

4th Annual Free Back to School Haircuts



Students from Rock Hill, York, Chester waiting patiently at Kut Kreator Barbershop for their Free Back to School Hair cut

ROCK HILL, SC – The Kappa Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and Kut Kreator Barbershop held the 4th Annual Free Back to School Haircuts.

Over 200 students received the free haircuts. The owners of Kut Kreator, brothers Cleavon and Jovon Bradley, and staff have offered the haircuts before the start of school hoping to give students, who may not have the ability to pay for a haircut, a boost to their self-esteem before they enter their classroom. Both said, “If a young man feels good about the way he looks, perhaps he’ll have a positive attitude and work hard at being successful in the classroom.”

In conjunction with the event, Rock Hill Mayor Doug Echols and the City of Rock Hill’s Rock Hill Reads Program donated school supplies and books for the students. Mayor Echols came out to personally hand out the books and supplies as well as to encourage students to do their best in the classroom.

All in attendance were also served hotdogs for lunch as Rock Hill Coke sponsored beverages for the cookout.



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Omega Biblical Reading



Greetings Brothers,

Healthy Relationships are essential for the Christians well being, they promote happiness which in turns removes obstacles for Christians to be more open with one another. Christians should strive too treat others the way they want to be treated which promotes Healthy Relationships. The New Testament teaches us several lessons on Healthy Relationships, and the importance of listening to what others have to say.

Every relationship will have disagreements at some point, but if they are founded on truth then it is my belief their will always be common ground. Jesus taught the truth, and allowed it to convict those who were dishonest. A Healthy Relationship cannot exist if there is no truth. In Healthy Relationships, you learn to value and respect truthful people in your life.

Matthew 21 illustrates Jesus' teaching in the parable of the two sons. This parable demonstrates the religious leaders' failure to respond rightly to John the Baptist's prophetic ministry. They hypocritically did not live up to their talk (they were dishonest with themselves). The fruit of one's life ultimately proves whether or not one is obedient to God's message. In addition, a person's actions ultimately prove whether or not he is obedient to God. Healthy Relationships, first requires obedience to God.

Matthew 21: 28

But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. **29** He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. **30** And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he

answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. **31** Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. **32** For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

In Healthy Relationships, working through disagreements, or disbeliefs, and seeing the truth from different perspectives often strengthens the relationship. Jesus knew that these religious officials rejected John's ministry, so he taught them thru a parable which they could understand and that would reach and convict them.

In developing Healthy Relationships founded on the truth, you must be able too listen to yourself and be humble enough to admit when you may be wrong.

By doing so we learn to understand experiences and feelings of others as well as having them understand our experiences and feelings, which in the end strengthens Healthy Relationships.

Until the next time my brothers, I love you all, and keep God in front as you navigate this terrain.

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DOLLARS AND SENSE

Economists and investors have cranked up their computer models recently to figure out all the implications of prolonged stagnation. Basically, it amounts to more of what we've already got: chronic joblessness, a sunken housing market, suppressed spending and a bunker mentality among consumers and businesses. Inflation might become a worry, if the economy were to heat up, but in the meantime, deflation may be a bigger risk.

Stagnation, however, need not be disastrous. Individual consumers can't do anything about the overall economy, but they can take advantage of this pause in growth to shore up their own finances and make themselves more competitive. Here are 12 ways to get ahead and prepare for the economy upswing.

Cross-train. In a recent issue of the *Harvard Business Review*, three executives from leader-development consultancy Zenger Folkman argue that it's better to spend scarce time learning a new skill than building on a skill you already have. "If you're technically adept," they write, "delving even more deeply into technical manuals won't get you nearly as far as honing a complementary skill such as communication, which will make your expertise more apparent and accessible to your co-workers." This kind of professional "cross-training," they say, helps build new strengths instead of merely improving on known weaknesses.

Make yourself mobile. One powerful workplace trend is the shift away from fixed offices--or even fixed employment--with companies relying

far more on free agents able to travel, move, and log in during odd hours, to help handle overseas business, for example. [Carl Camden](#), CEO of the employment firm Kelly Services, call this kind of work "fractional employment" and predicts it could account for 50 percent of the workforce within 10 years. No matter how unappealing this disjointed style of work might sound, it's clearly an advantage to be agile and flexible.

Do something for free. If you're out of work or underemployed--or even if you're not--consider doing some work you might not get paid for, kind of like a senior intern. It can be volunteer work, but also consider doing something professional in a field that's a step or two removed from what you ordinarily do, to learn something new without making a huge commitment to it. This can be a way to meet new contacts, develop new skills and build goodwill that could pay off later.

Get technical. It's hard to find a business that's not likely to be affected by the digital revolution, and that affects workers everywhere. Companies increasingly want workers who understand social media, Web programming or other types of technology, even if that's not their primary occupation. Job-search site [Indeed.com](#) says all of the top 10 job trends it has noted recently involve technology--ranging from mobile apps to cloud computing to virtualization. It helps to have formal training in such things, but you can also learn a lot on your own just by jumping in and getting started.

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