

This activity will help your students discover and digest more of the important information within *Arkansas Next*. Have your students complete this hunt individually or in small groups, and perhaps with a time limit for added fun.

SCAVENGING HUNT

1. How many of the fastest-growing jobs in the nation are in the health care industry?
2. What is the average salary of a dentist?
3. Find "The Next Level" section and list the four main higher education paths featured. Bonus: Find a fifth option.
4. Where can you train for the U.S. Air Force?
5. Of the levels of nursing listed, which is the highest level one can achieve?
6. An associate degree is an option for you if...?
7. What are two things the "College Countdown" suggests you do during your freshman year of high school?
8. How much scholarship money does the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship award students?
9. In what year does the "College Countdown" tell you to start applying for scholarships?
10. What higher education path is right for someone if they...
 - A. Want to save a lot of money?
 - B. Need to live at home?
 - C. Are an adventure seeker?
 - D. Want the traditional college experience?
11. Which dorm looks most like one you want to live in?
12. How many Arkansas universities offer ROTC programs, and which schools are they?
13. List four of the 15 technical professions featured in Arkansas Next PROS, and name the one trade career you'd most be interested in.
14. In the "Jobs in Demand" section...
 - A. What is the highest paying job in Arkansas?
 - B. Name three in-demand jobs.
15. What is a new change to the ACT rules that might benefit students who need to improve on one or two sections of the exam?
16. What are two scholarships everyone can apply for?
17. What do high-end earners in the Tool & Die industry make in Arkansas?
18. What are three cool things made in Arkansas?
19. What are some jobs you can get after completing an industrial mechanics and maintenance technology program at UA Morrilton?
20. What's one similarity and one difference between medical doctors and doctors of osteopathic medicine?
21. What is the average student loan debt in Arkansas?
22. What did pharmacist Rebecca Rae Smith say she wished people knew about her field?
23. Read "What They Pay" on page 84. List three careers that you have an interest in and the average salary for each.
24. What is the median annual salary for a Substation & Transmission Tech in Arkansas?
25. Name one "easy" scholarship to get and one "big" scholarship to get; write down which of these two you'd pursue and why.
26. Fill out the survey card in the back of this magazine and turn it in with this assignment to your teacher or guidance counselor.

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NEEDS YOU IN THE
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1

SHARE A SLIDE PRESENTATION. “WHAT DOES YOUR FUTURE LOOK LIKE?”



Teachers: Create a Google Slide presentation for your students called “What does your future look like?” Create one blank slide for each student. Then, share the presentation with the students in your class. Ask each student to create their own slide to present to the class toward the end of the class period. Have them pick the following using Arkansas Next’s “What’s Next?” section, college list and degree directory:

1. Type of higher education they want to pursue after high school
2. Major/degree they want to pursue
3. Job they want to use that degree to pursue
4. Type of lifestyle they hope to lead after achieving Nos. 1, 2 and 3

After 15 to 20 minutes, give each student a chance to do a brief presentation of their slide – to explain what they want to accomplish in the future and why. (Project could be expanded into full slideshows by each student over the course of two days of class.)

2

CREATE A PADLET BOARD.

Padlet is a digital bulletin board. Use it to pin digital notes with “push pins.” Those notes can have links, files, images and other multimedia attached to them. Kick off class by creating a collaborative “What do you know about ...?” Padlet. Pose one of the following (or all) questions to your students and ask them to use *Arkansas Next* and *Arkansas Next PROS* to gather facts and develop opinions.

- “How do you get into college?”
- “What does the ‘college experience’ mean to you?”
- “What do you think about military service?”
- “What financial aid/scholarship opportunities stick out to you?”
- “What interests you the most about the medical field?”
- “Why are the technical professions a good option for some students?”

Encourage students to add anything they want – personal experiences, GIFs, memes, photos or videos. As a class, talk through some of the things that the students posted.

Scavenger Hunt: Answer Key

1. 10 (page 22). **2.** \$168,420 (page 34). **3.** Four-year degrees, associate degrees, transfer degrees, and military service (pages 42-54); bonus: graduate degrees (page 30). **4.** Lackland Air Force Base, Texas (page 51). **5.** Nurse anesthetists (page 27). **6.** Answers will vary from page 44. **7.** Answers will vary from page 18. **8.** \$18,000 (page 72). **9.** Junior year (page 19). **10.** A. Transfer degrees (page 46); B. Associate degrees (page 44); C. Military service (page 54); D. Four-year degrees (page 42). **11.** Answers will vary from page 64-65. **12.** Four: Arkansas State University, University of Central Arkansas, University of Arkansas and University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (pages 50-51). **13.** Answers will vary based on content in *Arkansas Next PROS*. **14.** A. Surgeons (page 84); B. Answers will vary from pages 80. **15.** The ACT is allowing students to retake specific portions of the exam without having to sit through all four sections (page 60). **16.** Answers will vary from pages 74-75. **17.** \$61,350 (page 136). **18.** Answers will vary from pages 121-123. **19.** Answers will vary from pages 110. **20.** Answers will vary from page 32. **21.** \$31,628 (page 68). **22.** “Not all pharmacists count pills behind a counter.” (page 36). **23.** Answers will vary from page 84. **24.** \$82,780 (page 160). **25.** Answers will vary from pages 76-77. **26.** Collect completed surveys from students.

BELL RINGER ACTIVITIES



➤ PLANNING FOR THE COST OF COLLEGE

1. Imagine you have no money for college. There’s no savings account or parental help. You’re on your own. Now choose a higher education path with this in mind, and think about how you’ll pay for it. You can apply for financial aid, take out student loans and/or work part-time jobs to help cover expenses. You can go for four years, two years or 18 months. You might pick the military or skilled trades training. Explain your answer in four to six sentences.
2. Now imagine you have limitless money for college. There’s nothing holding you back – where do you go and what do you study? Do you go to graduate school? What’s your dream job after graduation? Explain your answer in four to six sentences.
3. Look at both versions and now find a compromise somewhere in the middle. What path fulfills all your dreams but with a practical way of paying? Explain your answer in four to six sentences.

➤ JOBS IN HEALTH CARE

1. Turn to page 24 and take the health care quiz to see which industry is right for you.
2. Based on your results, flip to the corresponding profile and get to know more about the field and related jobs.
3. List three traits that you have that you think would make you a perfect fit for this job.
4. Next, flip to the degree directory starting on page 185 to see which schools in Arkansas offer that degree path and rank your top schools based on that list.

➤ LIFESTYLE CALCULATOR GAME

1. Play the game on pages 86-87.
2. Using your results on page 88, find the column that matches your number of points, and write down the salary range for that column in the box above. Next, choose one or more occupations you might consider in order to earn this salary.
3. In three to five sentences, write what you think about your results. Questions to consider: What surprised you about your results? Why did you pick that occupation? What lifestyle do you picture for yourself 10 years from now? Will that occupation get you to that 10-year plan? What else? Discuss the results as a class.

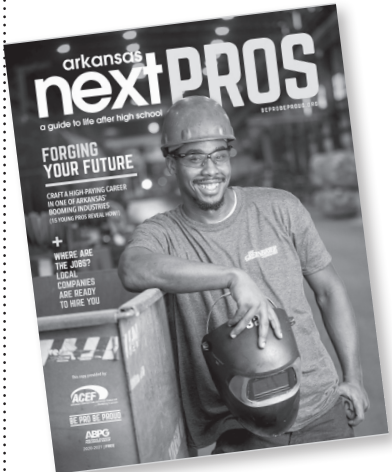
➤ CAREER QUIZ FUN

1. Turn to page 116. Take the career/personality quiz featured on the page. What career/degree paths were recommended for you?
2. Make a list of the top career recommendations.
3. Write a paragraph about why you think the quiz recommended these for you and why you would be interested in them (or not).

➤ SCHOLARSHIP HEAD START

1. Go to the Financial Aid section (pages 67-77) for an overview on how to get money for college.
2. Make a list of all the scholarships that you might have a chance of receiving.
3. Several of the scholarships are representative of other available scholarships. List three things you might research online to find more scholarships you could be eligible for. When you finish, you should have a good start for when you need to begin applying!

PROS ACTIVITIES: CONSIDER A TECHNICAL PROFESSION



PEER REVIEW

1. Get into groups of four. On a piece of paper, write down a technical profession that you think would fit each of the other three members of your group based on their personalities and what you know about them.
2. Take turns sharing which jobs you imagined for each other, and explain why you thought they’d like these paths.
3. Now rank the paths that your classmates imagined for you.

INDUSTRIES OF INTEREST

1. Study Arkansas’ booming industries on pages 106-107, and choose the industry that appeals to you the most for a career. In a few words, explain your choice.
2. Next, find that industry section in *Arkansas Next PROS*. Read about the young pros in that field. Think about their training, pay and responsibilities.
3. Now, pretend you want their job. Use the magazine to outline a plan of how you’ll get trained (and where), what company you want to hire you, and a five-year plan to grow in the field. Read and discuss your answers in small groups or as a class.