

Making The Grade Harrell Accelerated Learning Center

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HARRELL ACCELERATED LEARNING CENTER HELPS STUDENTS WHO HAVE STUMBLED IN THEIR ACADEMIC CAREER GET BACK ON THE ROAD TO ACHIEVING THEIR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. THE CENTER ALSO HELPS STUDENTS GET READY FOR COLLEGE WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THE WIDE WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY. EDDIE RANDLE SHOWS US HOW IN TONIGHT'S MAKING THE GRADE. JOHN PRCHAL HAS BEEN TEACHING AT HARRELL ACCELERATED LEARNING CENTER FOR NEARLY THREE DECADES. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS HE'S USED MANY DIFFERENT METHODS TO GET STUDENTS MOTIVATED...BUT A PROGRAM HE IS USING NOW ALLOWS STUDENTS TO LOG-ON TO LEARN.

It's not easy, it's very challenging its very thorough.

PRCHAL FOUND THE KNOWLEDGE MATTERS SOFTWARE, WHICH ALLOWS STUDENTS TO BECOME BUSINESS OWNERS.

I was looking for something that was different and would work and it appeared in the mail found Virtual Business - Management and since then I have expanded to Virtual Business Restaurant, Personal Finance, Sports Management, and Retailing.

THE PROGRAM ALLOWS STUDENTS TO PRICE, PURCHASE AND LAYOUT DESIGNS FOR THEIR VERY OWN BUSINESSES.

I'm actually a lab rat testing this beta program. It's marketing management. I have to manage a restaurant. Own two football teams. I have the U.S. Bank as my score-board sign, humongous Insurance is the name of my stadium and then on the outside I have SPORTS CO as the ticket booth sponsor.

These are the restaurants and these are the theaters. If you select a restaurant near theaters your going to get couples, if you select close to the apartments your mostly going to get families. And if you place them near businesses you'll have more business people, which means you can price them higher because they will pay more.

THE STUDENTS GET MORE THAN "VIRTUAL" REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE...ONCE THEY COMPETE THESE PROGRAMS THEY ALSO RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDIT TOWARDS A BUSINESS DEGREE.

AND PRCHAL SAYS IT'S PROGRAMS JUST LIKE THESE THAT HELP STUDENTS WHO MAY HAVE FALLEN BEHIND GET BACK ON TRACK.

A young lady received her diploma and she gave our principal a high five when she walked across the stage. There's your gratification. That's when you know you succeeded.

HARRELL ACCELERATED LEARNING CENTER PLANS TO HAVE ABOUT 100 GRADUATES IN MAY.