

Making Myself Marketable

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You never get a second chance to make a first impression. I choose career casual as my daily wear. It is important to me to convey professionalism and comfort.

At age fifty-five, I am experiencing my first lay-off. Even though I am unemployed, I still choose to rise early, as I have done for the last thirty-plus years, so that I can prepare for my day. I still choose to take time on my appearance so I can feel good about myself. Keeping up my regular routine helps me to sustain the mind-set of a working person, and it increases my self-confidence. It is said that when one door closes, another one opens. Though I am unemployed, I now have the opportunity to improve myself and I am now taking classes.

I hope that my clothing says that I am career-minded and prepared. I hope my attitude and the smile on my face says that I am approachable

because my best quality is in helping people; that is my greatest strength.

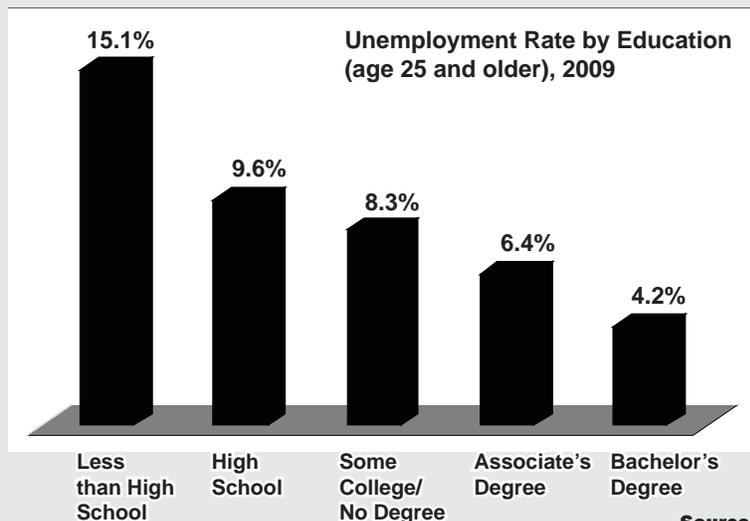
It is said that luck is merely opportunity and preparedness meeting at the same time. Since no one knows with certainty what each day will bring, my philosophy is to start each day by being prepared.



Maria Norried was born in Los Angeles and now lives in Arkansas, where she attends classes at the Fort Smith Adult Education Center.

Jobs and Education

While unemployed, Maria Norried is taking classes to further her education. This is a wise choice. Statistics show that with more education, she will be more likely to find a job.



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