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Thank you to those of you who were able to attend this year's

The 4th Annual College & Career Leadership Conference

At The University of Southern California

South Central Scholars hosted its fourth annual summer conference and annual picnic at the University of Southern California campus in Los Angeles, CA. In attendance were approximately 300 SCS scholars, alumni, mentors, volunteers, partners, friends!

In addition to an opportunity to meet and network with students, faculty and industry professionals, the weekend provided workshops and seminars on the following topics:

Career Planning Strategies
Interviewing Skills and Resume Writing
Pearls for Academic Success
Public Speaking

If you COULDN'T make it, don't worry! The information is available on our website! Go to www.southcentralscholars.org/2010_summer_conferences for access to the presenter list with bios, the program, PowerPoint presentations, and workshop handouts. Videos from the event will be posted towards the end of the month or beginning of September!

You Can Change Your Life!

Breakout Sessions hosted by Psychotherapist Dr. Denise Gordon

For those of you that were able to make the conference and signed up for her breakout on Sunday morning, Dr. Denise Gordon has volunteered to host a series of follow-up discussions starting this month! To read her bio, go to the 2010 Summer Conferences link on our website!

Part II of the discussion will be held on Saturday, August 21st at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church with a session for Women from 1:00-2:00PM and a session for Men from 2:00-3:00PM. This is open to any South Central Scholar, whether you attended the first session on August 1st or not. We hope that you can attend! To register, go to http://www.southcentralscholars.org/get_involved-calendar_of_events and register using the form for this event. See you there!

Scholarly Insight: Work-Life Balance

By Brian Martinez, UC Santa Barbara '09, Alumni

JULY WORDS OF WISDOM...

“High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation.”

Charles F. Kettering

During 2009, I took a course on Management skills as one of my final classes at UC Santa Barbara. In our final lecture, Steven Cerri, our instructor, gave us what I consider one of my most important life lessons. He said, “Remember the person you are now at this point in your life. This is the *real* you. The world will try to take that away from you. The most difficult challenge in life is remaining you.”

Like any good piece of advice, the words were put together in such a way that it resonated with me upon first hearing it. *Hold onto yourself. Don't get caught up. Remember where you came from.* This is what I had interpreted and this is what I pledged to do.

However, it takes action on one's own part to make those words of wisdom truly impactful and transformative—to not just believe in those words, but to demonstrate one's beliefs through consistent action. So as good as those words sounded upon first hearing them, I don't think they fully resonated with me on a deep and personal level until just now—until after I left Cerri's lecture hall and the familiar faces and the familiar places of college and stepped out into the real world of a career, responsibilities, and accountability.

Having just completed my first year of entry-level employment, I can fully understand what Cerri was trying to convey. Employers select the best and the brightest for entry-level positions. They select the 3.9 GPA students who took leadership roles in organizations, worked summer internships, and held part-time jobs. Yes, they select the overachievers. As many of you can relate to as overachievers yourselves, you think no task is too difficult that you cannot complete it. You know that when given a task that seems impossible to complete, *you* can figure out a way to get it done.

This is an amazing skill and I commend you all for having that capability. However, a very important concept I have had to define for myself this year is “work-life balance.” This concept does not mean the same thing for every person, but just as Cerri professed, it's important to define yourself and your life according to who you really are and what is really important to you.

A few simple questions can help you decide your balance.

Will you say “yes” to your boss every time they ask you to complete a difficult task or work overtime?

Will you say “yes” to your friends every time they want to go out for a good time? Doesn't it seem like there is always something fun going on?

Will you say “yes” to your family, boyfriend, or girlfriend whenever they request your presence? How much of your time do you think they expect?

Life happens in the 128 hours a week you are not on the clock. What you do with that time is what truly defines you. It naturally follows, therefore, the more time you devote to your career, the larger the threat of you forgetting who you *really* are.



Scholarly Insight: Work-Life Balance

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Work-life balance also means that we must balance our present and our future. Often, I find myself and my peers in a constant state of preparing for the next step in life. After all, this is what we have been doing all our lives. In middle school, we prepared for high school; in high school we prepared for college; and in college we prepared for now.

As South Central Scholars, we tend to strive for successes constantly. We work, we network, and we volunteer. However, while we do need to work hard, we also need to have fun while we are young. As we prepare for the next chapter of our lives, let us not neglect the chapter that we are in.

Travel abroad. Take dance lessons. Run a marathon. Maintain your friendships. Embrace your youth.

As the graduating class of 2010 enters the workforce, remember to take some time to define the work-life balance that best resonates with you. Decide what aspects of life are most important to you, and develop your balance based on your beliefs. If you keep practicing this, you will make sure that you are always the person you want to be.

“Everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you’re climbing it.” I am sure we will all reach the top of our mountains. Developing a strong work-life balance will assure us great company when we reach the summit.

South Central Scholars Programs

At this weekend's conference, we reminded scholars that as a recipient of our scholarship, Scholars are automatically have access to our other programs and resources. However, similar to the scholarship, you must request or apply to access the other programs and resources, so it is important that you communicate with us when you can! Here are the details for how to access the other programs:

MENTORSHIP

To apply for a mentor, please go to

<http://spreadsheets0.google.com/viewform?formkey=dEhEUFU3RmM2VDQ1aUNIRHdMR2ZHdVE6MA> to fill out our Mentee Profile Questionnaire. This will give us the info we need to pair you with a mentor! It can take 2-3 weeks to find a potential mentor once you sign up.

JOBS & INTERNSHIPS

Most internships that SCS has access to our located in Los Angeles County, so most internships that we set up are for the summer. It is important that we receive ALL internship requests **BEFORE March of 2011** if you wish to have an internship through us for **Summer 2011**. To submit a request for internship placement, go to <http://spreadsheets0.google.com/viewform?formkey=dFkyRV9fQVJHeVd6bk5tNGVFMXV4Q1E6MA> and fill out the Internship Application Form. This will give us the info we need to start working on internships for next summer. Keep in mind that we will need your updated resume and you may need to submit a separate application later. We are unable to get internships for all who request it, so please also check the Scholar Monthly often for other internship opportunities, and visit your campus's Career Center!

JOBS

Apple, Inc.

Apple, Inc. has opportunities available for a **Tooling Manager** and a **Supplier Health** person. To apply visit <http://jobs.apple.com/index.ajs?BID=1&method=mExternal.showJob&RID=54957&CurrentPage=1> or <http://jobs.apple.com/index.ajs?BID=1&method=mExternal.showJob&RID=54970&CurrentPage=1> respectively for these two positions.

First 5 LA

First 5 LA has two open positions available for Research Analyst III in the Research & Evaluation Department. These positions are full-time with FLSA Status Exempt. The bi-weekly salary range is \$2,692.31-3,769.23. To apply visit <https://home.eease.com/recruit/?id=513811> or review the Employment page of the First 5 LA Website.

InnerCity Struggle

InnerCity Struggle is seeking an experienced Community Organizer to coordinate their Familias Unidas/United Families (FaU) component as the Familias Unidas Coordinator. The responsibilities include coordinator chapter meetings, developing outreach and recruitment strategies, training members, conducting political education, and building education alliances. Applicants should have experience working with parents and residents, two years of experience in community or labor organizing, a car, and bilingual in Spanish and English. To apply, send a cover letter and resume to Henry Perez, Associate Director at <mailto:ics@innercitystruggle.org>.

The Dolphin Group

The Dolphin Group seeks highly motivated public affairs professional with 2-4 years experience in communications, media relations, website development and issue research. Salary depends on experience. Cover letter, salary history, resume and references to: sacjobs@dolphingroup.org.

Office Manager, P.E.A.C.H.

Experienced, highly professional AA/Office Manager; full time/possible job sharing position. Duties include phone, document processing, office management, scheduling, travel and event planning. Salary DOQ. Contact kimhoffner@peachinc.org to submit resume.

Revell Communications

Part-time (30 hours) Bookkeeper/Accounts Manager experienced in A/P, A/R & PR billing/accounting. Proficient in QuickBooks Pro, MS Office, Worldox. Competitive salary, parking, gym, health benefits. Cover letter, resume, salary/benefits history and requirements: DCR@revellcommunications.com.

CA Dental Association

CA Dental Association seeks a Writer/Reporter. Assists in planning of publication editorial projects; writes and edits copy appearing in CDA publications; assists in production of publications. Salary \$48,100 - \$62,500. Resumes: cdajobs@cda.org.

Goddard Claussen

Immediate opening for experienced, detail-oriented administrative assistant/receptionist for growing downtown office. Responsibilities include phones, scheduling, clips, ordering supplies, assisting staff. Some client/campaign work. Competitive compensation, 401K, benefit package. Cover letter/resume: jobs@gcsa.com.

Assn. of California Water Agencies

Assn. of California Water Agencies seeks legislative assistant for office support; data entry; capitol bill tracking; generating bill reports; position letters. Competitive salary, plus benefits. Cover letter, resume, salary history, three references to: kellys@acwa.com.

Assn. of California Water Agencies also seeks legislative analyst to research, examine, analyze, track water-related legislation. Competitive salary plus excellent benefits. Cover letter, salary history, resume, three professional references: e-mail Kelly kellys@acwa.com. Deadline: Open until filled.

JOBS & INTERNSHIPS

Member Development Director

Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc., Association Services practice. Direct business and member development and sponsorship for three statewide associations; create and execute long-term strategic campaigns. Salary competitive, DOQ. Resume, salary expectations: erin@shawyoderantwih.com.

United Domestic Workers / AFSCME

Assistant Political Director develops political strategy, integrates politics. Minimum five years legislative and political organizing or campaign experience with labor union, state or progressive elected official. Salary based on experience. Resume, cover letter: humanresources@udwa.org.

CA Medical Association

Reimbursement Advocate. Advocates for physician members on reimbursement, medical practice issues. Develops resources/seminars to empower practices. Directly assists members with reimbursement/practice issues. Competitive salary. Resume: hr@cmanet.org.

Parent Revolution

The Parent Revolution is hiring Community Organizers to add to their organizing team. The primary responsibilities of community organizers are to outreach to, engage with, and mobilize parents around reforms at their children's underperforming schools. To apply, send a brief cover letter and resume to info@parentsunion.org with your name in the subject line.

Boys & Girls Club of Venice

BGC is looking for a Resource Development Coordinator (part-time) to manage the donor database and provide administrative support to the Director of Marketing & Development. To apply, send your resume to info@bgcv.org with Development Coordinator in the subject line.

The Accelerated School / Wallis Annenberg High School

Seeking a Dean of Student Development to implement the school wide plan for creating a positive culture of behavior. Qualified applicants must have experience working with elementary and secondary school age children, a bachelor's degree, administrative and supervisory experience working in a school or educational setting, and bilingual English & Spanish. This is a 12-month position. To apply, visit www.edjoin.org and complete the application.

Office of Senator Feinstein (Los Angeles office)

Immediate opening for a Staff Assistant. Full-time, 40 hours per week, entry-level with full range of benefits. Applicants must have strong verbal and written communication skills and foreign language skills. Send a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to Trevor J. Daley, District Director, Office of US Senator Dianne Feinstein, 11111 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 915, Los Angeles, CA 90025, molly_o'brien@feinstein.senate.gov.

FELLOWSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

CLCI Polanco Fellows Program

The Polanco Fellows is a great experience for any recent undergraduate looking to garner a solid understanding of State Government in CA. Four fellows will be selected for the 2010-2011 CLCI class. The term of the Fellowship is 12 months from September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011. Fellows will receive a monthly stipend of \$1,880 paid with health/dental benefits. To apply or for more information, go to <http://www.clcipp.org/news/7-08-10.html>. The deadline to apply is this Friday, August 6th!

Asian Pacific Community Fund Marketing & Outreach Fellowship

The position is 20-30 hours per week for one year. To apply, send cover letter, resume, and 3 references with "Marketing & Outreach Fellowship" in the subject line to Melody Lam, Deputy Director, mlam@apcf.org.

MBA Admissions Conference - Saturday, August 7th!

Saturday, August 7, 2010 at UCLA Anderson - Covell Commons from 8:00am-5:00PM. Create personal relationships with Admissions Officers from over 15 top business schools across the nation including Stanford, Harvard, and Wharton. Register at <http://2010mac.eventbrite.com/>.

For more Employment Opportunities, please visit our Career Center at:

http://southcentralscholars.org/scholar_center-career_center

CALENDAR

AUGUST 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Second day of 2010 Summer Conference	2	3	4	5	6
8	9	10	11	12	13
15	16	Scholarship Checks are distributed		19	20
22	23	24	25	26	27
29	30	31			

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

You Can Change Your Life Workshop: Part II

(Hosted by Dr. Denise Gordon)

*** For SCS Scholars ONLY**

Saturday, August 21, 2010
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (Women Only)
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Men Only)
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Inglewood, CA

[Click here to register](#) Register by Friday, August 16th!

2010 SCS College Fair

Thursday, October 7, 2010
7:00-9:00 PM
First Church of God
9550 Crenshaw Blvd.
Inglewood, CA 90305

[Click here to register](#) Register by Friday, October 1st!

2011 SCS FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 8, 2011
1:00-3:00PM
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
9300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Inglewood, CA 90305

[Click here to register](#) Register by Friday, October 1st!

Career Panel: September 2010

(Hosted by Dave Long, DBL Associates)

*** For SCS Scholars ONLY**

Thursday, September 23, 2010
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
South Central Scholars
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

[Click here to register](#) Register by Friday, September 17th!

2010 SCS Parent/Student INFO NIGHT

Saturday, November 20, 2010
6:00-8:00 PM
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
9300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Inglewood, CA 90305

[Click here to register](#) Register by Friday, October 1st!

EVENTS COMING SOON!!

UCLA Campus Visit
USC Campus Visit
Claremont Colleges Campus Visits
UC San Diego Campus Visits
Loyola Marymount Campus Visit
Northern California Campus Visit Tour