

HELP! FROM THE GRADUATE

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Dear The Idiot,

I woke up in time to make my graduation ceremony. What can I expect life to be like now that I'm a college grad?

Thanks for your help,

Da Student

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations: you're left with tons of student debt, you're still not sure if you chose the right profession to study, you're losing all of your independence by moving back home with your parents, and you can't get the image out of your head of that one night when you got really drunk and...you know... Anyways, you did it!

After being a full time student for several years, you're probably asking yourself: What else could I possibly need to know? Answer: Just about everything (except for how to win at beer pong).

Don't worry though, Professor Idiot (I'm certified) is here to teach you what college doesn't prepare you for...

How do I find a job?

Your guess is as good as mine- you probably majored in something that seemed like the hot trend at the time (I.T. person) or something that seemed unique and sexy (sexy I.T. person) but as good of an idea that this seemed several years ago (when your brain wasn't fully developed) may now be old and outdated (like starting a MySpace page).

Start looking for which family member has the best connections and provide them with simple favors (car washing, lawn mowing, scoring them anti-depressants) before asking them to help you get a job that you'll still hate but offers good health insurance. In the meantime, sell your college text books online (you should get top dollar 'cause you never read them and they're still wrapped in plastic).

What will it be like to see family more often?

Answer: Awkward

When family members ask you "What are you going to do now that you graduated?" just explain to them that the new trend is to live with your parents well into your 30s while you work on an innovative phone app idea- see if they want to be an investor.

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Will I stay in touch with my college friends?

If “staying in touch” means “stalking” them online and “passing judgement” then, Yes.

Will I rekindle my relationships with high school friends?

If “rekindle” means “stalking” them online and “passing judgement” then, Yes.

What if I accidentally bump into an old high school “friend” (hopefully they’re not working at your urologist’s office)?

Tell them that you’re only back home temporarily visiting because you have cooler things to do (so cool that it’s too hard to explain) and then tell them that you have a huge following on Twitter. See if they want to invest in your fake phone app idea.

How can I avoid feeling like a kid while living back home at my parents’ house?

You can’t but take advantage of it:

– *Take out the garbage again and ask for allowance.*

– *Convince your mom to stock the cabinets with cereal (the ones with good prizes), Spaghettios, Doritos, and anything microwaveable from 7-11 (all good options for late night munchies) because you’re not fussy and don’t want her to cook.*

– *Offer to get your parents’ car washed but explain that the best car wash is a good 3 hour drive, located next to a beach, and only washes convertibles.*

What will dating be like now that I’m living back home?

Answer: Pretty much non-existent, except for that time when your parents take that weekend vacation to drive upstate and visit flea markets so you have the house to yourself.

When will my dad realize that he needs to wear pants around the house in the morning now that I’m living under his roof again?

Answer: NEVER.

Good luck. Now stop reading this and get a job you millennial slacker!

– The Idiot

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