The Saturday Academy students are studying hard as the group goes through the holiday season. The month of November was short yet productive as the group continued reviewing their skills with their Kaplan instructors and doing an assortment of activities with the Academy Coordinator. During this month Kaplan finished up the skills review course of the Academy and now preparing for the ACT portion beginning next year.

One of the first activities of the group in November was sheep brain dissections. This gave the students another opportunity to study Anatomy and to get a feel of what organs really feel and look like. The students also watched two informative videos; the first titled “Not So Wild A Dream”, a video that promotes diversity in the sciences and followed students as they discussed the routes they have taken to get into college and learn more about the health sciences. The second video was titled “Medical Leaders”, in this video two medical science experts discuss some solutions to major health issues. Both videos are shown to give the students ideas and role models that have succeeded in getting into college and are succeeding in their given field. At the end of the month the students talked with the Academy coordinator to complete an Individual Assessment Plan (IAP). In the IAP the Saturday Academy coordinator discussed with each student their grades for the semester, gauged the students feelings about the Saturday Academy Program, documented to ensure academic success any comments or suggestions, and informed the students of the plan for next semester.

"Year’s end is neither an end nor a beginning, but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us." - Hal Borland
Moving Forward!

The calendar above indicates that the last day of the academy for 2009 will be after the **ACT exam** on December 12th. The Academy will be taking a recess until **January 23, 2010** and the academy will restart with Kaplan in the morning. The Academy will provide lunch and the students will get to meet the Postbac, medical, pharmacy, and dental students that have been assigned to be their mentors starting January 2010. Between now and then look out in the mail for a Saturday Academy Holiday Card and another newsletter!

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