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Hello - It's that time again...testing! I know you are extremely busy but I found some articles this month that I hope you will find interesting. Happy reading... *Tommi*



Handouts and power points from the individual sessions of last month's Counselors Only Conference can be found online here:

<http://www.okcareertech.org/educators/career-and-academic-connections/bulletin-board>

- ✿ [A Good Guidance Counselor Makes All the Difference](#) – HS Counselor Week - Huffingtonpost
Maria was the youngest of three children born to Colorado natives of Mexican descent. Her father was a decent, hardworking man, who ran his own flooring business. Her mother worked in a local hospital, where she was a respected clerk. Early in their young lives, Maria and her siblings were enveloped in a nurturing environment
- ✿ [How Washington Could Make College Tuition Free \(Without Spending a Penny More on Education\)](#) – HS Counselor Week - The Atlantic
It's been a glum few weeks in the world of higher education. We officially learned that states kept slashing their funding for colleges and universities in 2012,

M&Ms (Magnificent and Marvelous) School Counselor Printable – from School Counselor Blog

During National School Counseling Week I wanted to give a fun little treat to my school counseling internship supervision group. I had been thinking of things for weeks but was having a very hard time coming up with anything that met all of my criteria: cute, colorful, inexpensive, and able to be easily recreated (I was thinking of you all on this one!!!).

- ✿ **15 bachelor's degree majors with starting pay of \$50,000-plus** – MSN on Twitter
<http://msn.careerbuilder.com/custom/msn/careeradvice/viewarticle.aspx?articleid=3284>
- ✿ **Ten lessons from the best district in the country:** from Twitter @Todd Whitaker
scholastic.com/browse/article...
- ✿ **A new curriculum product from CIMC: Surviving and Thriving: Preparing High School Students for Adulthood** – prepares high school students for adulthood by giving them the skills and knowledge they need to transition into college, other job training, or a career.
- ✿ **How to Unmake a Bully** - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N0f6gQrvD8k>
- ✿ **How to Unmake a Bully – Part 2** - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EID19h0evHs>
- ✿ Shared by *Kulwadee "Lee" Acers, LPC, School Counselor, OKC Public Schools*
An interview of HS students on having more counselors in the school. http://youtu.be/FUMYcQBv_Cg
- ✿ PLTW scholarship and the one credit opportunity at OU. For info follow this link:
<http://www.ou.edu/content/coe/wssc/scholarships/pltw.html>

From the founders of ACT's KeyTrain®, **Learning Blade** is a new and engaging way to expose middle and high school students to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Interactive exercises tied to the Common Core standards and Next Generation Science Standards allow integration in many different classrooms. Learn more at www.learningblade.com

Information found on Pinterest (hint: follow me to find even more ideas!)

- ✿ Does graduating in December or May make a difference in getting a job? - from USA TODAY College <http://www.usatodayeducate.com/staging/index.php/career/does-graduating-in-december-or-may-make-a-difference-in-getting-a-job>
- ✿ 5 of the most employable college majors – from USA TODAY College <http://www.usatodayeducate.com/staging/index.php/career/5-of-the-most-employable-college-majors>
- ✿ Great Career Success Debate: Give up summer job for unpaid internship? - from USA TODAY College <http://www.usatodayeducate.com/staging/index.php/career/great-career-success-debate-is-moving-back-in-with-my-parents-ok>

Assistive Technology - Oklahoma ABLE Tech and partners operate assistive technology (AT) device demonstration and short-term loan programs to increase accessibility to AT. The assistive technology inventory is available and searchable online at oec.okstate.edu/loan/ Oklahoma ABLE Tech allows individuals to borrow devices for six weeks at no cost. Source: Oklahoma AbleTech Fall Newsletter 2012.

N.J. district plans to combine several AP, IB courses – from ASCD SmartBrief

The Fort Lee School District in New Jersey will merge some Advance Placement and International Baccalaureate classes, such as English and history, to save money and to help students who want to take courses in both programs. After completion, the IB students will take the IB exams, and both AP and IB students can take the AP exams. "Many of our students who are in AP or desire taking an AP class also want to take an IB class and they have to make very difficult choices," assistant superintendent Sharon Amato said.

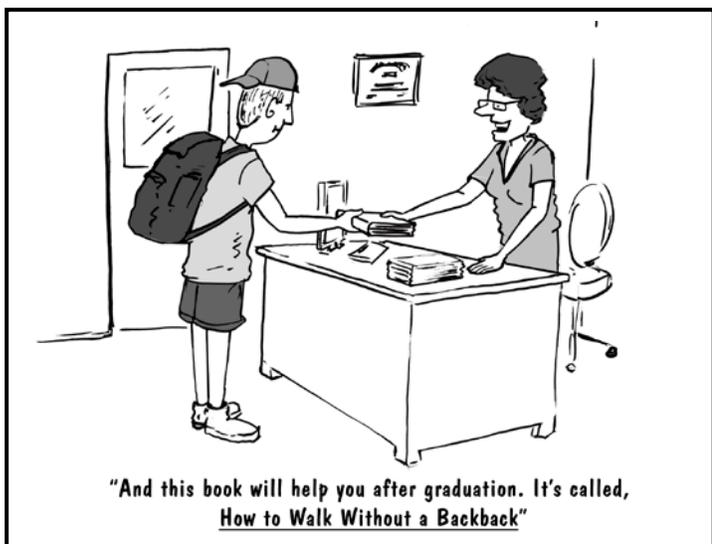
And just for you...

Inspirational...

<http://counselingvideos.blogspot.com/2012/12/how-to-go-to-drive-thru-without-arms.html>

I enjoy reading this blog – School Counseling By Heart (found on Twitter...follow me!)

- ✿ **You Brought What to School?** <http://schoolcounselingbyheart.wordpress.com/?s=you+brought+what+to+school>
- ✿ **SuperCounselor...** <http://bit.ly/149RSAv>



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