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Meet Your Virtual Host: Dexter Robinson



In high school, basketball was Dexter Robinson's passion. But schoolwork was his priority. While his teammates slid by in easy classes, he enrolled in Advanced Placement courses and was the only African-American student in many of them. This decision paid off in the form of an acceptance letter from his top choice university.

Dexter graduated last spring and took a job as a high school basketball coach. He helped his players on and off the court, answering their questions about getting into college. After his first year of coaching, Dexter joined the National College Advising Corps. He loved mentoring his players, but wanted to give advice to schools of students.

Dexter's new passion won him a spot as a KnowHow2GO virtual host. Visit KnowHow2GO.org and look for the guy with the big smile and the southern twang. He can also be found in the section for [Seniors](#).

Ask Your Virtual Host

Want to be a passionate and skilled mentor like Dexter? Send your questions about college advising to news@KnowHow2GO.org and get a response from one of KnowHow2GO's five virtual hosts. All of the hosts are members of the National College Advising Corps.

'Tis the Season

This holiday season, encourage your teen to give the gift of time! Students can help spread cheer to those who need it most by volunteering at local homeless shelters or nursing homes. If your teen's not sold on the idea, let him or her know that colleges look for well-rounded students who give back to their communities. Some even ask students to list their community service activities on their application.

Teens should follow these steps to give their time this holiday season:

- 1. Choose an organization.** Find a good cause that allows you to use your talents. For example, if you play an instrument, you might volunteer to play for patients at a nearby hospital.
- 2. Decide on your hours.** December can be a busy time at school and at home. When you sign up as a volunteer, don't promise to give more time than you have.
- 3. Enjoy.** Volunteer work can be very rewarding, if you go into it with an open mind and heart. Think about continuing to volunteer *after* the holiday season.

Give the Gift of...College?



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College Myth

Myth #8 – Students today have so much loan debt that it doesn't make sense to pay a lot to go to college.

This is almost always false. To find out why and to debunk more common myths about college, [click here](#).

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