

# Student Scoop

“The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them.”  
Albert Einstein



## Scoop on a Student

“Keep going...it takes time, but keep going. Don't give up.” This advice comes from our most recent graduate, Charity Morris. Charity recently graduated from our program in Andover in February of 2010.

Charity is a busy working mom of two teenagers, a sixteen year-old and a fourteen year-old. Charity's husband has been a huge support and encouragement to her while she has been working hard to complete her diploma.

Currently, Charity is the Assistant Manager at NuWay restaurant. She also is an entrepreneur who owns her own online business; she sells a wide variety of beautiful home décor and collectibles.

Charity's next goal is obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Business Management. She hopes to continue to build and strengthen her own business.

In her spare time, Charity enjoys reading, writing, and art. She enjoys mostly fiction books; her favorite authors are James Patterson and V.C. Andrews. She also enjoys writing poetry and children's literature. Currently, one of her poems has been published on poetry.com, and she hopes to continue to publish her writing and poetry. One of her favorite hobbies and talents is art; she paints and draws along with her son, who is a gifted artist himself.

Charity is very proud of her family and hopes her children continue to be successful in everything they choose to pursue.

We are very proud of Charity for graduating and continuing to succeed and achieve her educational, career, and family goals!



## Scoop on the Internet:

### Helpful Websites and Resources for Students

#### Career Websites:

www.careerbuilder.com  
www.monster.com  
www.hotjobs.yahoo.com  
www.indeed.com  
www.simplyhired.com  
www.wichitahelpwanted.com

#### Community Websites:

www.360wichita.com  
www.360eldorado.com  
www.kansas.com  
www.wichita.org  
www.andoverchamber.com

#### Educational Websites:

www.edhelper.com  
school.discoveryeducation.com  
www.highschoolace.com  
www.gutenberg.org  
www.refdesk.com/homework  
www.bjpinchbeck.com

#### Math Help Websites

www.math.com  
www.algebra.com  
www.sosmath.com  
www.mathbits.com  
www.purplemath.com

## The Scoop at Project Encore

### Coming Soon...

March 12 - Sites closed for Teacher Flex Day

March 15-March 19  
Sites closed for SPRING BREAK

Hope you have a safe and restful spring break!

April 8 - 5:00pm  
Last Adult Orientation for new adult students

If you know someone that would like to complete his/her high school diploma, please contact us at one of our sites.

## Scoop from the Editor: Scoop on Job Interviews

These days, finding a job can be quite challenging and even exhausting. You might be asking yourself, “Where do I start? How do I know who is hiring? How do I get hired in such a competitive market?”

There are many questions and concerns surrounding finding the right job.

Start by narrowing your search to areas of personal experience and expertise. You are not going to look for a job piloting a commercial airline if you cannot fly a plane! Focus on your skills and strengths. Everyone has certain natural talents and abilities; discover your abilities and look for a job that will enhance them.

Once you know what type of job you are looking for, there are several websites and job fair opportunities throughout your area. The top 5 most popular national career websites include careerbuilder.com, monster.com, hotjobs.yahoo.com, indeed.com, and simplyhired.com. There are also several local websites such as wichitahelpwanted.com, 360wichita.com, 360eldorado.com, Wichita.org, and Kansas.com. Utilize as many websites and resources that you can; the more the better when it comes to job-searching! In today's economy and with unemployment at an all-time high, looking for a job can be very competitive. Knowing how to prepare and perform in a job interview is key when trying to land the perfect job.

First, you need to research and learn about the company at which you are applying. Be prepared to ask questions relating to the company and the information you already know. Then have a specific position in mind when applying within a particular company; this will make you appear more focused and confident. Review your qualifications for the job and be ready to present any experience you have had that relates to the job. Be ready to answer general personal questions like “Why should we hire you? Or “what are your strengths and weaknesses?” It may be helpful to practice answering these types of questions with a friend or relative. On the day of the interview, make sure you are well-groomed and appropriately dressed; a business suit or slacks and a neutral-colored dress-shirt would be proper interview attire. During the interview, do not chew gum or smoke, maintain proper manners, speak politely and properly. Always enter and greet the interviewer with a firm handshake. When leaving, thank the interviewer and shake his/her hand again. These are little things that will make a lasting impression on your interviewer.

Always remember to present yourself with confidence and class, and you will have no problems obtaining a great job!

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United States Dept. of Labor. Bureau of Labor and Statistics. “Job Interview Tips.” *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, 2010-2011 Edition. Dec 2009. 2 March 2010. <http://www.bls.gov/oco/oco20045.htm>

## Scoop in the Community: What's going on in your area!

### Wichita Area Events:

**February 12, 2010 - April 4, 2010;** All Shook Up hit musical at Crown Uptown Dinner Theatre.

Performances are on Thurs thru Sun evenings.

**February 15, 2010 - March 25, 2010;** Rayer's Bearden Stained Glass February and March hobby classes.

**March 9, 2010;** Kids' Night Out at Pure Entertainment 4:00 - 9:00pm. Games, inflatables, and crafts for the kiddos.

**Every Friday of each month;** Live jazz at Clifton Wine and Jazz 7:00pm to close; Clifton Square

**March 13, 2010;** Wichita Wild Football vs. Sioux Falls Storm at Hartman Arena at 7:00pm

**March 18, 2010;** Infant and Child CPR class at Wesley Medical Center—6:30 to 9:30pm

**March 18, 2010;** Channel 96.3 Spring Fling Concert at Hartman Arena at 7:30pm

**March 19, 2010;** Car seat check at Wesley West at 10:00am

**March 22, 2010 - April 24, 2010;** Tulip Display at Botanica during normal hours of operation

**March 27, 2010;** Family Fun Day: Eggstra Fun for the Family at Botanica at 10:00am; Egg dying and egg hunt

### El Dorado Area Events:

**March 8, 2010 - March 13, 2010;** Spring sale at Robin's—20%, 30%, and 40% off!

**March 3, 2010 - March 24, 2010;** Butler County Student Art Exhibit at Coultts Museum of Art; public reception on March 6 from noon to 2:00pm

**March 18, 2010;** Free blood pressure clinic at Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital 7:00 to 11:00am

**March 20, 2010;** Mary McCaslin in concert at the Iron Horse Concert Hall at 7:30pm

**For a complete listing of events, including prices and more information, please visit these websites: [www.360wichita.com](http://www.360wichita.com), [www.360eldorado.com](http://www.360eldorado.com), and [www.wichita.org](http://www.wichita.org).**

## Scoop on the Oscars!

And the Academy Award goes to...

Best Supporting Actor...  
Christoph Waltz in “Inglourious Basterds”

Best Supporting Actress...  
Mo'Nique in “Precious: Based on the novel Push by Sapphire

Best Actor in Leading Role...  
Jeff Bridges in “Crazy Heart”

Best Actress in Leading Role...  
Sandra Bullock in “The Blind Side”

Best Director...  
Kathryn Bigelow for “The Hurt Locker”

Best Picture...  
“The Hurt Locker”

## Have you read any good books lately?

Check out your local library or favorite bookstore for the following great reads from the New York Times Bestseller List!

Enjoy these fiction titles...

*Fantasy in Death* by J.D. Robb  
*Big Girl* by Danielle Steel  
*The Help* by Kathryn Stockett  
*The Last Song* by Nicholas Sparks  
*First Family* by David Baldacci  
*Shutter Island* by Dennis Lehane

Enjoy these Non-fiction titles...

*Game Change* by John Heilemann and Mark Halperin  
*I Am Ozzy* by Ozzy Osbourne with Chris Ayers  
*The Politician* by Andrew Young  
*The Blind Side* by Michael Lewis  
*The Survivors Club* by Ben Sherwood