

FAMOUS DROPOUTS

- Christopher Columbus was home schooled.
- Thomas Edison had only 3 months of formal education.
- Ben Franklin had 2 years of formal education.
- Pres. Andrew Jackson was largely self taught with only sporadic opportunities for school.
- Pres. Andrew Johnson was an apprentice in a tailor shop at the age of 10.
- Pres. Abraham Lincoln left school at 12 to help his family farm.
- Multi billionaire Andrew Carnegie was an elementary school dropout.
- Frank Lloyd Wright, America's most celebrated architect, spent only one year in college.
- Robert Frost, the famous poet, dropped out of Harvard to support his family.
- Billionaire William Randolph Hearst dropped out of Harvard to build a newspaper empire.
- Neither of the Wright Brothers received a high school diploma.
- Billionaire Henry J. Kaiser, founder of Kaiser Aluminum, dropped out of high school.
- Millionaire and inventor R. G. LeTourneau dropped out of school at 14.
- Frank Sinatra left high school without graduating.
- Jay Van Andel, billionaire co-founder of Amway, never attended college.
- Richard DeVos, co-founder of Amway, never attended college either.
- Jimmy Dean, multimillionaire founder of Jimmy Dean Foods, quit school at 16.
- Billionaire John D. Rockefeller Sr., founder of Standard Oil, dropped out of high school.
- Multimillionaire Mark Zuckerberg left Harvard at 19 and founded Facebook.
- Ted Turner, the creator of the 24-hour news cycle, was expelled from Brown University.
- Billionaire Steve Jobs dropped out of Reed College and founded Apple.
- Billionaire Bill Gates dropped out of Harvard to found Microsoft.
- Walt Disney dropped out of high school at 16.
- Princess Diana dropped out of school at 16.
- Henry Ford dropped out of school at 16.
- Michael Dell of Dell Computers dropped out of school at 19.
- David Green of Hobby Lobby fame dropped out of school at 18.
- S. Daniel Abraham, billionaire founder of Slim-Fast quit school at 18.
- Julie Andrews, Oscar-winning actress, singer, and author dropped out of high school.
- Louis Armstrong, jazz musician, singer also dropped out of high school.
- Gene Autry, singing cowboy, actor, songwriter, producer, businessman, author, and baseball team owner was a high school dropout.
- Buckminster Fuller — architect, thinker, inventor, futurist, and college dropout was expelled from Harvard twice.
- Bill Cosby dropped out of school in the 10th grade.
- John Travolta also dropped out of high school.

The late Richard Diggs was a close personal friend. In 1975 he applied for 117 patents and was recognized by an international organization as the Inventor of the Year. His testimony is part of the Ventures in Faith Series available through Good News Productions, Intl. in Joplin, Mo. Richard said that highly education people are seldom creative. For example, for many years aeronautical students were taught that there was a “barrier” preventing airplanes from going beyond the speed of sound. In this instance, their “education” was itself a “barrier”.

Bob Lyttle said it like this: “Going to college won’t hurt anyone as long as you are willing to learn something when you get out”