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**This is a FINAL REMINDER to RSVP for this workshop.
Seats are still available!**

The South Central Scholars is pleased to announce that world-renowned public speaker, Ramsey Jay, Jr., will be hosting a seminar on the subject of public speaking. This was made possible in large part due to the abundant positive responses and feedback to his workshop at our July conference at USC.

Saturday, December 19, 2009
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
9300 Crenshaw Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90305

Go to www.southcentralscholars.org to register.
The extended deadline to RSVP is **THIS Friday, November 20th!**



Communication Skills for 21st Century Leaders

Effective communication skills (a.k.a. "soft" skills) are critical to your academic, career, and personal development. In this highly interactive workshop, Ramsey Jay, Jr. will present practical strategies to help you improve your communications skills.

- Overcoming the fear of public speaking
- L.R.S.E. - Four principles to improve your overall communication skills
- S.C.S.T. – Four principles to improve your content development
- P.P.E.T.P. – Five principles to improve your oral delivery
- Written correspondences best practices
- Networking best practices

RAMSEY JAY, JR. *Biography*

Ramsey Jay, Jr. is widely recognized as a leading expert on developing leaders and has been called “a rising star” when it comes to motivating audiences with his words. He is Wall Street trained, Ivy League educated, advisor to prominent business leaders, author of *Weekly Life Lessons in Leadership*, sought-after keynote speaker, master of ceremonies, seminar presenter, speech instructor, and speech writer. Driven by his mission in life to “discover dreamers, and empower dreamers to become achievers”, Ramsey began sharing his experiences and lessons with audiences over ten years ago. Today, Ramsey has traveled extensively and been featured on nationally-syndicated radio programs to share his vision with diverse audiences. A seasoned professional actively involved in the community, Ramsey has delivered moving messages to audiences of all types – from school-aged children to senior executives in Corporate America. Ramsey has keynoted alongside world renowned leaders, been recognized for his work in numerous publications, appointed as a delegate for the Turkish Cultural Foundation’s Tour to Istanbul, selected as an International Career Advancement Program Fellow, admitted to the Aspen Institute’s Socrates Society, and was named by EBONY Magazine as one of the top “30 Young Leaders Under 30”. Ramsey is employed at Ares Management, a global investment management firm specializing in managing assets in both the private equity and leveraged finance markets. At Ares, Ramsey is responsible for capital raising and new product development. Ramsey’s professional financial qualifications include the Series 7, 31, and 65 Licenses. Ramsey earned his Master’s in Business Administration from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and his Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration, with an emphasis in finance, from the Craig School of Business at California State University, Fresno.

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.

— Albert Schweitzer



Come join us for our 2009 Holiday Get-Together!

Save the date for

Saturday, January 2, 2010

Time: 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

South Central Scholars staff, board members, and volunteers want to join you in celebrating the festivities of the holidays! We will provide the food and drinks. Please plan to be available, and work with our scholars to set up carpooling and ride-shares!

To RSVP, go to www.southcentralscholars.org/get_involved-calendar_of_events.

For more information, contact Mr. Winston at (310) 833-1670.

REMINDER!! Scholarship Renewal Application

The South Central Scholars Foundation revised its Scholarship Renewal Application Process in 2009, and all of the changes are in effect for the next renewal period. If you are a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior/super-senior intending to apply for a scholarship for 2010-2011, the following ARE REQUIRED:

JOURNAL ENTRIES:

- Informational Interview(s) - What do I know about jobs that I am interested in?
- Career Paths - What jobs are associated with my major/course of study?
- References - Who have I worked with (or can I work with) here at school?
- Resume

While these are not officially due until the renewal application deadline (July 2010), you are welcome to submit them anytime between now and the deadline. We RECOMMEND that you submit the journal entries earlier to avoid any delay in being approved for your scholarship renewal. Please feel free to contact Meredith at meredith@southcentralscholars.org for help on your journal entries, such as finding people to interview.

Lastly, you WILL need to provide the following as well:

- Transcripts
- Progress Report
- Financial Aid Award Letter

Keep these in mind as it gets closer to the end of the school year so that you can be prepared when its renewal time!!

College Access Policy Update

(brought to us by SoCal CAN)

Inside Scoop: The American Graduation Initiative

The American Graduation Initiative is a 10-year plan that will build upon the strengths of community colleges to determine what works and what doesn't, modernize facilities, increase graduation rates, and expand and create new online learning opportunities.

To read more, go to http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Excerpts-of-the-Presidents-remarks-in-Warren-Michigan-and-fact-sheet-on-the-American-Graduation-Initiative/.

Refresh: DREAM Act and AB 540

Read about the current status of the DREAM Act and AB 540. These two bills are some of the most impactful measures that shape the course of college access work.

To read the article, go to <http://media.crcconnection.com/media/storage/paper572/news/2009/10/29/News/Bill-Would.Grant.Legal.Status.To.Students-3816352.shtml>.

Documenting the Impact of Stimulus Funds

The White House released a report on the impact of federal stimulus funds on state budgets for education, with most of the attention in the report -- similar to the way most of the funds were used -- focused on K-12.

To read about it, go to http://www.whitehouse.gov/assets/documents/educational_impact_ARRA_1.pdf.

In the News...

Democrats work on multibillion-dollar jobs package

Lawmakers say they're moving fast to get a job-creation bill to Obama by January. It's unclear how much of the effort would be funded with deficit spending. (LA Times, Nov. 4, 2009)

To read more, go to <http://www.latimes.com/news/nation-and-world/la-na-jobs27-2009nov27,0,3049289.story>.

Finding a New Boom Amid the Bust

To read Time Magazine's take on looking for employment in this current economy, and review the Top 10 jobs during a recession, go to http://www.time.com/time/specials/packages/article/0,28804,1901876_1901874,00.html.

We are always looking for more articles and information to share with our network. To submit information to be included in the next Scholar Monthly, send the info to Meredith at meredith@southcentralscholars.org!

To stay IN THE LOOP about upcoming events in the following months, go to www.southcentralscholars.org/scholar_center-career_resources!!

Scholarships

NASA Aeronautics Scholarship Program - Undergraduate/Graduate

The American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) administers the NASA Aeronautics Scholarship Program. Applicants should be pursuing aeronautical engineering and related fields such as Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Physics, and Mathematics. Applications will consist of profile information, academic background, transcripts, resume, essay/proposal, letters of recommendation, and any test scores where appropriate (e.g. GRE). Funds will go towards tuition and related costs, as well as to provide paid summer internship opportunities at a NASA research center. **The deadline to apply is January 11, 2010.** To apply, visit <https://nasa/asee.org>.

Capital Fellows Program - Undergraduate/Graaduate

The Center for California Studies has opened its Capital Fellows Programs for applications. The following programs are available: Assembly Fellowship, California State Fellows, Executive Fellowship, and Judicial Administration Fellowship. **The deadline to submit an application is February 24, 2010 for fellowships beginning in October of 2010.** To apply for this position, go to www.csus.edu/calst/programs.

Western Union Foundation's Family Scholarship Program

This program is a new initiative for migrants, immigrants and their families. The program is intended to help two members of the same family move up the economic development ladder through education. Scholarships may be used for tuition for college/university education, language acquisition classes, technical/skill training, and/or financial literacy. **The deadline to apply is February 5, 2010.** To apply, go to <http://foundation.westernunion.com/ourProgramsScholarships.html>.

Drum Major Institute (DMI) for Public Policy Scholars

The DMI Institute for Public Policy is a think tank staffed by young progressives who want to drive public policy, not just lament its failures. Their Summer Institute for DMI Scholars will be in New York City from August 1-15, 2010. After their intensive summer training, they will help you explore careers in this field through internships with progressive partners. **The deadline to apply online is February 14, 2010.** To apply online, go to www.drummajorinstitute.com/dmischolars.

Financial Aid Events & Deadlines

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The online application opens up on January 1, 2010 and is **due on March 2, 2010.** To get a head start on filling it out and getting the checklist, go to www.fafa.ed.gov.

SCS Financial Aid Workshop

SCS will be hosting its 2010-2011 Financial Aid Workshop on January 2, 2010. Registration will be available online at www.southcentralscholars.org/get_involved-calendar_of_events.

DECEMBER 2009 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5
7	8 5p UCLA Campus Dinner, Campbell Hall	9	10	11	12 8p Alumni Association Holiday Mixer
14	15	16	17	18	19 8:30am Communication Skills Seminar
21	22	23	24	25	26
28	29	30	31		

Other events TBA:

USC Luncheon/Dinner

JANUARY 2011 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 1p Financial Aid Workshop 3:30p SCS Holiday Get- Together
4	5	6	7	8	9
11	12	13	14	15	16
18	19	20	21	22	23
25	26	27	28	29	30

Other events TBA:

Career Planning & Job Placement Panel

Alumni Association Meeting

UC Irvine Luncheon

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