



Springville High School  
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# Lifelong Learning

## Defining Success

### Important Upcoming Dates

Weber State Priority Deadline	12/8
Regents Scholarship Application Priority Deadline	12/8
ACT—National Test Day	12/9
Half Day of School	12/21
Utah State Scholarship Application Deadline	1/10
Counseling Office Advisory Council	1/8 2PM
End of 2nd Term	1/11
February ACT Signup deadline	1/12
BYU Final Application Deadline	2/1
Regents Scholarship Final Application	2/1
SLCC Scholarship Application Deadline	2/1
UVU Scholarship Application Deadline	2/1
Class selection for next year begins	2/2
Westminster College Scholarship Application	2/2
Junior College Information Day	2/6

Success is a difficult concept to define because each of us has a different concept of what success means. For some, success is getting good grades. For others, it is getting into a good college. And yet others define it as having a high paying job. While each of these are great goals, do they really capture a true sense of success? Is success a single event or can it be defined as a process?

Springville High School recently established a new vision statement to capture our image of success. That statement is “Empowering ourselves and others to change the world.”

This focuses not just on a single event like grades or a paycheck but on an overall sense of achievement in



life. A single grade, admissions to a certain college or a certain number of digits in your paycheck are not enough. We need to change the world.

And changing the world is not as difficult as it sounds. A kind word, a helping hand to someone in need, teaching someone something new; these things not only brighten someone’s day, they can change their world.

Having the skills, being empowered, to help others is essential. This should thus be our true goal; gaining the skills required to be in a position personally where we can assist others. Along with those skills, we should also develop the skills that are essential to helping those around us.

If we all focus on the skills needed to achieve these goals, our success will be immeasurable.

### Critical Skills for Career and College Success

Too often in school we worry about the specific subject areas that we are studying whether it be Math or Science or English; and we don’t consider the other things that we learn in school. These other skills are often the ones that employers most often site as critical for job success, and colleges try to instill in their university success classes.

These skills, including; interpersonal communication, problem solving, time

management and teamwork, are often called the soft skills. However, there is nothing soft about them. It has been observed that while hard skills will get you that first job, it is soft skills that will get you promotions, and second and third jobs.

As students focus on their school work, they would be well served by focusing on the other things they can be learning in class.

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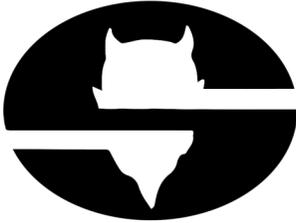
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## Expert Advice: Critical Steps for College Entrance

1. Take and do well in college preparatory classes in High School. (hint, all high school classes prepare you for college, and life, for that matter).
2. Prepare for and take the required college admissions tests such as the ACT or SAT.
3. Visit a variety of College Campuses to find one that is the right fit for you.
4. Participate in activities outside of school; athletics, school clubs, community organization and even hold a job.
5. Fill out college and scholarship applications well in advance of their advertised deadline.
6. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
7. Attend College!

## Especially for Seniors . . . Regents' Scholarship

The Regent Scholarship application became available on November 15. The priority deadline for this scholarship is December 8th and the Final deadline is February 1st (hint, hint; always meet the priority deadlines if there ever is one).

With all scholarships, students should take special care to read the requirements closely and make sure they complete each step. This is especially true for the Regents' Scholarship.

Students who complete the Regents' Scholarship Application will receive a letter towards the end of February confirming that they are either on track for the scholarship or that they are not, and will not be considered further.

Students will then need to submit final documentation, including final high school transcripts, test scores and

concurrent enrollment transcript in June.

Students should take care to follow these 2 important directions when it comes to filling out the Regents' application.

First, students must take extra care when filling out the application to list all of the required classes and complete every step of the form. Second, students should make sure that they know the documentation deadline, and work to get everything submitted well in advance of that deadline.



Students who take care to follow these directions will be in good shape to qualify for this scholarship.

The regents application is available online at [www.stepuputah.com/program/regents-scholarship](http://www.stepuputah.com/program/regents-scholarship).