

June 2007 Newsletter



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Simon Says

Abel Hernandez, a senior at Central High School in Providence, RI, never imagined himself in college. He planned to get a trucking license and travel the world. But his perspective changed when he met Simon Moore, founder of the mentoring organization College Visions.



Abel Hernandez credits his mentor for his bright future.

With Simon's guidance, Abel built his resume. He joined the track team, ran for junior class president and got accepted into a summer program at the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) where he set his sights on a major in urban planning. "I want to make life easier for people," he said. This fall, Abel will continue pursuing his college dream as a full-time student at RISD.

For more success stories, click the link for your grade level:

- [Success Stories for Middle Schoolers](#)
- [Success Stories for Freshmen](#)
- [Success Stories for Sophomores](#)
- [Success Stories for Juniors](#)
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Northeast, Represent

Summer Reading... That You'll Actually Like!

If you have time between pick-up games and trips to the mall this summer, check out *Letters to a Young Brother* by Hill Harper. You may know Hill as Dr. Sheldon Hawkes on *CSI: NY*. In *Letters*, he talks about his experience with school, relationships and faith. Ladies, don't let the title turn you off - everyone can relate to Hill's message.

The KnowHow2GO team dropped by the [YMCA](#) Teen Leadership Summit in Harrisburg, PA last month. KH2G and Y leaders talked up college and the radio public service advertisement (PSA) contest, *On the Air, Off to Orlando*, which challenges teens to create PSAs about the steps to college (like [Fonzworth Bentley's](#)).



YMCA teens gathered in Harrisburg, PA, to learn the steps to college.

The first place team will win an all expenses paid trip to Orlando, FL, for the YMCA Teen Leadership Summit in June. Check back at www.KnowHow2GO.org to find out who wins and listen to their PSA.

Busted! The Top Myths About College

Myth #2 - The [standardized tests](#) (ACT, PSAT and SAT) are more important than your high school grades.

False: To learn why, check out www.KnowHow2GO.org. For more myths about college and financial aid, click the links below:

- [Myths for Middle Schoolers](#)
- [Myths for Freshmen](#)
- [Myths for Sophomores](#)
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How-To: Finish the Quarter / Semester Strong

School's almost out for summer. But, as hard as it may be, you've got to stay focused and finish strong. Colleges see your grades for *every* quarter and semester. This is crucial for seniors - even those who've already gotten accepted into college. It's not a myth that colleges can change their minds if your grades drop when the weather gets warmer.

For motivation to keep hitting the books, click the links below:

- [Motivation for Middle Schoolers](#)
- [Motivation for Freshmen](#)
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