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SCS wants to help YOU stay connected to scholars, mentors, and volunteers that are interested or involved in your industry.

Started in October, SCS has already composed the **SCS Medical Network** to help connected pre-med and healthcare students to each other and to doctors and healthcare practitioners that want to help them succeed. If you are currently a pre-med student but have not received any emails regarding this new network, it may be because your major hasn't been updated. To be a part of the SCS Medical Network, email Meredith!

The SCS Medical Network will hold its first official meeting/discussion via online webinar on **Wednesday, Nov. 2nd** from **6PM-7PM PST**. To register, go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/230823538>.

We know that there are also quite a few other groups that we can create, such as a STEM (science, technology, engineering & math) group, Business group, or Education group. However we want to make sure students are interested *before* investing the time and resources to create these groups. If this is of interest to you, please use the link below to suggest a group or state your interest in being a part of a new, industry-specific SCS Network!

<http://www.tfaforms.com/222542>



The South Central Scholars Renewal Application

The Deadline is now past to get a FULL year scholarship.

If you did NOT turn in your renewal application, you can still submit for Spring 2012.

The information is still online.

(Approximately half of your normal scholarship award).

Spring 2012 Scholarship Renewals need to be received by November 15, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Randy Winston at (310) 833-1670 or at rwinston@southcentralscholars.org.

Making the Most of Your College Career Center

By Roland Roberts, Jr., Career & College Satisfaction Specialist

As a former college career advisor and campus recruiter I have had the privilege of investing time and energy into many college students. Those students who have been in the best employment situations at graduation have typically invested in their own career preparation early on during their college experience. These students have figured out a suitable career path, have gained valuable experience through internships, and have developed job-ready skills. At the heart of all of this has been a career services center or office. Your college career center is designed to equip you with opportunities, skills and contacts to make your transition into a full-time job easier and more successful. Below are the services and value that your college career center can provide you – if you only take advantage of the opportunities.

1-on-1 Career Counseling

Career counselors can give you individual attention to assist with a variety of career matters. You can often see counselors either through appointment or on a walk-in/drop-in basis. Your counselors can get you off to a great start by helping you to identify suitable career paths for you, and they can remain your trusted guides up to the point of you choosing the best job offer. Below are some specific ways they can support you.

- Self-Assessment: Determination of your career interests, skills, personality traits and values through probing questions and in-depth conversations. Assistance can also be provided through delivery and interpretation of a variety of career assessments. Popular assessments are the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), Strong Interest Inventory (SII), and Self-Directed Search (SDS).
- Career Identification: Recommendation of careers that may fit you based on your interests, values, skills, goals and personality traits.
- Internship and Job Search: Creating awareness of internship and job opportunities available through your career center's on-campus recruitment program (see below) and elsewhere. Advice also provided on effective search strategies.
- Resume Writing: Help with constructing and developing resumes that will highlight your qualities and make a favorable impression on employers and graduate schools.
- Graduate School Applications: Assistance with crafting personal statements and other pieces of the graduate school application process.
- Interview Preparation: Acquaintance with steps to effectively prepare for a variety of interviews, and help to determine which areas you particularly need to sharpen to make a great impression on employers and graduate school admissions staff. Students typically have an opportunity to practice their interviewing skills through mock interviews with counselors.

Workshops

Career Centers supplement their individual counseling services through the delivery of workshops on similar topics (e.g. resume writing, interviewing, job search). Workshops may also cover other topics such as career fair preparation, networking with employers, and dining etiquette.

On-Campus Recruiting Program

Career Centers typically offer an on-campus recruiting program which brings employers to campus to share their employment opportunities and to conduct interviews. As part of this program, career centers house an online system listing a number of internships and jobs available to students through their employer partners. This same system also allows students to apply for internships and jobs, sign up for interviews, and learn about company information sessions (usually held on campus prior to interviews).

Career Fairs

A popular career center offering are career/job fairs which can bring to campus 100 or more employers in a variety of industries. Employers showcase internship and or job opportunities. These fairs are typically held at least two times a year (fall and spring).

Other Resources

- **Career/Industry Panels and Speaker Events:** hosted by the career center and at times in collaboration with academic departments and or student groups.
- **Handouts:** Information on various career topics (e.g. resume tips, sample interview questions, internship advice).
- **Library:** Career focused books (e.g. sample resumes, job search resources) and industry magazines.
- **Calendar of Events:** Information on career events held by other campus entities (e.g. student groups, academic departments) and off.

As you can see your college career center has a lot of resources to help you develop valuable knowledge, skills and experience to successfully transition into a great job after college. The key thing is making use of these resources early and often during your college experience. Your career center can be the difference between graduating with a great job lined up or lining up just to find a job.

Ronald Roberts will host several webinars this year!

Career Panel: Finding a Career Fit

Ronald Roberts, Jr. will discuss how to take an inventory of your strengths, interests, and skills to identify the best fit careers and opportunities.

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM PST

[Click here to register!](#)

Registration closes on Monday, November 7th!

Career Panel: Conducting an Effective Job Search

Ronald Roberts, Jr. will discuss how to develop a strategy to research and apply for job opportunities.

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM PST

[Click here to register!](#)

Registration closes on Monday, December 12th!

Career Workshop: Developing an Elevator Speech

Ronald Roberts, Jr. will provide tips and direction in developing a 3-5 minute "pitch" that you can use in informal interview activities such as networking events and job fairs.

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM PST

[Click here to register!](#)

Registration closes on Monday, January 9th!

Scholar Highlights

Check out what Fellow Scholars are doing this Fall!

Danna Melissa Tamayo

University of California, Los Angeles, 2014
Pre-Psychobiology

Danna volunteered at this year's CareNow LA event hosted at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. The event provided free services to over 5,000 Los Angeles residents, including healthcare, dental care, and vision care. Danna volunteered in the dental area on October 23rd, helping to sterilize dental equipment, routing patients to dental chairs, and even assisting dentists with extractions!

For more info about CareNow, go to carenowusa.org.



Vanderbilt University

Vanessa Arredondo (Senior, Chemistry), **Julian White** (Junior, Electrical Engineering with minor in Engineering Management), and **Daniel Anderson** (Sophomore, Civil Engineering) met with Meredith Curry during her trip to Nashville, TN on October 20th. All three students are doing well, enjoying the approaching fall weather, and taking advantage of all that Vanderbilt University has to offer.

Cindy Nash, Special Assistant to the Vice Provost, is the campus liaison for all Vanderbilt Scholars, and connects with them regularly to provide support, encouragement, and resources.

Melva Quintanilla

Cornell University, 2012
China & Asia-Pacific Studies and Art History

Melva is currently studying in Beijing as part of Cornell's unique new undergraduate program, China and Asia-Pacific Studies (CAPS). Designed to train future leaders to negotiate the delicate complexities in US and China relations, the program provides four years of intensive Chinese language training, and two semesters of externships in Washington, DC and Beijing, China. Melva will spend the semester working and taking classes in Beijing to perfect her Mandarin!



Find out more about Fellowships!

Urban Teacher Fellowship

<http://urbanteachercenter.org/>

Thursday, November 10, 2011

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM PST

[Click here to register!](#)

Registration closes on Tuesday, November 8th!

The Associates Program Fellowship

www.capgroup.com/careers/student_center/undergrad/tap.html

Monday, December 5, 2011

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM PST

[Click here to register!](#)

Registration closes on Thursday, December 1st!

SCS Has Launched its Online Internship Database!

The Internship Database will allow you to search through the programs that SCS has collected over the years, including formal internship programs, shadowing opportunities, and volunteer internships. To be able to access it, you MUST submit an Internship Placement Request Form. Go to http://www.southcentralscholars.org/scholar_center to fill it out!

JOBS

Educational Advisor for Volunteers of America of Greater Los Angeles - North Hollywood, CA

Master's degree in a related field, or have a combination of education (Bachelor's degree minimum) and additional related work experience. Field experience in Upward Bound or other TRIO program is a must. Two or more years' experience of student advising experience also desired. In order to work with the community, bilingual skills (English/Spanish) are also required. Go to <http://www.voala.org> for more information.

Multiple Positions, Barrio Planners, Inc. - Los Angeles, CA

Barrio Planners, Inc. was recently awarded the New City of Los Angeles Business Source Center. This new contract will allow Barrio Planners to continue offering quality small business services to Eastside entrepreneurs and small business owners. We are seeking individuals that have prior experience providing economic development services to small businesses. In addition, we are also looking for an experienced community outreach/marketing specialist to assist with the center's outreach efforts. To apply, send an email with your resume, salary history, and three work related references to Ruben Sanchez at ruben@ebac-bpi.org.

Program Assistant, Marin College Access Network - San Rafael, CA

Marin College Access Network (MarinCAN) is a collaborative network of nonprofit college access agencies, public school districts, and community members. MarinCAN seeks to close the education achievement gap by increasing the number of low-income, under-represented students who gain access to college. They seek an experienced, organized, and enthusiastic Program Assistant needed to manage administrative responsibilities and provide programmatic support. For full job description, go to http://socialcollegeaccess.org/images/stories/external/marincan%20opening%20program%20assistant%20oct_11.pdf.

Senior Program Officer, Southern California Leadership Network - Los Angeles, CA

The Senior Program Officer position is part of the Southern California Leadership Network (leadership programs division of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce) and reports to the Executive Director of SCLN. S/he will manage and oversee the implementation of two or more SCLN Leadership Fellowships (Leadership L.A., Leadership Southern California, California Connections, and New American Leaders). For the full job description, go to http://www.leadershipnetwork.org/clientuploads/Agenda_PDFs/SCLN%20Senior%20Program%20Officer%20Job%20Description%20August%202011.pdf.

Familias Unidas Component Coordinator, InnerCity Struggle - Los Angeles, CA

InnerCity Struggle is seeking an experienced Community Organizer to coordinate our Familias Unidas/United Families (FaU) component. FaU builds a powerful base of parents and community members who are organized to work toward educational justice in public education. FaU builds community and parent leadership that advocates for a progressive voice on issues and policies impacting the Eastside. For more information, go to <http://latinola.com/story.php?story=10016>.

Bilingual Outreach Specialist, Crystal Stairs - Los Angeles, CA

Crystal Stairs seeks an innovative Outreach Specialist to act as a resource specialist to parents, providers and the community to assist with the implementation of the department's outreach strategies. For more information, go to http://www.crystalstairs.org/jobs/current_openings.htm.

If interested, email Meredith for information on programs related to:

Museums / Art

Pre-Med

Foreign Service

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
31 <i>Happy Halloween!</i>	1 6pm USC Student-Driven Career Networking Night	2 6pm SCS Medical Network Webinar	3	4	5/6
7	8	9 5pm Career Panel: Finding a Career Fit 6pm Writing Your Personal Statement (for HS students)	10 5pm Career Panel: Urban Teacher Fellowship	11	12/13
14	15	16	17	18	19/20 19th @ 4pm HS Parent & Student Information Night
21	22	23	24 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	25	26/27
28	29	30			

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

For upcoming events, visit our Calendar of Events!

http://www.southcentralscholars.org/calendar_of_events

For upcoming webinars, visit our Webinars page!

http://www.southcentralscholars.org/calendar_of_events-webinars

Upcoming Campus Visits TBD

UC Los Angeles

UC Berkeley

UC Santa Barbara

Stanford

Univ. of Southern California

Loyola Marymount

Claremont Colleges

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