## **EDUCATION: THE BEST FREE WEBSITES**

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## I. DATABASES and RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION:

## **THE TOP 25 WEBSITES FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING IN EDUCATION: Summer 2010 from the American Association of School Librarians:**

http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/guidelinesandstandards/bestlist/bestwebsitestop25.cfm

#### TOP 100 WEBSITES FOR EDUCATORS FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY:

http://www.gse.harvard.edu/library/educator\_resources.html

## FEDERAL RESOURCES FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE: includes a few LESSON PLANS IN MOSTSUBJECT AREAS: <u>http://www.free.ed.gov/</u>

#### EDUCATOR'S REFERENCE DESK FOR PRACTIONERS AND RESEARCHERS:

http://www.eduref.org/ Covers all subject fields in Education.

Notice free Lesson Plans at: http://www.eduref.org/Virtual/Lessons/index.shtml

## 100+ ONLINE EDUCATION WEBSITES THAT ARE TRANSFORMING EDUCATION 2011 VERSION

http://mashable.com/2011/01/07/online-educationwebsites/?utm\_source=feedburner&utm\_medium=feed&utm\_campaign=Feed%3A+Mashable+% 28Mashable%29&utm\_content=Google+Reader

#### YOUTUBE CHANNELS USEFUL FOR TEACHERS:

http://www.onlinecollegecourses.com/2010/10/20/100-incredibly-useful-youtube-channels-forteachers/ "100 Incredibly Useful YouTube Channels for Teachers" – annotated list compiled by Online College Courses website

#### **TOP MARKS: EDUCATIONAL SEARCH ENGINE:**

http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2009/03/top-marks-educational-search-engine.html

#### WEB SITES OF AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, BY STATE:

http://www.univsource.com/region.htm

A map of the US may be found in the center of this website: click on the appropriate state. **And:** <u>http://www.50states.com/college/</u>

GATEWAY TO EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS PROJECT: (GEM) (Education Dept.) http://thegateway.org/

A TO Z INTERNET RESOURCES FOR TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION: <a href="http://www.boxoftricks.net/?page\_id=29">http://www.boxoftricks.net/?page\_id=29</a>

#### TRANSFORMING AMERICAN EDUCATION: LEARNING POWERED BY

**TECHNOLOGY.** National Education Technology Plan 2010. U.S. Dept of Education, November 2010. <u>http://www.ed.gov/technology/netp-2010</u>

#### THERE IS A <u>NEWS RELEASE</u> AT

http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-releases-finalized-nationaleducation-technology-plan

**TEACHER'S GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION ON THE INTERNET:** <u>http://www2.ed.gov/teachers/how/tech/international/guide.html</u>

**FREE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS and a few free textbooks as well**: <u>http://www.cnx.org</u>: CNX: Connexions is:

a place to view and share educational material made of small knowledge chunks called modules that can be organized as courses, books, reports, *etc*. Anyone may view or contribute:

authors create and collaborate

instructors rapidly build and share custom collections

learners find and explore content

A source of many Lesson Plans and Educational Resources crafted by teachers

**ERIC: EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES INFORMATION CENTER:** <u>http://www.eric.ed.gov</u> Links to hundreds of thousands of free, full text articles in various aspects of Education. No registration is required to search this database.

**One can search the ERIC Database directly at this address:** <u>http://www.eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/search/extended.jsp?\_pageLabel=advanced</u>

DOAJ: DIRECTORY OF OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS: http://www.doaj.org

Covers over **6200** journals in all fields, as of December 2010, includes journals in the field of Education and all related fields. <u>All articles are in full text format</u> No registration is required to search this database.

**SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH NETWORK**: Covers journals and published conference papers in all fields of the Social Sciences, including Education. One does need to register first to access this database, but registration is absolutely free. <u>http://hq.ssrn.com</u>

To register for this database and for full text article access, go to: http://hq.ssrn.com/Participant.cfm?rectype=add&funct=new

## II. <u>FREE ELECTRONIC JOURNALS, PUBLICATIONS and</u> <u>AMERICA.GOV MATERIALS</u>:

#### THE MERLOT JOURNAL OF ONLINE LEARNING AND TEACHING:

<u>http://jolt.merlot.org</u> The <u>MERLOT</u> Journal of <u>Online Learning</u> and <u>Teaching</u> (JOLT) is a peerreviewed, open access, online publication addressing the scholarly use of multimedia resources in online education. See below for applications:

• JOLT enables faculty to use technology effectively in online teaching and learning by learning from a community of researchers and scholars;

JOLT enables academic programs to design and deploy academic technology to optimize online teaching and learning;

• JOLT builds a community around the research and scholarly use of multimedia educational resources for online teaching and learning.

#### DIRECTORY OF EJOURNALS IN ALL SUBJECT AREAS:

http://www.e-journals.org

FREE TABLE OF CONTENTS SEARCH FOR JOURNALS IN ALL SUBJECT AREAS: <u>http://www.journaltocs.hw.ac.uk/</u>

#### DIRECTORY OF OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS: http://www.doaj.org

At the end of 2010, there are now 6200 journals in the directory; completely free to view and search; the full text is available of every article.

ICAST: GATEWAY FOR FREE E-JOURNALS IN ALL FIELDS:

http://www.icast.org.in/ejournal/ejournal.php



**EDUCATION AND YOUTH PAGE:** <u>http://www.america.gov/amlife/education.html</u> Includes material on College Life in the U.S., and International Education Week.

#### **COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATION: NOV 2005**

http://www.america.gov/publications/ejournalusa.html#1105

#### **USA EDUCATION IN BRIEF:**

http://www.america.gov/publications/books.html#education\_brief

#### **ONLINE LEARNING CHANGING THE FACE OF AMERICAN EDUCATION:** http://www.america.gov/st/educ-english/2008/January/20080108101202attocnich0.4027674.html

## THE RICH MOSAIC OF AMERICAN SCHOOLS:

http://www.america.gov/amlife/education.html

#### UNIVERSITIES WORK TOWARDS OPEN ACCESS TO RESEARCH:

http://www.america.gov/st/educenglish/2009/September/200909221633361CJsamohT0.4465906.html?CP.rss=true

**CAMPUS CONNECTIONS [E Journal]:** International Students talk about their educational experiences abroad, and discuss how their study in the U.S. shaped their lives: CAMPUS CONNECTIONS: AUG 2009 EJOURNAL ON STUDY USA: also has a section on tips for Visas: <u>http://www.america.gov/publications/ejournalusa/0809.html</u>

A related EJournal is the May, 2010 **SEE YOU IN THE USA:** containing essays on International Student experiences in the U.S.: <u>http://www.america.gov/see\_you.html</u>

## III. <u>LESSON PLANS:</u>

#### NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF THE HUMANITIES EDSITEMENT:

<u>http://edsitement.neh.gov/</u> Includes Lesson Plans and Educational Resources for many topics -- a highly useful resource for students and teachers alike!

#### OER COMMONS: http://oercommons.org

See for example a Lesson Plan on Advertising: "The Savage Mind on Madison Avenue": <a href="http://www.oercommons.org/courses/the-savage-mind-on-madison-avenue-a-structural-analysis-of-television-advertising">http://www.oercommons.org/courses/the-savage-mind-on-madison-avenue-a-structural-analysis-of-television-advertising</a>

Full content is here: <u>http://cnx.org/content/m15592/latest/</u>

<u>MERLOT: http://www.merlot.org/Home.po</u> (MERLOT stands for Multi Media Educational Resources for Learning and Online Teaching.) Resources submitted by professional educators

from a variety of institutions. See especially the what's new section for the latest educational resources

## BEACON LEARNING CENTER LESSON PLANS: http://www.beaconlearningcenter.com/lessons/

# EDUCATIONAL LESSON PLANS from EDUCATOR's REFERENCE DESK <a href="http://www.eduref.org/Virtual/Lessons/index.shtml">http://www.eduref.org/Virtual/Lessons/index.shtml</a>

# **RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS (from the U.S. CONSULATE, KRAKOW, POLAND):**<u>http://krakow.usconsulate.gov/studyus/resources-for-teachers.html</u>

**CURRIKI**: Curriculum Guides and Lesson plans for hundreds of different topics: a great resource for educators and students and teachers! Funded in part by the US Department of Education: http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Main/WebHome

#### ALL ABOUT BLOGS AND WIKIS:

http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Coll\_rsurland/InternetBlogsandWikis

#### LESSON PLANS ON

GLOBALIZATION: http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Coll\_Rweiner/Globalizati on101orgAfreewebsiteforteachingaboutglobalization

## IDEAS: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EXTENSION SERVICE: LESSON PLANS IN

ALL AREAS http://www.ideas.wisconsin.edu/#

One example is a Lesson Plan for ESL teachers on Adjectives and Adverbs: <u>http://www.ideas.wisconsin.edu/ideas\_resource.cfm?rid=24932&subjects=1&sid=71&startro</u> w=1

#### DIGITAL CLASSROOM FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES ADMINISTRATION:

http://www.archives.gov/education/index.html Includes Lesson Plans and Worksheets. Lesson Plans and Activities may be found at: http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/

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≥ *See also the separate bibliography on Lesson Plans* in this ongoing reference WIKI: <u>http://tinyurl.com/chn36u</u>

## IV. EDUCATIONAL AND DOCUMENTARY VIDEOS:

#### ANNENBERG MEDIA: TEACHING VIDEOS ON DEMAND TO ENHANCE TEACHER LEARNING: AWARD WINNING WEBSITE (5 STARS)

#### Advancing Excellent Teaching in American Schools http://www.learner.org

Annenberg Media uses media and telecommunications to advance excellent teaching in American schools. This mandate is carried out chiefly by the funding and broad distribution of educational video programs with coordinated Web and print materials for the professional development of K-12 teachers. It is part of <u>The Annenberg Foundation</u> and advances the Foundation's goal of encouraging the development of more effective ways to share ideas and knowledge. Annenberg Media's multimedia resources help teachers increase their expertise in their fields and assist them in improving their teaching methods. Many programs are also intended for students in the classroom and viewers at home. All Annenberg Media videos exemplify excellent teaching. **The Main URL** is: http://www.learner.org/index.html

#### TWO FURTHER OPTIONS FOR THIS AWARD WINNING WEBSITE:

One can browse Teacher Resources (including free Videos on Demand) at: http://www.learner.org/resources/browse.html

#### OR:

One can improve teaching skills **or** students can learn improve their understanding of how a subject works through the section on **Workshops and Courses** at: <u>http://www.learner.org/channel/workshops/workshop\_list.html</u> (This site also include free VIDEOS on DEMAND!)

#### TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TEACHER RESOURCES BY ANNENBERG MEDIA: http://www.learner.org/index.html

A library of multimedia professional development workshops and other resources for teachers of K-12 through college, searchable, and browsable by broad topic and grade level. There are also some presentations for students and adult learners as well.

BLINKX: Search for Educational Videos using one of the best search engines just for videos: http://blinkx.com/ Blinkx is one of the world's largest and most advanced video search engines.

Fed by automatic spiders that crawl the web for audio video content and having content partnerships with over 200 leading media companies, blinkx uses advanced content analysis to better retrieve educational content.

## V: <u>BEST EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES:</u>

## THE TOP 25 WEBSITES FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING IN EDUCATION: Summer 2010 from the American Association of School Librarians: http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/guidelinesandstandards/bestlist/bestwebsitestop25.cfm

#### FEDERAL RESOURCES FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE <a href="http://www.free.ed.gov/">http://www.free.ed.gov/</a>

## BEACON LEARNING CENTER: FREE RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TO ENHANCE LEARNING: <u>http://www.beaconlearningcenter.com/</u>

# LESSON PLANS FROM THE BEACON LEARNING CENTER are here: <a href="http://www.beaconlearningcenter.com/lessons/">http://www.beaconlearningcenter.com/lessons/</a>

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## VI: <u>COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID and INFORMATION ABOUT</u> <u>COLLEGES:</u>

#### FASTWEB..http://www.fastweb.com/

*Fastweb* is a useful college-preparation Web site, providing information on colleges, scholarships, jobs, financial aid, and college life. The Scholarships section matches students based on institution, location, area of study, academic/athletic performance, ethnicity, religious affiliation, and activities. Results provide key information about the scholarships, including a description, amount, application deadline, and contact information. Tucked on the bottom of *Fastweb*'s pages are links to excellent college, scholarship, and grant directories.Students may contact *Fastweb* staff via e-mail or postal mail with questions. Several federal Web sites--*Student Aid on the Web* <u>http://studentaid.ed.gov/</u>, *College.gov*, and *MyMoney.gov*--also provide valuable education funding information in a less commercial format. *Fastweb* is recommended for college-bound students seeking free information on funding, college life, and career development.



<u>College Crunch</u> claims to be "the best college resource online ever." College Crunch features college reviews, college profiles, tips for navigating the logistics of college financing, and career planning advice. The career planning advice includes lists of salaries by career. <u>http://www.collegecrunch.org/</u>

**COLLEGE NAVIGATOR** This source for college information allows you to search for U.S. colleges by name, location, type of institution, and programs/majors. Provides material about expenses, financial aid, enrollment, admission, athletics, and more. Includes multiple institutions on a "favorites" list to see side-by-side comparisons. **Also includes links to material about applying for financial aid and careers.** From the Institute of Education Science (IES) National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education. <u>http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/</u>

#### COLLEGE MAJORS 101, by Andrew Leidner http://www.collegemajors101.com

Leidner, who has college admissions and financial aid experience, created College Majors 101 to educate high school and undergraduate college students about college majors and the careers to which they can lead. Each major has its own "channel" presenting descriptive information, along with typical positions held by people who have majored in a particular area. Although more robust descriptions of both careers and majors would enhance the site, and can be found elsewhere (see Quintessential Careers http://quintcareers.com/, some unique aspects of this site are of special note. The listing of undergraduate student competitions (along with winners) provides information about the strength and quality of programs that is often obscured by national rankings. Two particularly valuable sections of each channel are the lists of related student/professional associations and the list of links to relevant trade publications. Often overlooked, these key sources of information can yield insider information not to be found elsewhere. Each channel also includes a list of employers who recruit in a particular field, a list of "featured" colleges and universities offering the major, links to related news stories, and a more comprehensive listing of accredited programs. Much of the site's content is delivered through videos. This approach likely will appeal to a wide audience and should provide institutions with an opportunity to highlight actual students and their work. Users also have the opportunity to register with the site, and have their contact information forwarded to the appropriate college partners. College Majors 101 was recently listed as a top ten college Web site by Lynn O'Shaughnessy, a blogger for U.S. News & World Report. It is a valuable resource for anyone researching college majors and career paths. .

and.html?utm\_source=feedburner&utm\_medium=feed&utm\_campaign=Feed%3A+freetech4teach ers%2FcGEY+%28Free+Technology+for+Teachers%29&utm\_content=Google+Reader

#### COLLEGE SEARCH -FIND THE BEST COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FOR YOU

http://www.petersons.com/college\_home.asp?path=ug.home

#### ACCREDITATION IN THE UNITED STATES

http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html

HOBSONS U.S. EDUCATION GUIDES http://www.useduguides.com/

#### PETERSON'S DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS

http://www.petersons.com/distancelearning/code/search.asp?sponsor=

Other related resources of interest:

**UNIGO - COLLEGE REVIEWS AND ADVICE FROM STUDENTS:** http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2009/01/unigo-college-reviews-and-planning.html

COLLEGE CRUNCH - RESOURCES FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING

http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2008/12/college-crunch-resources-for-college.html

#### "<u>MY COLLEGE CALENDAR" HELPS STUDENTS ORGANIZE COLLEGE</u>

<u>APPLICATIONS</u>: <u>http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2008/11/my-college-calendar-helps-</u> students.html "My College Calendar helps students organize their college applications. Students select the names of the colleges to which they are applying then <u>My College Calendar</u> generates a color-coded calendar with important due dates for the application procedure at each college."

## EDU PURSUIT: SEARCH COLLEGES : <u>http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2009/03/edu-</u>

<u>pursuit-college-search-by-location.html</u> <u>Edu Pursuit</u> is a simple tool designed to help students locate colleges that they may be interested in attending. <u>Edu Pursuit</u> lets students search using the following parameters; public or private school, two or four year program, size of the student body, and location. Students set the parameters, search, and the results are displayed on a Google Map. *Each search result is linked to a college's website.* 

#### **10 TIPS FOR STARTING YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH:**

http://www.usnews.com/blogs/professors-guide/2009/12/30/10-tips-for-starting-your-collegesearch.html

TIPS TO GET READY FOR COLLEGE: http://oedb.org/library/college-basics/88-surefire-tips

## VII: FACT CHECKING:

#### HOW TO FACT CHECK: http://www.factchecked.org/

Helps students develop analytical thinking and reasoning skills, with sample lesson plans to strengthen skills as well as a curriculum aid to teach students how to be savvy consumers of news. Include lesson plans on analytical thinking, fact-finding, and recognizing deception, and on understanding political discussions of current issues. Also includes a dictionary of political and journalism terms, and a relevant guide to internet sources.

## VIII: <u>OPEN RESOURCES for FREE DISTANCE EDUCATION</u> <u>OPPORTUNITIES</u>: not for credit, but to enrich and empower one's mind:

#### OER COMMONS: <u>www.oercommons.org</u>

#### FREE COLLEGE COURSES ONLINE:

http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/8-awesome-websites-free-college-courses-online/

#### EDUCATION PORTAL: FREE COURSES: http://education-portal.com/article\_directory/Free\_Online\_Courses\_and\_Education.html

**OPEN COURSE WARE CONSORTIUM**: Listing of countries offering free courses: <u>http://www.ocwconsortium.org/members/members</u>

UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITED STATES offering free quality courses are listed here: <u>http://www.ocwconsortium.org/members/members/country/US</u>

## UNIVERSITIES OFFERING FREE COURSES ONLINE

http://howtosplitanatom.com/news/7-universities-offering-free-courses-online/

## 25 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES RANKED BY THE POPULARITY OF THEIR OPENCOURSEWARE DISTANCE EDUCATION OFFERINGS

http://degreedirectory.org/articles/25\_Colleges\_and\_Universities\_Ranked\_by\_Their\_OpenCourseWare.htm 1

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http://www.onlinecollegecourses.com/2010/10/20/100-incredibly-useful-youtube-channels-for-teachers/

#### EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES TO YOUTUBE: http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2008/11/23-alternatives-to-youtube.html

#### ACADEMIC EARTH: http://academicearth.org/

Academic Earth provides videos of lectures by top scholars in subjects that range from Astronomy to Entrepreneurship to Religion, and come from universities as celebrated as MIT, Berkeley,

Harvard, and Stanford. Visitors must register to view the lectures, but registration is free. There are over 1600 video lectures available, with more being added every day. One can even keep a playlist or download their favorite lectures. (A 5 STAR SITE!)

#### **100 AWESOME OPEN COURSES FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO CHANGE THE**

WORLD. The list is divided into nine sections spanning topics from health to environmental science to engineering, politics, religion, and education <a href="http://www.selectcourses.com/blog/2009/100-awesome-open-courses-for-those-who-want-to-change-the-world/">http://www.selectcourses.com/blog/2009/100-awesome-open-courses-for-those-who-want-to-change-the-world/</a>

**EINZTEIN** <u>http://www.einztein.com/</u> is a new service for locating online collegiate level courses and corresponding materials. Einztein isn't a standard search engine as all courses listed by Einztein are reviewed by a PhD level editorial team. Each course listed by Einztein comes with a listing of the types of materials available for each course. Some courses have audio, video, and documents while other course may only have one or two of those elements. Visitors to Einztein can search for course by keyword or simply browse courses by subject area. Einztein allows you to "**connect** your favorite courses to relevant learning resources. **Exchange** knowledge and information with other members whose academic interests match yours. **Join** peers and professors in exploring the newest academic frontier: free online courses."

Another way to locate specific free courses is through these two sites: http://ocwfinder.org

AND:

# <u>COURSEPEDIA</u> lets you search for online courses by school, topic or career (via <u>AltSearchEngines</u>): <u>http://www.courseopedia.com/cpd/index.cfm</u>

**Specific Universities** offering the best Professors and a variety of free, online courses include: **MIT**: <u>http://ocw.mit.edu</u> and **YALE**: <u>http://open.yale.edu</u>

NOTE: A separate bibliography of Distance Education opportunities found in the WIKI at <u>www.tinyurl.com/6dfaxn</u> will give many more such free online courses and possibilities. Look in the section labeled Distance Education in this WIKI.

## IX: FREE ONLINE BOOKS:

#### WIKI BOOKS: <u>http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Main\_Page</u> Over 30,000 open content textbooks in all areas and constantly growing!

#### **WIKIBOOKS in the field of EDUCATION** may be located here: http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Subject:Education

#### SEPTIVIUM: FREE ONLINE BOOKS <u>http://www.septivium.com/b/2009/05/07/mefi/</u>

Sometimes, students will ask for the best free online books in a particular subject area to gain subject mastery competency. The following site does that precisely that beautifully.

Another site for **OPEN TEXTBOOKS** is:

http://www.oercommons.org/browse/material\_types/textbooks?f.cou\_bucket=no-stringsattached&f.license=cc-by&f.license=publicdomain&f.cou\_bucket=remix-and-share&f.license=ccby-sa&f.license=cc-by-nc&f.license=cc-by-nc-sa&f.license=cc-nc-sa&f.license=gnufdl&f.cou\_bucket=share-only&f.license=cc-by-nd&f.license=cc-by-nc-nd

## PART X: U. S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: http://www.ed.gov/

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: http://www.nea.org/index.html

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE: BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS: EDUCATIONUSA <u>http://educationusa.state.gov/</u>

# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE: BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS: FULBRIGHT PROGRAM: <u>http://fulbright.state.gov/</u>

U.S. NETWORK FOR EDUCATION INFORMATION. Studying in the United States http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/Programs/EROD/queries/word\_specific\_results.cfm?Word=Internatio nal%20Studies&Category=Subject

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE YOUTH AND EDUCATION (Includes Exchange Programs for Educators) <u>http://www.state.gov/youthandeducation/</u>

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE: BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS <u>http://exchanges.state.gov/</u>

EDUCATION AND YOUTH PAGE via America.gov http://www.america.gov/amlife/education.html

USAID's EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM http://www.usaid.gov/our\_work/education\_and\_universities/

GUIDE TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

(Department of Education): <u>http://www.ed.gov/programs/gtep/index.html</u>

NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS (NCES) http://www.nces.ed.gov/

## PART XI: STUDY IN THE USA:

## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE (IES) <a href="http://ies-ed.com/html/index.html">http://ies-ed.com/html/index.html</a>

COLLEGE MAJORS 101, by Andrew Leidner http://www.collegemajors101.com Leidner, who has college admissions and financial aid experience, created College Majors 101 to educate high school and undergraduate college students about college majors and the careers to which they can lead. Each major has its own "channel" presenting descriptive information, along with typical positions held by people who have majored in a particular area. Although more robust descriptions of both careers and majors would enhance the site, and can be found elsewhere (see Quintessential Careers http://quintcareers.com/, some unique aspects of this site are of special note. The listing of undergraduate student competitions (along with winners) provides information about the strength and quality of programs that is often obscured by national rankings. Two particularly valuable sections of each channel are the lists of related student/professional associations and the list of links to relevant trade publications. Often overlooked, these key sources of information can yield insider information not to be found elsewhere. Each channel also includes a list of employers who recruit in a particular field, a list of "featured" colleges and universities offering the major, links to related news stories, and a more comprehensive listing of accredited programs. Much of the site's content is delivered through videos. This approach likely will appeal to a wide audience and should provide institutions with an opportunity to highlight actual students and their work. Users also have the opportunity to register with the site, and have their contact information forwarded to the appropriate college partners. College Majors 101 was recently listed as a top ten college Web site by Lynn O'Shaughnessy, a blogger for U.S. News & World Report. It is a valuable resource for anyone researching college majors and career paths.

## STATISTICS ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE US: <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/2009/section5/indicator39.asp">http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/2009/section5/indicator39.asp</a>

VISA INFORMATION for STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS: http://www.educationusa.info/pages/students/visa.php

#### **PETERSON'S GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** <u>http://www.petersons.com/college\_home.asp?path=ug.home</u>

STUDY IN THE USA FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: <a href="http://www.usa.gov/visitors/study.shtml">http://www.usa.gov/visitors/study.shtml</a>

COLLEGE SEARCH -FIND THE BEST COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FOR YOU http://www.petersons.com/college\_home.asp?path=ug.home

#### NETWORK FOR EDUCATION INFORMATION

http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ous/international/usnei/edlite-index.html.

## TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL)

http://www.ets.org/portal/site/ets/menuitem.fab2360b1645a1de9b3a0779f1751509/?vgnextoid =69c0197a484f4010VgnVCM10000022f95190RCRD

USA STUDY GUIDE http://www.usastudyguide.com/

**CAMPUS CONNECTIONS [E Journal]:** International Students talk about their educational experiences abroad, and discuss how their study in the U.S. shaped their lives: CAMPUS CONNECTIONS: AUG 2009 EJOURNAL ON STUDY USA: also has a section on tips for Visas: <u>http://www.america.gov/publications/ejournalusa/0809.html</u>

A related EJournal is the May, 2010 **SEE YOU IN THE USA:** containing essays on International Student experiences in the U.S.: <u>http://www.america.gov/see\_you.html</u>

eduPASS! The SmartStudent Guide to Studying in the USA http://www.edupass.org/

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS http://www.studyabroad.com/esl/text.html.

TIPS TO GET READY FOR COLLEGE: http://oedb.org/library/college-basics/88-surefire-tips

Other related resources of interest:

<u>UNIGO - COLLEGE REVIEWS AND ADVICE FROM STUDENTS:</u> <u>http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2009/01/unigo-college-reviews-and-planning.html</u>

**COLLEGE CRUNCH - RESOURCES FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING** 

http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2008/12/college-crunch-resources-for-college.html

## "MY COLLEGE CALENDAR" HELPS STUDENTS ORGANIZE COLLEGE

<u>APPLICATIONS</u>: <u>http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2008/11/my-college-calendar-helps-</u> students.html "My College Calendar helps students organize their college applications. Students select the names of the colleges to which they are applying then <u>My College Calendar</u> generates a color-coded calendar with important due dates for the application procedure at each college."

#### EDU PURSUIT: SEARCH COLLEGES : <u>http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2009/03/edu-</u>

*pursuit-college-search-by-location.html* Edu Pursuit is a simple tool designed to help students locate colleges that they may be interested in attending. Edu Pursuit lets students search using the following parameters; public or private school, two or four year program, size of the student body, and location. Students set the parameters, search, and the results are displayed on a Google Map. *Each search result is linked to a college's website.* 

#### **10 TIPS FOR STARTING YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH:**

http://www.usnews.com/blogs/professors-guide/2009/12/30/10-tips-for-starting-your-college-search.html

## PART XII: ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION:

#### AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

http://www.acenet.edu//AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home

#### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

http://www.aacc.nche.edu/

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS http://www.aft.org/

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

http://www.50states.com/college/

COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE (COOL) <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/">http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/</a>

COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE (CIEE) <a href="http://www.ciee.org/">http://www.ciee.org/</a>

EDUCATION RESOURCE ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORY http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/Programs/EROD/

INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION <a href="http://www.iie.org/">http://www.iie.org/</a>

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE (IES) <a href="http://ies-ed.com/html/index.html">http://ies-ed.com/html/index.html</a>

NAFSA: THE ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATORS <a href="http://www.nafsa.org/">http://www.nafsa.org/</a>

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (NEA) http://www.nea.org/index.html

## PART XIII: BLOGS:

# EDUCATION BLOGS: PROFESSIONAL BLOGS FOR EDUCATORS, GIVING LATEST ADVANCES AND IDEAS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION:

http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2009/08/100-education-blogs-worth-checking-out.html

#### THE 100 BEST BLOGS IN EDUCATION:

http://www.universityreviewsonline.com/2005/10/100-most-inspiring-and-innovative-blogsfor-educators.html

TOP 50 BLOGS FOR E-LEARNING: TOOLS AND TIPS: http://toponlineuniversityreviews.com/2010/top-50-blogs-for-e-learning-tools-and-tips/

## PART XIV: SOURCES OF EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS

## COMPENDIA OF EDUCATION STATISTICS, 2010:

http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/cats/education.html

## NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS:

http://www.nces.ed.gov/ See especially:

> Tables and Figures: <u>http://www.nces.ed.gov/quicktables/</u>

and Fast Facts: http://www.nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/

STATISTICS ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE US: <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/2009/section5/indicator39.asp">http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/2009/section5/indicator39.asp</a>

#### The Nation's Report Card: http://nationsreportcard.gov/math\_2009/

The Nation's Report Card explores the state of reading and mathematics education in the US and is often quoted in media outlets, including television and press reporting.

A Summary of the findings is at: <u>http://nationsreportcard.gov/math\_2009/summary\_g12.asp</u>

#### PART XIV: HOW TO KEEP UP IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION: KEEPING UP WITH NEW SOURCES

#### **EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES:**

**EDUCATION: EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**: NMC's Horizon Project, a research-oriented effort that seeks to identify and describe emerging technologies likely to have considerable impact on teaching, learning, and creative expression within higher education. (NMC is the New Media Consortium) <u>http://www.nmc.org/publications/2011-horizon-report</u>

#### NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND NEW RESOURCES:

How to discover new developments and resources in educational technology and technology in general? Richard Byrne of FreeTech 4 teachers lists the blogs and websites he goes to first: <u>www.freetech4teachers.com</u>

#### The strictly tech blogs.

Read Write Web TechCrunch Make Use Of

#### **Blogs written by educators**

(in no particular order). iLearn Technology - Kelly Tenkely Larry Ferlazzo Welcome to NCS-Tech - Kevin Jarrett David Warlick Dangerously Irrelevant - Dr. Scott McLeod AKA Riptide Furse - Fred Delventhal Langwitches - Sylvia Tolisano Moving at the Speed of Creativity - Wes Fryer Teachers as Technology Trailblazers - Kristen Swanson Teach Paperless - Shelly Blake-Plock, et al. Kevin Hodgson Instructify Miguel Ghulin History Tech - Glenn Wiebe

#### My Twitter Lists

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#### A constantly updated WIKI with related resources: <a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/6dfaxn">www.tinyurl.com/6dfaxn</a>

For example, check out the: wiki for bibliographies on DISTANCE EDUCATION and THE FREE LESSON PLANS and FREE E-BOOKS as well as numerous other bibliographies and resources.