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The 2010 Scholarship Application for new scholars is now open!

The application will open on April 1, 2010 at 9:00am! Please spread the word with your siblings and other younger friends/contacts from back home. The application will only be available until Friday, May 7th!

A few notes about the application:

- * It will be available online at www.southcentralscholars.org/scholar_center-scholarship_2010
- * Applicants are recommended NOT to fill out the application online **until they are ready to submit all necessary information and documents at the same time** (see list below)
- * Applicants MUST be graduating seniors that have already chosen their college (if they need help choosing between acceptances, they are welcome to contact Randy Winston at (310) 833-1670, but please have your contact let Mr. Winston know that you referred him/her)
- * Information on what is required to be a scholar is available online at www.southcentralscholars.org/scholar_center-high_school_center

2010-2011 Scholarship Application & Requirements

The application is made available in April and is open to **senior high school students** that live and go to school in or around South Central Los Angeles. The scholarship application requests the following information:

High School GPA (as of fall semester of 12th grade)

- AP courses and test results
- SAT/ACT test scores
- Extracurricular activities (sports, student organizations, religious organizations, pre-college programs, etc.)
- Scholarship awards received (if applicable)
- Personal statement (the question will be available here in March)

Documents to submit are:

- Updated resume (should reflect all work, volunteer, and other experiences up to fall semester of 12th grade)
- High school transcript (up to fall semester of 12th grade, ONLY OFFICIAL will be accepted)
- Financial aid award (from college that you will attend/accept)
- Student aid report (SAR) from faisa.ed.gov
- College acceptance letter

To prepare for this, make sure that you talk to your counselors ahead of time regarding the documents that you will need to submit, the timeline and costs attached to getting those documents, and assistance with documents that you will need to prepare/update (resume, personal statement). Applicants are notified of the results of their application in June.

ALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS for 2010-2011 will be REQUIRED to attend a 2-day leadership conference in Los Angeles in July/August of 2010 (this is waived for students attending summer programs at their colleges ONLY).

There's no thrill in easy sailing ... but there IS satisfaction that's mighty sweet to take, when you reach a destination that you thought you'd never make.

— Spirella

The Riordan Programs at UCLA Anderson now accepting applications for Healthcare Management!

About the Program: The Healthcare Management Program targets current college students who are considering a career in the healthcare industry. Its core purpose is to educate, prepare, and motivate these individuals to competitively apply and succeed in a top graduate program and a career in healthcare management. Fellows attend Saturday academies that provide various activities and services, including:

- Graduate-level discussion of the opportunities and challenges faced by the Healthcare industry
- Lectures by top faculty from UCLA faculty
- One-to-One Mentoring with UCLA graduate students
- Networking opportunities with leading professionals for possible employment opportunities
- Personalized one-on-one graduate action plan counseling
- Professional development workshops including:

Communication and presentation skills	Harvard Case Studies
Negotiation Strategies	Executive Speaker Series
Interviewing Techniques	Resume Design and Development

Eligibility Requirements: Must be currently enrolled in college as a Freshman thru Senior standing at time of application. Cumulative grade point average must be at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Parents should not have post-collegiate education (i.e. graduate or doctoral degree). Applicant must have demonstrated leadership skills and community service involvement.

How to Apply: Send an email to meredith@southcentralscholars.org with your intent to apply. Meredith will then forward you the contact to which you will submit your application. For more information about the program, visit www.anderson.ucla.edu/riordan.xml.

"Mens sana in corpore sano" (a healthy mind in a healthy body) you've probably heard this a dozen times over, and that's because it's true. It's really hard to be in top form, look good and have fun when you're in bad shape. SCS is all about helping you reach your fullest potential on several levels, i.e., intellectually and physically. Projecting a sense of well-being to a potential employer is just as critical as being well-dressed or having a polished resume. No-one wants to hire someone gives the impression of not caring about their health.



LOOKING Good means FEELING Good!
Contributed by volunteer Zeldia Harrison.

It's true we're constantly bombarded with images of how impossibly perfect we should look, but staying healthy is definitely within your grasp. It's about managing your lifestyle and developing habits -- just as you've learnt to develop study habits and keep your grades up. More importantly, these habits will stay with you for the rest of your life, an investment possibly worth more than your tuition. We'd like to propose SCS Health Matters as a forum to exchange ideas on health-related issues such as exercise, weight loss, nutrition and decreasing stress.

Here's really good website that covers other useful tips about developing a healthy lifestyle: <http://health.yahoo.com/experts/drmao/>.

Share your thoughts! To get more information and suggest topics for future issues of Health Matters, contact Meredith Curry at meredith@southcentralscholars.org. Contact your mentor if you think you need help addressing any issues that might keep you from having a healthy and productive life on campus.

Scholarly Insight: The Art of Internship Hunting

By Darryn Lee, Temple University '11

So you see that most firms state “we don’t officially begin our application season till November.” Nonsense. A true internship hunter doesn’t wait till November to contact a recruiter, or to get back in touch with a recruiter.

Perfecting the art of internship hunting runs deeper than sticking to deadlines, but it’s about embodying the ideology, “it’s not what you know, it’s who you know.” No one will ever be perfect, but you can be better than your peer group.

This monthly is meant to detail the level of tenacity that goes into getting that internship you want, whether it’s on Wall St. or with a mom and pop shop. From personal experience, I can attest that it is a tiring experience.

I secured an internship with BlackRock in NYC for this summer, but the relationship began last July. I showed up to one of their events uninvited, unregistered, and not as an attendee of a HBCU, which is whom the event was meant for. After talking with one of the HR directors, they let me in. From then on, I remained in contact with the recruiters and BlackRock employees and was able to secure a Super Day interview the day before leaving to study abroad in Madrid, Spain, six months later.

Many people think it’s about doing a lot of research and knowing about the company. And even though that is true, it doesn’t get you in the door. You have to be relentless in how you approach recruiters, yet reserved.

This is done by establishing relations long before recruiting season, updating your contacts every six weeks or so about your progression in school, and asking them about their profession/lives. These recruiters read 1000s of resumes per week, but they will only select maybe 30 to move onto the next round.

A JP Morgan Chase Vice President said, “There are three ways to get an interview with us: 1. You have to go to a top 5 school. 2. You have to be related to a client or 3. You have to have an inside connection.” This statement is indicative of the importance in building relationships so that **your** resume is put on the top of that pile.

This methodology is transferable throughout all industries, and isn’t just for business. Remember, it’s not what you know, it’s who you know.



JOBS

Prison Law Office: Litigation Assistant (Berkeley, CA)

Litigation assistant wanted by a non-profit law office that represents incarcerated people in lawsuits regarding conditions in prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities. Ideal position for recent college graduate who wants to work for a year in a challenging and interesting job before attending or applying to graduate or law school. Deadline to apply is April 15, 2010 at 5:00pm. To read the job posts and apply, go to <http://www.prisonlaw.com>.

Lambda Legal Hiring Staff Attorneys and Legal Assistants for Western Regional Office in Los Angeles

Lambda Legal seeks a Staff Attorney or Senior Staff Attorney for its dynamic Western Regional Office, based in Los Angeles, to engage in cutting-edge impact litigation, public policy advocacy, and education furthering Lambda Legal’s mission. To read the job posts and apply, go to <http://www.lambdalegal.org/about-us/jobs/>.

INTERNSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Ionic Media

Are you interested in learning about marketing by actually *doing it*? IonicMedia is an award-winning media agency with offices in Encino, CA and New York. IonicMedia is a fast moving, creative environment and they apply a highly analytical, rigorous, business-based approach to search engine marketing. To apply, send an email to meredith@southcentralscholars.org.

The deadline to apply is April 16, 2010.

Central City Association of Los Angeles Internship Program

Established in 1924, CCALA is a business membership organization representing over 450 businesses, trade associations and non-profits employing over 350,000 people in Los Angeles County. Interns will support the Legislative Affairs Department in developing advocacy agenda, position papers, and lobbying materials, researching important legislative and policy issues at all levels of government, and assisting staff with committee policy meetings and special events. For further details and the application, send an email to meredith@southcentralscholars.org.

The deadline to apply is April 16, 2010.

California State Controller's Los Angeles Executive Office Externship

This externship position offers an opportunity to learn more about the day-to-day operation of the State Controller's office. Externs should have outstanding relationship building skills, a strong interest in community service and involvement, and an interest in learning as much as possible about all aspects of the State Controller's Office. Externship assignments may involve some research and writing, drafting correspondence, and other tasks. For further details and to apply, send an email to meredith@southcentralscholars.org.

The deadline to apply is April 16, 2010.

American Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles Internship Opportunities

The American Red Cross has several internship opportunities available year-round and during the summer. Opportunities available are:

Wordpress Designer, Template Designer

Grant Writer

Chapter Videographer, Video Editors

Prospect Researcher

Health & Safety Coordinator

Health & Safety Fulfillment Specialist

Gift Acknowledgement Coordinator

Salesforce Programmer

Public Relations

Community Outreach Associate

Instructor Role

Chapter Support

Youth Advisor

For further details and to apply, send an email to meredith@southcentralscholars.org.

The deadline to apply is April 16, 2010.

FINANCIAL AID EVENTS & DEADLINES

South Central Scholars Renewal Application!

The application opens on June 1, 2010. **The deadline to apply is July 16, 2010.** Visit the Renewal 2010 page on our website at http://www.southcentralscholars.org/scholar_center.

To stay **IN THE LOOP**, go to
www.southcentralscholars.org/scholar_center

APRIL 2010 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Scholarship Application Opens	2	3
5	6	7	8	9	10
12	13	14	15	16	17
19	20	21	22 Career Planning Panel	23	24
26	27	28	29	30	

Other events TBA:

UC Los Angeles Luncheon

UC Irvine Luncheon

Loyola Marymount Luncheon

MAY 2010 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1
3	4	5	6	7 New Scholarship Application Closes	8
10	11	12	13	14	15
17	18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28	29
31 Registration for Conference Opens					

Other events TBA:

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