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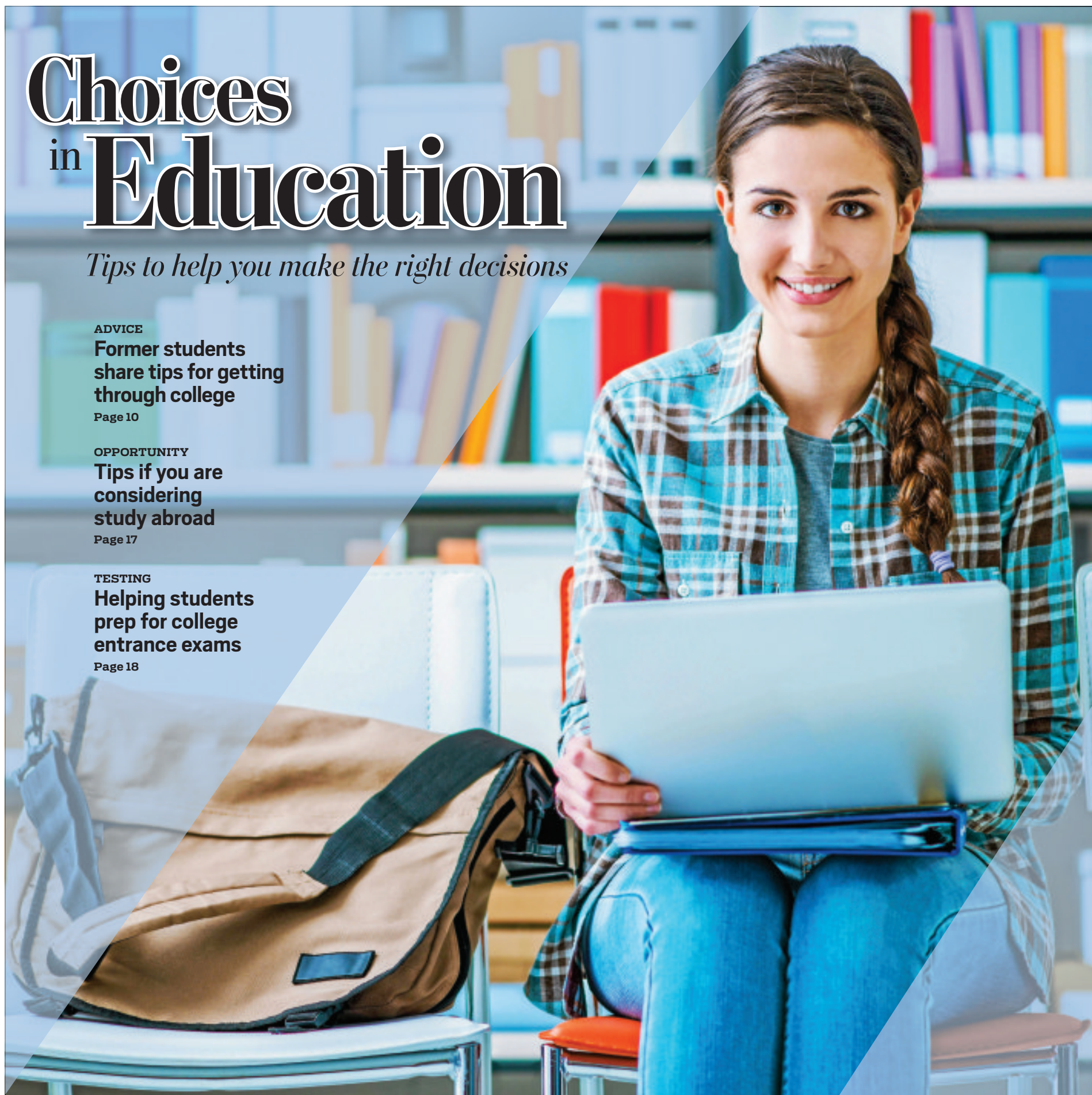
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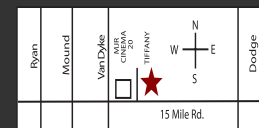
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## EDUCATION

# College advice from those who have been there

Only 60 percent of college freshmen will graduate within 6 years according to the latest report from the National Center for Educational Statistics. That's pretty scary stuff for college-bound students and their tuition-paying parents — especially if loans are part of the financial formula.

Even for those students who make it to graduation, there may be some question as to whether they made the most of their time on campus.

As this Northern Michigan University senior reflects, "There I was, about to graduate with some random degree and feeling like I'd wasted my parents money."

And from a University of Florida senior: "The problem with college is that you figure it out about the time you're ready to graduate."

Helping college students "figure it out" sooner rather than later is what the latest edition of the award-winning "Been There, Should've Done That — 995+ Tips for Making the Most of College," (Front Porch Press) continues to do. The 4th edition again draws from interviews with seasoned collegians across the U.S. According to author, Suzette Tyler, a former academic adviser at Michigan State University, "their 'expert' advice is refreshingly insightful and often more encompassing than might be found in an adviser's office."

"I could talk until I was blue in the face about things like time-management and self-discipline," Tyler explains, "but when a fellow student says, 'I got great grades and I never missed a party and here's how to do it,' it has far more impact.



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Here are some tips from 'the experts':

- "The first few weeks are great. You're meeting people, partying ... no tests, no papers. Then ...WHAM! Everything's due in the same week! If you weren't hitting the books right along, you'll spend the rest of the term digging yourself out!" - Senior, University of California, Santa Cruz
- "Gather all the syllabi during the first week

of classes and write down the due date for every single paper, project, test or whatever. You'll see instantly which weeks are potential killers." - Junior, Wake Forest

- "Sitting in a classroom is the easiest part of college and it cuts study time in half. Why make it hard on yourself? GO!" - Senior, University of Iowa
- "What separated me from the masses was 'connecting' with a faculty

member.

I didn't even know what the possibilities were until he laid out a 'roadmap' and showed me a few shortcuts to get there. When my confidence was shaky, he reminded me that I could do it." - Graduate, University of Michigan.

- "Pick the professor, not the time of day." - Junior, Duke University
- "Get a job in the office of your major. You'll get to know everyone from the

secretaries to the dean, all of whom can be very helpful. If any great opportunities come along, you'll be the first to know." - Senior, Indiana University

- "There's no reason to fail! There are people here to help and it's free. Actually, you've paid for it so you might as well use it." - Senior, Michigan State University
- "The students who make the most of their college experience aren't necessarily

the smartest ones.

It's often the average kids who know how to utilize the system, connect with the professors, take advantage of extracurricular activities, and manage their time well who reap the rewards," Tyler says.

"Been There, Should've Done That" can help students get all they can out of the next four years

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In terms of educational opportunities, Macomb Community College covers a lot of territory. Not only does it maintain comprehensive campuses in Warren and Clinton Township, the Public Service Institute near the Macomb County Jail and the M-TEC workforce development facility in the former Warren Tank Plant, it also offers about 200 certificate and degree programs that prepare students for careers, continued study or both.

For the bachelor degree-bound, there are 225 transfer plans with other colleges and universities, including 12 that offer programs at Macomb's University Center. And most students who attend Macomb for the first two years of their bachelor's degree not only leave debt free but often find themselves better prepared than their counterparts who started out at a four-year school.

Kaitlyn Farley is one of those students. She enrolled in eleventh grade as part of the Early College of Macomb program, taking her general education courses for free at Macomb before transferring to Saginaw Valley State University as a junior.

"Macomb has helped me in so many ways. Not only in the amount of resources it provided but in the wide variety

of things available on campus," says Farley, an education major and an editor for *The Valley Vanguard*, Saginaw's student newspaper. "In many ways, I still feel far more connected to MCC than I do to SVSU."

For Tim Masters, Macomb offered a fast track out of a dead-end job, as well as an unexpected reconnect with his boyhood infatuation with space travel. One of 300 community college students from across the country accepted into the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars Program, he spent nearly a week last fall at the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama. He was on a team that built a robotic land rover, using the skills he learned in Macomb's Electric Vehicle Development Program.

"I can't hold the program in any higher regard," says Masters, who earned a certificate and is continuing on toward an associate degree. Recruited by Aerotek, he is currently working as a high-voltage battery pack test technician at Ford's Fuel Cell Center in Dearborn. "I almost certainly would be still working miserable jobs

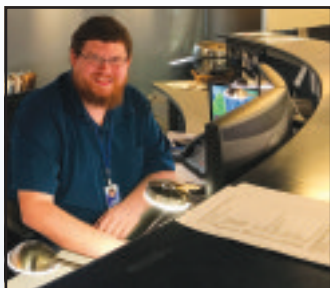
and I wouldn't have gotten such enthusiastic instruction, which really stoked my interest in electronics."

Melissa Arant was stoked when she discovered a unique career path that has led to a promising health care career with continuing opportunities for advancement. While working as a nursing assistant, she enrolled in Macomb's Surgical Technology Program, earning three certificates and an associate degree and progressing from a clinical internship to a full-time job at Bon Secours (now Beaumont) Hospital in Grosse Pointe. She returned to Macomb a few years later to earn a nursing degree and is now the afternoon charge nurse in Beaumont's surgical unit.

"I'm glad I didn't go into nursing first because I wouldn't have gotten such hands-on experience in the operating room," relates Arant. "The surg tech program at Macomb is exceptional. I was definitely prepared for the job."

Erick Anderson credits Macomb for helping him build a bridge connecting his certificate from Scripps Howard School of Media Arts with his current job as an assignment editor at WXYZ-TV. In between, he interned at WJR, earned an associate degree in communications from Macomb and a bachelor's degree in communications from Oakland University.

"After Specs Howard, I knew I needed a degree," says Anderson. "Macomb was my jumping off point for that."



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# Prepping for college 101

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"You'll want your dorm room or apartment to be a space in which you can thrive academically and socially from day one," says Jessica Joyce, spokeswoman for Bed Bath & Beyond, a well-known destination for college essentials.

Joyce and the lifestyle experts at Bed Bath & Beyond are offering tips to set up your dorm room with form and function in mind.

■ Use a checklist: Stay organized and on-budget by using a shopping checklist. Many stores that sell housewares provide shopping

guides for college students that break down all the basics needed for campus living. Use this as a base point for what you'll need and add your own custom items to it, so that when you get to the store you won't miss any essentials.

■ Know school rules: For specific information about your college, use online resources such as, [bedbathandbeyond.com/shopforcollege](http://bedbathandbeyond.com/shopforcollege), which offers customized lists of what students can and can't bring with them to their school and what the school provides. Students can also use these pages to locate stores close to campus.

■ Think small: For many students, moving to a college dorm room means living in a smaller space. Take this into consideration when planning how you

will organize your items. Space-saving storage tools and multifunctional items, such as bed risers that have an AC outlet and USB charger, can help students pack more essentials into a smaller space.

■ Build a better bed: As if getting a good night's sleep isn't hard enough in a dorm, standard college beds are often thin and less comfortable than what students are accustomed to at home. The solution? Add cozy layers of comfort and support with a mattress pad, memory foam topper or fiberbed.

■ Create a college registry: High school graduates can create a registry wish list online or in-store of what they want for their new space, to share with family and friends. Students can also use their registries to share what they're bringing to school with their roommates.

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Study abroad programs give students unique opportunities to experience other cultures while pursuing their degrees. Such programs appeal to students who want to see the world without interrupting their studies, and many students who study abroad develop an affinity for travel that remains with them for the rest of their lives.

When considering studying abroad programs or attending college overseas, recent high school graduates or current high school students should consider a few factors before committing to a program.

## Language barrier

Students, particularly those who are not fluent in a foreign language, may find

it easier to live in countries where English is the primary language. While study abroad students can expect to work with professors who speak English regardless of where they go, life outside the classroom can be difficult for young students who do not understand the primary language spoken in the country where they will be studying.

## Life overseas

Students who want to attend school full-time overseas may benefit by first studying through a study abroad program before committing to a two- or four-year program in another country. This gives students a chance to get a feel for a country and its culture and lifestyle before making a long-term

commitment to living and studying there.

## Program size

The safety in numbers philosophy is applicable for all travelers, but it can be especially beneficial for young students studying abroad. Students may feel more safe and comfortable when signing up for programs that include many students as opposed to more exclusive programs that include only a handful of students. Large programs provide a built-in social network, and students may feel safer exploring foreign cities in large groups made up of fellow students than going it alone or traveling in small groups.

## Documentation

Students should speak

with program directors about the documentation they may need to make the most of their time overseas. CEA Study Abroad recommends that students bring photocopies of all important documents, including passports, driver's licenses, airline tickets, health insurance cards, and student identification cards, with them when studying overseas. This protects students should their wallets or backpacks be lost or stolen while they're overseas. Students also should include a list of any medical conditions or medications they take among their documentation and include their emergency contact information on this list.

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### Prioritizing study time

Good study habits are important for academic achievement and will come in handy in college. They are also especially important during college exam preparation.

Ensure your student has a quiet area to study for the big day, free of distractions like televisions, squabbling siblings and social media.

A study schedule should be practical. If possible, consider giving your student a free pass from chores on days he or she takes a full practice test -- this will require several hours and be mentally taxing.

### The right tools

Mathematical coursework, test-taking and preparation require the right gear. Set up your student for achievement with scientific and graphing calculators that feature a range of high-level functions. Remember, some questions in the math sections of the SAT can't be solved without a scientific or graphing calculator.

Choose one that is right for the task. For example, Casio's CLASSWIZ fx-991EX is the first scientific calculator to feature spreadsheet functionality. It enables users to create spreadsheets with up to five columns and 45 rows. It can also convert graphs into QR codes which can



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be displayed on a projector screen, allowing students to work seamlessly with their teacher or test prep tutor.

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Whatever model you opt for, be sure it is authorized for use during the test and has an intuitive interface that will speed up calculations when time matters.

### Deeper understanding

It's not always enough to memorize materials. A competitive edge is gained with true comprehension. Fill your home with books and magazines on a wide range of subjects. Picking up new words in a practical context will happen naturally without feeling like work.

On the math front, check out practical tools that encourage deeper understanding of difficult concepts, such as research-based books and education workbooks on topics like critical thinking, algebra, geometry and statistics.

### Test day

The night before the test is not the time to cram. Students should arrive at the test site refreshed, well-rested and well-fed.

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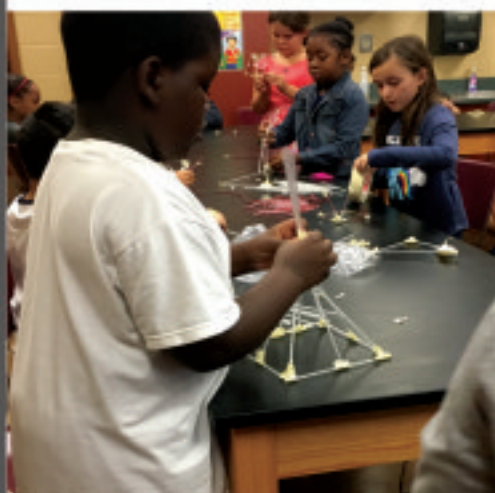
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