



GEAR UP HEADS UP

Web Resources
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College Week Live

1. College Week Live - Planning on college? Sign-up for www.CollegeWeekLive.com, the world's largest college fair and online admissions event website. It's free and supported by the U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid office. At CollegeWeekLive, you can a) *Chat live with admissions reps from 300+ colleges— show your interest!* b) *Find \$2.5+ million in financial aid & scholarships from participating colleges,* c) *Hear what campus life is like via student video webcasts from favorite schools,* d) *Get great admissions advice from experts presenting live via video on topics like "How to write a college application essay" and "How to find scholarships."*, e) *Be eligible to win a \$10,000 scholarship from CollegeWeek-Live just for logging in!* Please visit the counselor page at the web address below for more materials to pass out to students:

http://www.collegeweeklive.com/en_CA/guest/app-counselors/refcode=MW

GMU's AVAIL - Adventures in Service Learning

2. George Mason University recently launched the **Mason Center for Social Entrepreneurship**. The Center welcomes nonprofits and municipal agencies across Virginia to register to use AVAIL, a free online tool for service-learning and volunteer matching. "AVAIL will bring together thousands of organizations in need with students and faculty eager to lend a hand while learning." Visit the Center's website here: www.masoninnovation.org. Visit AVAIL at www.myavail.org.

Finding the Right School

3. US News and World Report—Finding the right college for you is just as, if not more, important than finding the best college. Use our tips, tools, and expert advice to explore your options. <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/right-school>

Top 100 Social Media Colleges

4. StudentAdvisor.com's Top 100 Social Media Colleges ranked by students- StudentAdvisor.com's Top Social Media Colleges ranking compares more than 6,000 federally recognized colleges and universities and post-secondary schools in the United States in terms of their mastery of public social media methods, tools and websites. The top 100 of those schools are shown in the ranking list, which is regularly updated.

<http://www.studentadvisor.com/top-100-social-media-colleges>

Dollar General Literacy Grant

5. The Dollar General Literacy Foundation provides support to schools throughout Dollar General's thirty-five-state market. **Back to School Grants** provide funding to help school libraries and media centers meet some of the financial challenges they face in the following areas: implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs; purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives; and purchasing books, materials, or software for literacy programs Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded. **Youth Literacy Grants** provide funding to schools working to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading. Grants of up to \$3,000 will be awarded.

http://www.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/pages/grant_programs.aspx

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