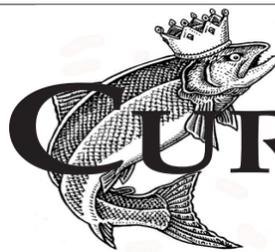




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## College isn't far away, get ready now

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Have you ever been playing catch with a frisbee? You see it coming towards you in the distance you feel like it's gonna fall right to you but then it veers off to one side and you end up sprinting after it only to come up short and have it hit the ground. That's how the end of high school and the beginning of college can turn out if you are not careful.

College is coming and it's coming fast. Many high school students make the mistake of waiting until the last minute to apply or even look at colleges and it really bites them in the butt by the time they graduate.

Kayhi's school counselor Bob McClory has dealt with this matter hundreds of times over the years and has good experience in helping students get into the right college.

The time to start is now, whether that is starting to think of a major you want, signing up for tests to take, or getting the credentials to earn scholarships. If you haven't started yet you are already beginning to fall behind.

"It [when to begin] depends on whether or not you're talking about the paperwork," said McClory. "Or if you are about the history."

It takes years to build up the history or experience in order to persuade colleges to accept you while the time to put it on an application only takes a few months tops.

The best way to start is to get involved. Taking part in school activities as well as extracurricular activities gets you a long way. Colleges search for students with character and leadership skills which can be developed while being on teams like the basketball team, debate, academic decathlon or even band.

As well as camps and programs specifically created to demonstrate and help a student display these qualities. A good program to think of in Alaska is Boys State or Girls State up in Anchorage. The camp is in June and is open to juniors going into their senior year. These programs look outstanding on any application, if that be for a college or a scholarship.

College is expensive. Very expensive. Scholarships are a great way to make it more affordable. But they can only help you if you apply to them and have the history to support yourself. Talking to your school counselor about any scholarship opportunities is a good idea. They can point you in the right direction where you will have the most success. Another idea is to go to the website of the college you're

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## Are you addicted to social media?

by Farren Linne  
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Just as I was about to start typing, my phone buzzed. And just like any other teenager out there I picked it up right away to see what it was. Teenagers these days have a dependency on social media. We use it to check up on friends, show what we're doing, and to see basically anything and everything happening around the world. But recently, people are beginning to overuse and depend on social media to an unhealthy amount.

"I just feel like it's gone too far," said junior Nicole Cyr. "It's good for immediate communication but we're just over using it for the wrong purposes."

Spending hours watching YouTube videos and stalking different Instagram accounts is not how people should be spending every day of their life. Teenagers don't think of social media as a privilege, they think of it more as a necessity.

No matter how much time you spend collectively on your phone, a few minutes here and there add up fast. A study on CNN showed that the average teenager checks their phone up to 100 times a day.

"I feel like I snapchat constantly throughout the day," said junior Brittany Slick. "It's not like you're on your phone all day, you're just always talking to someone."

Talking to people online all the time defeats the purpose of going out and actually communicating with your friends. Many people use social media as a gateway to say rude things or even bully others.

"All of the drama happens over social media," said junior Keri



These social media icons (pictured above) are the culprits of social media addiction.

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Thomas. "People wouldn't say half of the things they say over social media in person."

Over 55% of teens have witnessed cyberbullying and 95% of those witnessing the behavior ignored it.

Most teens will receive some sort of bullying over the internet whether it's a rude comment or direct message aimed right at them.

"People always seem to get the wrong point across over social media," said Cyr. "You can't show your emotions so people never really know what your intended meaning is."

We turn to the internet to make us feel good, not to make us more insecure. One way we make ourselves feel good is receiving an abundance of likes, comments, or retweets.

Why have an online account if no one's giving you the attention you expect?

"It's like you're making a profile and trying to sell yourself," said Thomas.

The hours spent perfecting your profile is used to impress your online audience. If everyone can see it why would you want to be anything but your best self?

Social media has its good and bad qualities, but so does everything. Finding a balance may be challenging, but it will definitely be beneficial in the long run.

"Everything needs to be in moderation," said Slick. "Our generation needs to learn to moderate their time spent on social media."

## Sneaker culture: being original

by Carlos Orta  
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As Spike Lee once said, "It's gotta be the shoes." Back in 1990 Nike implanted the idea into consumers that Michael Jordan's success was derived from the shoes he wore.

Fast forward to 2016, it's all about the shoes. Of course back in the 80's and 90's everyone wanted to wear the same shoe as the best basketball player in the world and that's why they were so iconic. The question is, why are shoes even more popular now than they were back then?

Every so often shoe brands release sneakers that are said to be limited in amount and are often backed up by pop culture or athletic phenomena, which therefore makes them more popular and more valuable.

"Everybody wants to feel original," sophomore Cody Kemble said. "Having things that not many others have is another way to do that."

Largely in part to hip hop star Kanye West and his line of Yeezy sneakers, Adidas is currently one of the most talked about brands. It's

people like Kanye that are the reason why shoes are such a big part of the fashion world and our community now. His fanbase is so big, it has introduced different people and generations to the sneaker culture.

"Fans will purchase almost anything that their role models are promoting or selling," sophomore Chris Smith said. "Regardless of whether or not they know it's really worth it."

For some people, rare and expensive shoes are just another way of expressing themselves and presenting their exclusivity, much like jewelry. Shoes are very valuable to people nowadays and "sneakerheads" will not stop paying steep prices to get their hands on limited edition kicks.

"The sneaker culture is all about who has the coolest kicks and who can receive the most ooh's and ahh's," sophomore Kyle Smith said.

Sneaker culture continues to grow every day and as the demand increases so will the prices as people realize that it's more than a trend, it's a lifestyle.



Kayhi students showing off their prized shoes.

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