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## Teenagers Learn to Work Double-Time

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skills from her job.

"I want to learn good people skills, smart money management, and organization," said Jett.

Teenagers have trouble finding work since there aren't many opportunities offered. Jett and Stein are two of the lucky teenagers who succeeded in securing a job in Lamorinda. There aren't many stores who hire teenagers under the age of 18, especially if the commitment isn't long-term. Susan Marconi, manager of Across the Way in Moraga, commented, "Parents aren't supporting the independently owned stores in Moraga, so it's hard to hire teenagers because we don't have the money or business to pay them."

Nonetheless, finding a job isn't impossible, but working part-time while going to school is no easy feat. It's challenging to squeeze work into a rigorous schedule of school and extracurricular activities. Teenagers who plan on managing these two tasks must realize that it requires patience, maturity, and responsibility. Jett and Stein agree. Wise time management is vital.

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