



A+ Test Prep and Tutoring Newsletter

April, 2007

In This Issue

[A+ Jeopardy! Star](#)

[Cool Websites](#)

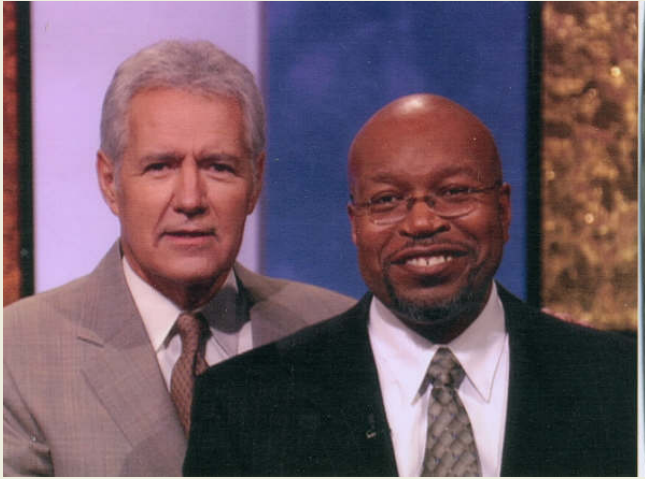
[Make the Most of Summer](#)

[\\$50 Off Summer Tutoring](#)

[Contact Us](#)



Make the Most of Summer



A+ is very proud of its entire team of amazing tutors, but did you know that we have a genuine celebrity in our midst? Our own Greg Williams, an A+ tutor who has been tutoring Reading and Verbal SAT for two years, and who is a Lecturer of Intellectual Heritage at Temple University, appeared recently on the popular quiz game show, *Jeopardy!* Greg reports that he has been a fan of the show for years, playing along at home, and that many of his friends and family members had suggested he should be a contestant. As luck would have it, on a trip to New York City in February 2006, Greg and his wife came across a very long line of people waiting to try out for *Jeopardy!* The temptation was too great, and Greg decided that this was his opportunity. He proceeded to power his way through a multi-tiered qualifying process which involved an initial written quiz with 10 questions, a second test with 50 clues projected on a screen similar to how they are presented on the actual show, and a third screening which involved playing with buzzers and being interviewed by *Jeopardy!* staff. Greg was informed that he had indeed qualified to be a contestant, and within eight months was summoned to Los Angeles for a taping of the show. On the first day, Greg won with a resounding victory and winnings of \$13,400. Alas, on the second day our *Jeopardy!* champion was foiled by the buzzer and was "locked out" of answering many questions to which he knew the answer. Although Greg didn't win on that second day, he garnered additional winnings of \$1,000 and will forever be a champion in our hearts!



Check Out These Cool Websites!

Summer is an excellent time for teenagers to explore their interests and pursue their passions.

Many teens want or need to earn extra money and therefore take part-time or full-time paying jobs, while others choose to intern for a small stipend, volunteer, take classes, or travel. Whichever path you choose, make the most of this time and match your activities to your interests. Learning about yourself by "trying out" different fields in your high school years will help you when applying to colleges, selecting a major, and, eventually, choosing a profession. (These experiences may also provide material for your SAT essay or college application essays.) The following list offers some ideas for paid and non-paid positions and activities related to specific areas of interest:

Sports: Coach or ump a local baseball team, be a lifeguard, work at a sports camp.

Animals: Work or volunteer at a zoo, aquarium, veterinary office, or animal shelter; start a pet-sitting/walking business.

Nature: Work or volunteer at a nature center, park, or science museum; work for a landscaper.

Community service: Explore opportunities at food banks, women's shelters, Meals on Wheels, and nursing homes; contact your local Fire Department about becoming a volunteer firefighter (you must be at least 16).

Books/Writing: Volunteer at the library; work at a bookstore (and take advantage of the employee discount!); get published by submitting an article to your local newspaper or writing a letter to the editor about an issue of importance to you; take a creative writing class.

Arts: Work or volunteer at an arts center, museum, gallery, or performing arts camp; submit a drawing or a photograph to a local publication; take music, voice, or dance lessons.

Foreign languages: Do a travel abroad program or stay stateside and host a foreign exchange student. Improve your mastery of a foreign language or learn a new one by listening to language tapes or CDs.

[Test Prep and College Discussion Group](#)

This great site, collegeconfidential.com, includes discussion boards of test prep topics including SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Tests, and AP exams. The site also hosts discussions related to a wide range of college admissions issues and financial aid.

[Open Educational Resources Commons](#)

Faculty from several universities including Harvard, M.I.T., Rice, and the University of California-Berkeley, have collaborated on the creation of a new website which puts free teaching resources, classroom materials and primary documents into the hands of virtually any student or teacher, from elementary school to the post-secondary level. The site encompasses a wide range of subjects, from science and technology to business to the humanities. A key feature of the site is that it is interactive--users may comment, rate, review, or tag materials so that others may find and evaluate them more easily, and users may also add new material. OER is part of the growing global trend to make teaching and learning resources free and accessible for use and re-use by everyone.

Politics/Government: Volunteer to work on a political candidate's election (or re-election) campaign; get involved and write a letter to your town council, state representative, or congressman about an issue or problem you feel needs to be addressed and offer possible solutions.

Working with children: Be a counselor at a summer camp or work at a daycare center; babysit or be a mother's helper.

So lay the groundwork for summer now. Ask everyone--your guidance counselor, friends, neighbors, and family--for additional ideas and suggestions. Many high schools now employ service learning coordinators who are also good resources. They may know a particular person at an organization who may help you land a position. Make all necessary contacts and preparations now. Be persistent, open-minded, and creative, and let your interests and talents guide you!

Save \$50 Off Any Summer 2007 Tutoring Program (cannot be combined with another discount offer)



Make-up Courses and Original Credit Courses



- Academic Coaching/
Study Skills

- PSAT/SAT/ACT
Preparation

- SSAT/ISEE Private
School Admission Exam
Preparation

- Math Booster

- Vocabulary Booster

- Write Better Essays

- Academic Subject
Tutoring (any subject)

Offer Expires July 31, 2007