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How visualized learning is helping students succeed

(StatePoint) While yesterday's students once had to rely on the static images found in textbooks and overhead transparencies, today's students are being treated to a wealth of rich moving imagery with seemingly unlimited interactive potential.

This is good news, as visualized learning can help students better grasp material. Here's how:

- Like the old saying goes, "a picture's worth a thousand words." Visuals have the potential to reduce required reading, helping students absorb information more efficiently and with less fatigue.
- A visual provides a powerful memory that learners can fall back on, which can potentially improve retention of content. This may be especially handy during exams!
- Visual aids can help students identify relationships and patterns.
- The majority of students are visual learners. Incorporating this knowledge into classroom instruction is a practical measure. When a greater percentage of students get the material the first time it's delivered, teachers ultimately have more time to help everybody else get up to speed.

So exactly how are educators implementing visualized learning in the classroom? Many are turning to the latest models of projectors, which in some cases, offer

features that far exceed their predecessors of even just a few years ago. In some cases, it only takes one click to enable teachers and students to delve right in, a valuable benefit, as most time-crunched teachers following a packed curriculum know.

With the Casio XJ-S400 Projector, for example, image projection can be controlled not only from a desktop computer or laptop, but by smartphone or tablet from anywhere in the classroom, giving educators a wider choice of teaching styles. Thanks to features like these, as access to tablets and other personal devices widens, students will not only be able to view interactive material in the palm of their hand but also share what's on their screen with the entire class.

With this projector model, collaboration and connection are simplified using Casio's Educational Solutions. Wireless features such as PC Remote and Moderator Function allow teachers to project their own PC display or select a student's PC display from anywhere in a classroom. Up to 40 PCs can be connected at one time and up to four PCs displayed on-screen simultaneously.

As more schools adopt cutting-edge technologies that embrace visualized learning, students will see the benefits.

Students: Mid-term tips to become an ultimate overachiever



(StatePoint) As most students know, a mid-term jolt of motivation never hurts.

To help students everywhere re-commit to success, celebrated actor, author, humanitarian and G2 Overachiever Priyanka Chopra Jonas is sharing tips for making more happen during the remainder of the school year.

Tip 1: Set specific goals: Writing down goals and aspirations can get you started on the right note. In a recent survey conducted by Pilot Pen, more than 94 percent of people stated that writing down goals makes you more likely to achieve them, whether that means getting straight As, making your favorite sports team, or making a difference in your community.

Tip 2: Get involved: Find something that you are passionate about, whether that means joining an existing club or taking on a totally new project. You can get inspired by Ian McKenna, winner of the 2018 G2 Overachievers Student Grant, which recognizes young scholars (age 13-19, in middle or high school) who are making a real difference in others' lives in and outside of the classroom. A native of Austin, Texas, 14-year-old McKenna was inspired to help feed his hungry classmates during winter break and founded Ian's Giving Garden, a series of community gardens that donates 100 percent of their crops to hungry families. To-date, McKenna's charity has helped feed over 700 families by growing and donating an estimated 18,300 pounds of fresh produce.

McKenna's inspiring story was selected by Chopra Jonas from a pool of highly qualified nominees. Together with Pilot, she'll award McKenna and his

school a combined \$15,000 grant. He plans to use his \$12,500 portion for college tuition, to gain the skills needed to make an even greater impact on social issues like hunger. The remaining \$2,500 will go to his school to help continue fostering overachievement among its students.

Do you know someone going above and beyond their daily responsibilities to better their community? Whether they're a student or adult, visit G2Overachievers.com to learn more and submit a handwritten nomination.

Tip 3: Be prepared: Overachievers of all ages know that you have to have the right tools on-hand so that you're always prepared when inspiration strikes. Whether you're taking notes in class, outlining a science experiment or planning a fundraiser for an afterschool club, the right pen in your hands can make all the difference. A preferred pen of overachievers, the G2 gel ink pen by Pilot is smooth-writing, long-lasting and the number one selling pen in America. Its smaller counterpart, the G2 Mini, offers the same smooth-writing ink and comfortable grip of full-sized G2s in 10 great color options, and funds the G2 Overachievers Student Grant.

Tip 4: Try something new: Step outside your comfort zone and try something totally new to you. Audition for the school play. Join or start a new club. You never know where a hidden talent lies and there's only one way to find out.

When taking on new challenges, no matter your goals, remember that with smart planning, perseverance and the best tools, you too can be an overachiever.

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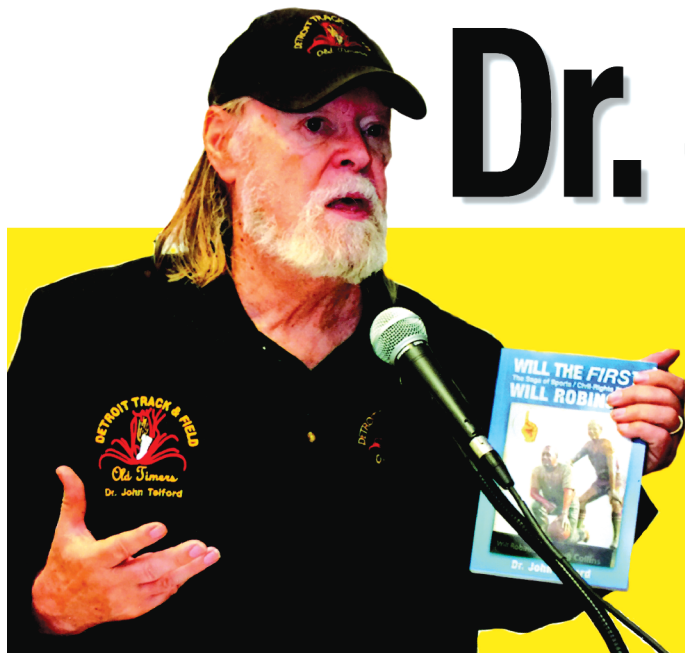
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