Traps To Avoid After Graduation

BY DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,

I'm currently a senior in college. I'm completely debt-free right now, and I am wondering what I should do to stay this way after graduation. —Carv

Dear Cary,

You're already primed for a great start. Doesn't it feel great to know you won't have a bunch of payments hanging over your head when you walk out into the world? I'm really proud of you!

There are three major traps I tell all new graduates to avoid. One, don't buy or lease a new car. Save up and pay cash for your cars for the rest of your life. If you saved the amount of an average car payment — about \$485 a month — and put it into a good mutual fund from age 25 to 65, you could easily retire a millionaire. Now that's something to look forward to!

The second trap to avoid is rushing in to buy a house. The first few years after college will be some of the most volatile in your life in terms of career and relationships. Save up a big pile of cash and be patient. Too many young people today go crazy and buy houses they can't afford just because their



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thing you make to some bank? Live on less than you make, and live by a written, monthly budget.

I think you've got a really bright future ahead, Cary. Just remember to have a plan, pile up some cash and stay away from debt! —Dave

BEWARE INTEREST-ONLY MORTGAGES Dear Dave,

Can you explain interest-only mortgages? Are they a good idea? —Dale

Dear Dale,

An interest-only mortgage is just what it sounds like. You're paying only the interest on the loan, and none of what you actually owe. It's a good way to stay in debt for the rest of your life, so they're not a good idea.

Lots of people look at this product and say, "Wow, I'll get a lower monthly payment, and then I can throw tons of cash at the principal." Guess what, in most cases it doesn't work out that way. Why not take out a good 15-year fixed rate mortgage and put a bunch of money toward the principal? Everyone thinks they have a great idea for tricking the system. But the only system that really works is to pay off debt as quickly as you can.

Interest-only mortgages are like adjustable rate mortgages and high fixed rate mortgages — they're good things to stay away from completely! —Dave

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100th Annual NACAA Meeting in Sioux Falls



The National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) will host its Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference (AM-PIC) at the Sioux Falls Convention Center July 12 - 16, 2015.

"The meeting is geared towards professional improvement and enhancing the skills of those who provide education for farmers across the nation," said Steven Munk, South Dakota's AM-PIC 2015 meeting chair. "It's responsible for sharpening and honing the skills of those that made this nation the envy of food production in the world."

The AM-PIC will offer workshops, seminars and tours to provide agriculture and natural resource extension staff and employees from across the U.S. opportunities to network and develop professional skills. The conference currently has 1,100 people registered, including extension educators along with their spouses and children.

This year's AM-PIC marks the 100th anniversary of NACAA and is the second time that South Dakota has hosted the AM-PIC since 1979 in Rapid City. NACAA's centennial celebration will kick off Sunday evening with an appearance from the Native American music group Brulé.

With NACAA attracting people from across the entire nation, Munk considers the 2015 AM-PIC an ideal opportunity to give visitors from outside the state a taste of Sioux Falls as well as South Dakota.

"We want people to see the beauty and uniqueness of the state as well as the importance of agricultural production along with our state's neat history," Munk said.

NACAA has professional improvement tours lined up

July 16 throughout the states of South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska. With over 28 tours to choose from, visitors have the opportunity to gain technical and cultural insight into the Midwest. Tours will emphasize a wide variety of interests, ranging from bio-energy production in Minnesota to the Mitchell Corn Palace to conservation practices in the Iowa Loess Hills.

"We'd love to see people as they leave have fond memories of South Dakota and have a greater understanding of the state from a scenic, historic and cultural perspective," Munk said.

NACAA is accepting sponsorships and donations in support of the conference. Organizations, businesses and individuals interested in making a donation are encouraged to visit the organization's sponsorship page at agagents.wordpress. com/supporters/ or contact Laura Edwards via phone 605.626.2870.

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Avian Influenza Education & Outreach

BROOKINGS, S.D. - In response to the recent Avian Influenza outbreak, SDSU Extension launched a multi-state approach to providing research-based information and resources to families.

"By leveraging our resources and strategically sharing information with families throughout South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa we are able to provide daily updates and recommendations," said Suzanne Stluka, SDSU Extension Food & Families Program Director of the cooperative project with Iowa State University Extension and University of Minnesota Extension.

Together, extension staff from the three Land Grant Universities will provide families with information on everything from food safety education and stretching food dollars as the cost of eggs and poultry increases to implementing strategies to manage a family's finances and stress during tough times.

"Avian Influenza has had a very real impact on families - while our SDSU Extension counterparts are working to address producer issues - this group will focus on the families struggling with the human challenges brought on by Avian Influenza," Stluka explained. "Whether that is ensuring families are implementing the proper food safety techniques when preparing eggs and poultry, the loss of employment or dealing with seeing their food budget increase, as eggs, which are traditionally an inexpensive protein source, have more than doubled in price."

#AvianFluImpact

Sharing of resources and information between university extension groups is not a new concept; outreach has been the focus of extension since its establishment within Land Grant universities across the U.S. more than a century ago. And, in this case, Stluka says collaboration is imperative. "Alone, we simply do not have the staff or resources to ensure families receive all the information they need."

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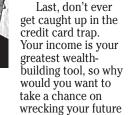
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