Force  
ROTC

## THE POWER OF THE PARACHUTES

*A devoted senior fighting for scholarships is a regular pro at jumping for any scholarship she finds*

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Senior Kendra Kelch completes another scholarship application and grabs the next. Name, ACT score, GPA. She's applied for the Air Force ROTC and FIRST Robotics scholarships and she's received the Legacy scholarship at University of Iowa.

"It was awesome to find get the Legacy scholarship," Kelch said, "mainly because the reason I got in is because my dad went to school there so it's kind of a sense of pride. And it's always nice to get free money."

Some Missouri scholarships include the A+ Scholarship, Bright Flight, and the AP Incentive Grant. In addition, there is the Saint Louis University NCAA Division I Grant-In-Aid which requires that students play the same sport in high school that they are planning to participate in at SLU. The deadline for this scholarship is Dec. 1 and requires a \$100 deposit to the Office of Undergraduate Admission at St. LU.

"Students should apply for scholarships because they are one of the biggest decision factors when looking at universities," Admissions Counselor at Truman State University Lauren Titterington said. "They're important so that you have enough financial aid, and in some cases the amount of effort students have put forth show that they deserve scholarships."

Scholarships are available for academics, sports achievements, and traits a person has like, race, family income, religion.

"It's similar to the saying on real estate: location, location, location," Gifted Education Specialist Jon Travis said. "For scholarships it's apply, apply, apply."

Students can also use websites to learn about scholarships in their area of interest by submitting information about themselves. These websites give suggestions based on things students are involved in.

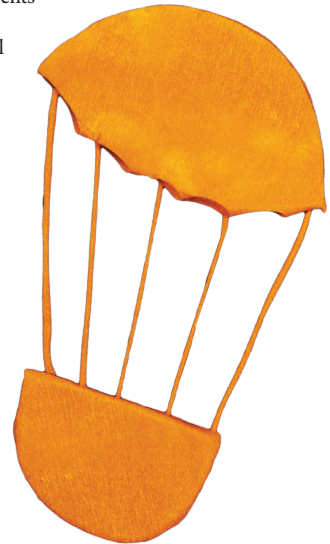
"I found most of the scholarships I'm applying to on college websites and I heard about some from teachers and my parents," Kelch said.

In 2012 the graduating class at FHN earned \$5.7 million in scholarships and in 2013, the graduating class earned \$6,030,000. However, some students may not have chosen to use the scholarship money for the school that offered it. Still, Travis encourages all students to apply for as many scholarships as they can so students will have a better chance of receiving one.

"Just like in the lottery, you can't win if you don't try," Travis said.

If a student is interested in applying for a scholarship they should check what the university has to offer and make sure they meet the qualifications necessary.

"I don't wanna be in a lot of debt," Kelch said. "I'm working to get more qualified for scholarships to get more money for going to college."



## INSIDE THE PARACHUTE

*Here are a few organizations that are willing to offer some help along the way for the fight from tribute to victor*

### NATIONAL

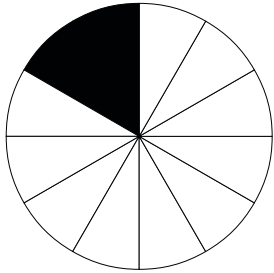
- National Merit Scholarship-up to \$2,500: awarded to students who take the PSAT/NMSQT and are selected from the Finalist group.
- American Fire Sprinkler Association Scholarship-\$2,000: read a short essay about sprinklers and fire safety, then take a 10-question quiz on what was just read to be entered for a chance to win.

### LOCAL

- Community Foundation of the Ozark Scholarship-varies: requires a current FAFSA-EFC and tends to depend on where the applicant lives.
- A+ Scholarship-tuition to a community college or vocational/technical school: awarded to students with an overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher, at least 50 hours of tutoring or mentoring and 95 percent attendance.

### ODD

- Chick and Sophie Major Memorial Duck Calling Contest-\$2,000: Duck calling contest open to any high school senior.
- Tall Clubs International Student Scholarship-up to \$1,000: minimum height requirement is 5'10" for women and 6'2" for men. The scholarship requires applicants to find a TCI member to be his/her sponsor.



# FINAL DECISION

## THE VICTORY TOUR

*After winning the Games, there is still work to be done by the tributes*

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### **JIMMY HIGGINS**

#### **Colleges Applied To:**

Truman State University, University of Missouri-Columbia, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Murray State University

#### **What is the hardest part about finding a college?**

"Finding the school that gives me the best chance to succeed later in life."



### **CHRIS CATTRON**

#### **Colleges Applied To:**

Missouri Institute of Science and Technology

#### **Why Missouri S&T?**

"Because they're a really good engineering school with lots of opportunity. It's not too close, but it's not too far away and it's affordable."

While most seniors worry about making their final college decision, senior Chris Cattron has already been accepted to his first choice school: the Missouri Institute of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T). Chris believes this is his perfect college because he plans on becoming a civil engineer.

"I was pretty excited [when I got accepted]," Chris said. "It was comforting to know that if I want to go there, that that's open already, and it was just really nice getting accepted into the one school that I really wanted to go to."

Many students aren't sure what to do after being accepted. Admissions Counselor for Truman State University Lauren Titterington suggests that students like Chris, who have been accepted, visit the school in the fall of their senior year in order to sit in on classes to experience what it will be like as a student.

To prepare for college, Chris reads books on physics and engineering in his spare time so he can be familiar with the material. He has also spoken to students currently attending Missouri S&T which has helped Chris solidify his decision to only apply to one school. However, Chris doesn't believe that applying to only one school is for everyone.

"You can always apply to more schools, so don't not apply to a school just because you're not sure if you're going there," Chris said.

Unlike Chris, senior Jimmy Higgins applied to multiple colleges. Jimmy, like many students, wants to keep his options open by looking at many. He applied to six colleges with dreams of becoming a veterinarian and the back-up plan of

becoming an accountant.

"I'm leaning towards Truman right now...because they have the best accounting program in the Midwest," Jimmy said.

Jimmy will base his choices for his top three schools on location, the number of scholarships available to him and campus appeal.

"I'm going to narrow it down to probably three of my top schools, and then I'm going to look in from there and see which scholarships apply to me," Jimmy said.

For students like Jimmy, who will not make their final decision until spring of their senior year, Titterington suggests that they stay on top of all the next sets of deadlines. She advises students to get their housing requests in as soon as possible in order to get assigned their top choice.

Right now, Jimmy is taking AP and Honors classes to get practice with handling the workload. Titterington believes this is great preparation for college classes. She said she sees a lot of first year students struggle with the new responsibilities of college.

"Typically in high school, you're in class for eight hours a day, and then you study for maybe two to three hours," Titterington said. "In college, that gets flipped on its head. You're in class for two maybe three hours...and you're definitely studying for more than two to three hours a day. I think that's a really new concept [for freshmen] because they don't know just how much work it is going to take."



## ADVICE FROM PAST TRIBUTES

*These 2013 FHN graduates and some FHN faculty give their advice to the graduating class of 2014*

### **2013 TRIBUTES**

"There is a lot more time needed to invest in studying in college than in high school. And if you have a job or are in a sport it restricts your time. You gotta learn how to manage your time well."

-Sam McKee  
2013 graduate

"I would say to really work on organization and keeping good study habits. Then when you get into college maintain friendships from high school but get involved as much as possible."

-Julia Carney  
2013 graduate

"Don't give up too early once you get into college. Get involved in a lot of activities. Do as much as you can while you're in high school."

-Christina DeSalvo  
2013 graduate

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"Number one, call home. Number two study hard and remember why you're there. Have fun and make good choices."

-Anelise Mossinghoff  
FHN faculty

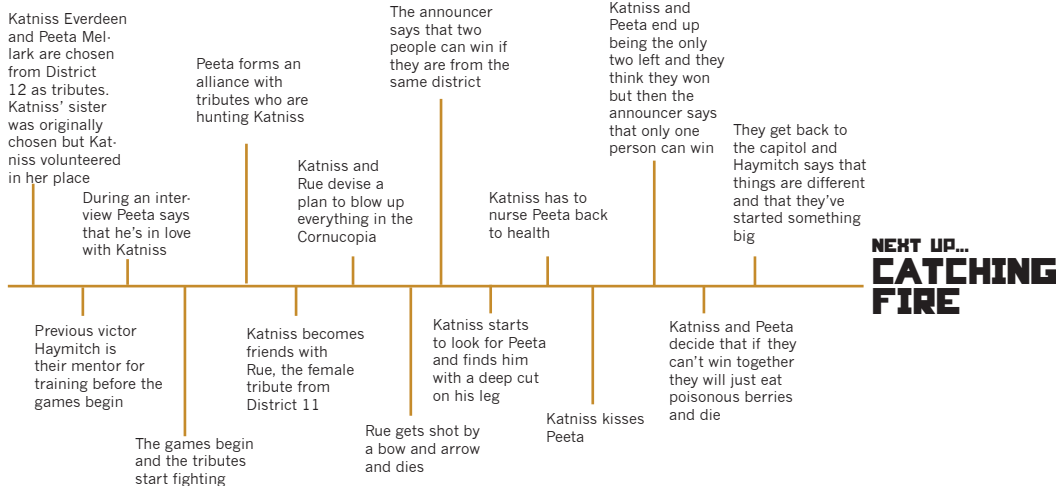
"Stay focused and use time wisely because you have a lot more time than you are used to."

-Kristen Johnson  
FHN faculty

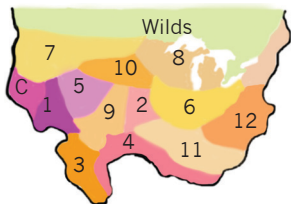
# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE HUNGER GAMES

Use this as a guide before seeing *Hunger Games: Catching Fire* to catch on the important characters, main plot line and what each district represents

## THE HUNGER GAMES RECAP



## WELCOME TO PANEM



**District 1- Luxury-** District 1 is known for making expensive items.

**District 2- Masonry/Weaponry-** This district makes the weapons for the Peacekeepers and trains.

**District 3- Electronics-** The people from District 3 are have lots of skills when it comes to electronics, transportation and firearms.

**District 4- Fishing-** This district is known for making fishhooks and people being able to swim.

**District 5- Power-** This district is responsible for the power and electricity for all of Panem.

**District 6- Transportation-** This district is responsible for the hovercraft and the trains throughout the nation.

**District 7- Lumber-** This district makes hatchets, axes, saws, and other tree cutting tools.

**District 8- Textiles-** This is where the Peacekeepers uniforms are made.

**District 9- Grain-** Made up of lots farmland, District 9 provides the grain.

**District 10- Livestock-** Where the animals are held.

**District 11- Agriculture-** Almost everything that is grown here is shipped to the Capitol.

**District 12- Coal Mining-** Their main source of income is from mining coal.

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## KEY PLAYERS

### 1. KATNISS EVERDEEN



Main character who volunteered after her sister was called for the Hunger Games. She challenged the Capitol and is known as "The Girl on Fire".

### 2. PEETA MELLARK



Peeta is the boy from district 12 chosen to be in the Hunger Games. His family has a bakery in District 12. He is also in love with Katniss.

### 4. HAYMITCH ABERNATHY



Haymitch is Katniss and Peeta's mentor during the Hunger Games. He won Hunger Games twenty-four years earlier. He now lives in Victor Village.

### 6. PRESIDENT SNOW



President Snow is the president of Panem. He also has some say about what happens in the arena during the Hunger Games.

### 8. CINNA



Cinna is Katniss' stylist during the Hunger Games. He helps to make Katniss memorable with her fiery outfits. They also share an emotional bond.

### 10. CAESAR FLICKERMAN



He is the charismatic host of the Hunger Games. He interviews Katniss and the rest of the tributes to help potential sponsors get to know them.

### 3. GALE HAWTHORNE



Gale is Katniss' best friend. He also lives in District 12. He and Katniss have been friends for years. He does whatever it takes to provide for his family.

### 5. PRIMROSE EVERDEEN



Katniss' sister, Primrose (Prim for short), gets called as the female tribute for District 12. Katniss then volunteers for her.

### 7. EFFIE TRINKET



Effie is from the capitol. She is in charge of pulling the names and escorting tributes from District 12 to the capitol. She also teaches them manners.

### 9. RUE



Rue was a tribute from District 11 who was underestimated by the other tributes due to her small size. She formed an alliance with Katniss.

### 11. SENECA CRANE



He is the Head Gamemaker for the Hunger Games. He allows two victors, Katniss and Peeta, to win together and was then executed by President Snow.

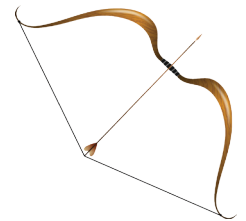
## IMPORTANT SYMBOLS

These symbols appear in the movie and have a specific meaning



### MOCKINGJAY PIN

This pin symbolizes rebellion. The mockingjay pin is a small pin with a gold bird in the middle and a gold circle surrounding it. The mockingjay is a hybrid of the jabberjay bird and mocking bird. Katniss brings this pin into the arena as a token from District 12. When a mockingjay hears a sounds it can then mimic the sounds and whistle it back.



### BOW AND ARROW

To Katniss, the bow and arrow symbolizes survival. She uses the weapons to shoot food to sell for her family. She also uses her time with the bow and arrow to be with her friend Gale. While in the arena, Katniss uses the bow and arrow to hunt with and she used it on another tribute. The bow and arrow is Katniss' first choice of weaponry.



### FIRE

At the opening ceremony of the Hunger Games, Peeta and Katniss shocked the Capitol with their fiery outfits to display District 12. This fire represents Katniss' will to survive for her sister, Prim, who she cares for more than anything. This fire also represents the flames of rebellion that began during the Hunger Games. She is given the nickname "Girl on Fire."