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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Happy December Rise scholars, parents, and East River family. Scholars as we are nearing the end of the 2nd marking period, I encourage you to finish strong. Reflect on all that you have accomplished and set new goals for the new year. December is a time of giving and spending valuable time with family and friends. Enjoy these moments. I wish each of you peace, joy, love, and laughter in this holiday season

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



K'Mouri D. Williams



Your Scholarship Essay DO'S AND DON'TS

DO

- Follow the instructions
- Discuss 1 central point in each paragraph
- Research your audience
- Focus on strengths
- Turn weaknesses into success stories
- Use detailed, actual examples from your real life
- **PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD**
- Tell a story

DON'T

- Open your essay with a quote
- Use sentences like: "In this essay I will"
- Use words that are new to you
- Achievement-stuff your essay
- Don't repeat your resume
- Say that you need money outright
- Have the **EXACT** same essay for every application -- tailor your essays

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Asia Lowe

Our student of the month is Asia Lowe. Asia is a senior and has been an Upward Bound scholar for two years. We are proud to highlight Asia's accomplishments. We commend Asia for her dedication and focus in preparing for college. She was the first scholar to complete all the items on the senior checklist. Additionally, she has maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher with a weighted GPA of over 4.0, participated in extra-curricular activities, and logged 196 volunteer hours (and counting)! We celebrate you Asia, your hard work is recognized and appreciated. We are inspired by you. Keep shining!

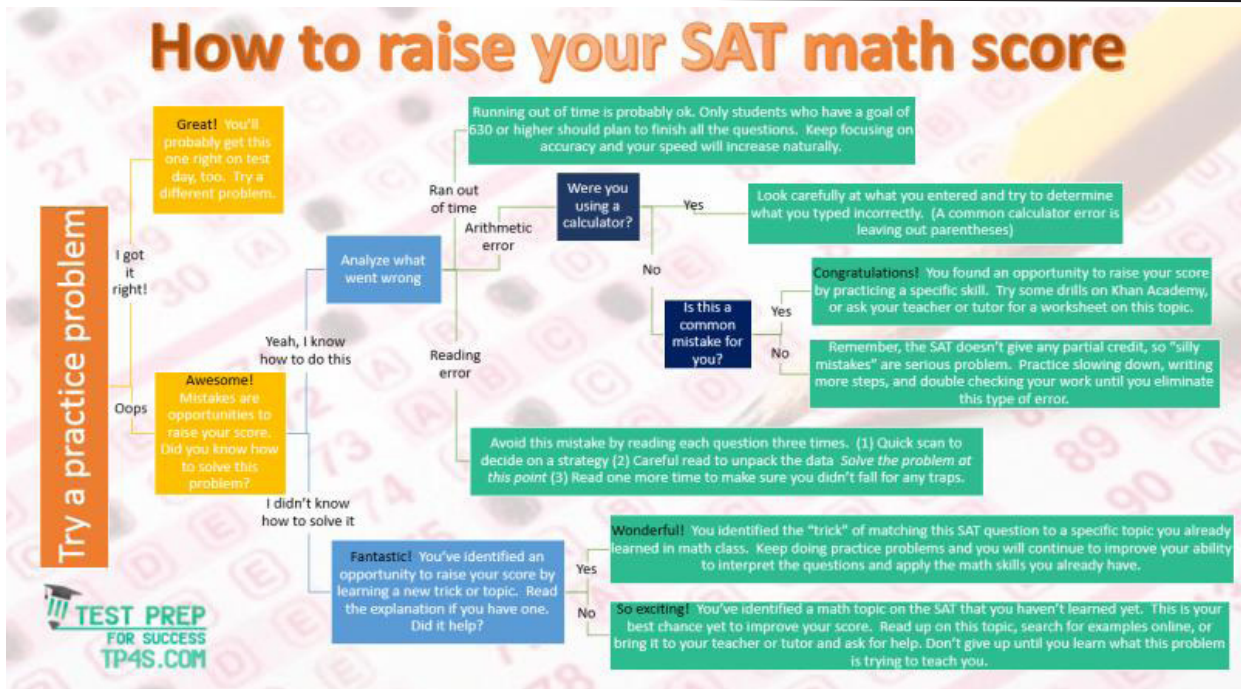


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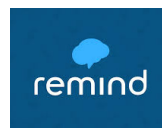


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