

Money Tips from "Financial Drivers' Education"

OR

Ten Things Everyone Should Know about Money

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What I wish someone had taught me

1. Earn MORE than you spend: (Keep track so you control!)

In COME

- Out GO

Saved Money each pay period

(10% retirement)

(20% other things - car, house, vacation)

2. Pick up all things FREE:

PIZZA, coupons, student discounts, concerts, lectures, libraries, workout facilities, scholarships, grants, work (with perks), Student Financial Office, FAFSA, **money-savvy friends**, special prices and sales, **trading services** (barter), tax credits, knowing the difference between wants and needs

3. PRACTICE with a budget:

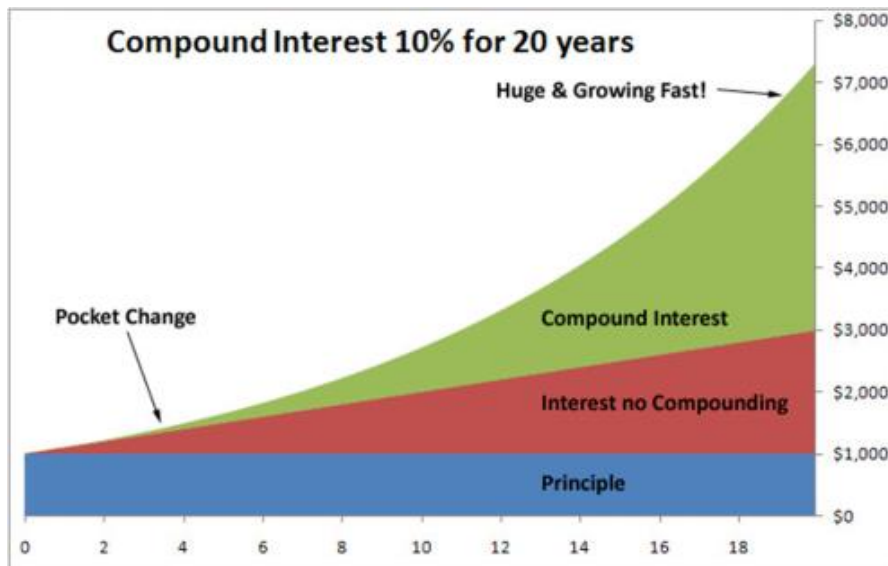
Open a checking account, balance your statement, open a savings account, balance your statement, use the ATM, balance your statement, use a credit card, balance your statement, watch your accounts, invest in and secure your electronic devices, create a tentative budget, practice using a budget, check your credit score, buy a lock box, learn how much college (living) will cost

Typical American Budget

Housing	35%	
Transportation	18%	(less than 50% left)
Food	12%	
Insurance	12%	(only 23% left)

4. Understand the POWER of compound interest:

Learn about investing, begin investing in no-load, low-fee mutual funds, read a financial article once a month, talk to people who understand financial matters, educate yourself about financial matters, try on-line calculators (mycalculators.com), set a percentage goal for long-term savings contributions, search for employment with companies with 401(k) benefits



\$100/mo. for 50 years at 8% = \$793,172

5. Start saving and investing as EARLY as possible:

Financial Advice from the Class of '13

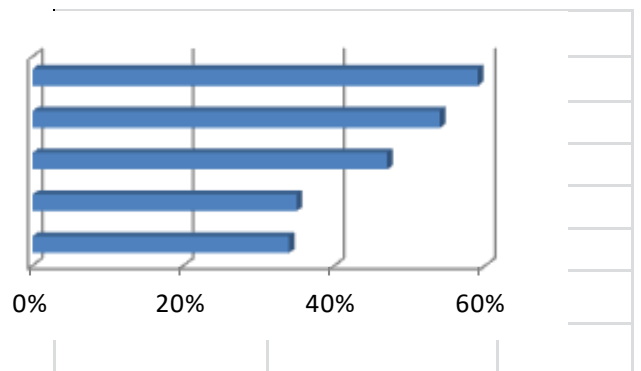
Save as early as possible

Learn about financial aid

Control spending

Evaluate school's cost

Discuss finances with parents



6. Make buying decisions relative to NEED (not want):

A *need* is something that you have to have.

A *want* is something you would like to have.



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7. Avoid DEBT:

Charge **ONLY** what you can pay off at the end of each month, two cards at the most, control costs, don't company hop, seek money resources, research and understand the implications of student loans (they must be paid back), work to avoid unnecessary debt.

Category of Debt, Class of '13	% with Debt	Average Debt
Government	56%	\$26,000
Private	22%	\$19,000
State	12%	\$18,000
Credit Card	25%	\$3,000
Personal/Family Loans	23%	\$13,000
Average four-year graduate has \$35,200 of debt		



8. Make financial decisions relative to HOURS of your life you worked:

How much "LIFE" does something cost?????

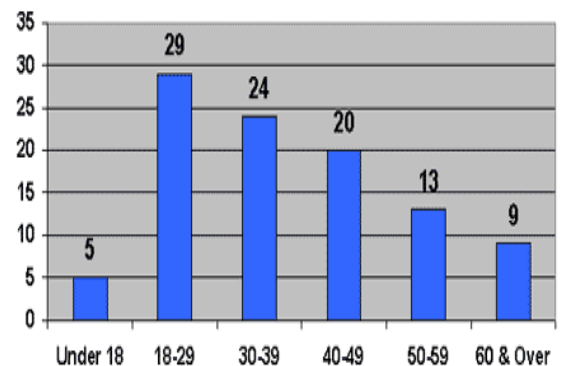
Six hours @ \$25/hour = \$150

What does a Bronco's Game cost?

9. Guard your IDENTITY:

Balance bank statements and fees, monitor credit card purchases, secure passwords, shred physical mail (especially credit card offers), create a locked place for important stuff, use secure wifis, guard personal computer and other devices with a password, trust no one, use social networking with caution, install malware. **PROTECT YOUR SSN!**

Percentage of Victims by Age



10. MONEY HAPPINESS !

- Happify.com declares that additional annual income above \$75,000 has no impact on creating greater happiness.
- Homeowners were found to be no happier than renters.
- Spending money on “experiences” (a vacation, a trip to the theater, a five-course dinner) gives a big and lasting boost to happiness compared to the joy of acquiring a new object.
- Giving away money creates the most happiness of all.

MONEY MATTERS!

Learn to drive before you hit the road!

