

## OUNSELING CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 26, 2010

The Susana De Moya Foundation has established an award for **Dominican achievement in our community**. The purpose of the foundation is to merit academic excellence and inspire Dominican youth by providing a financial award to be used for educational purposes in combination with mentorship. Eligibility for 2010

1. The student or his/her parents must have been born in the Dominican Republic.
2. The student must be between the ages of 13 and 21

Application Exclusion for 2010 - Senior High School Students are not eligible for this award.

A suggested list of links for use by students who are currently seniors in High School can be found on our website, under "links".

Application forms are available at [www.sdmfoundation.org](http://www.sdmfoundation.org) All requirements must be submitted no later than April 26th, 2010.

### **SENIOR WEEK: *Staying Safe in Ocean City***

This annual program will reveal how seniors can avoid trouble during their stay in Ocean City and how to have fun without the use of alcohol and other drugs.

#### **Program Description:**

Many Howard County high school seniors participate in this Maryland tradition of going to the shore for senior week. Having so many unsupervised teens in one place can lead to dangerous situations, risky behavior, and trouble with the law. Before deciding whether or not to permit your child to go to Ocean City for senior week, find out the facts. Local Police Officer, Howard Caplan, and Beach Patrol Crew Chief, James McVey, offer their advice and expertise to keep your child safe. Parents are encouraged to bring their high school senior to this informative program.

**Guest Speakers:** Ocean City Police Officer, Howard Caplan, & Ocean City Beach Patrol Crew Chief, James McVey

**Tuesday, April 20th**

**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Reservoir High School**

**Thursday, April 22nd**

**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Centennial High School**

*These programs are FREE to all Howard County teens and parents and no registration is required.*

- IT'S TIME TO FILE YOUR FASFA-POTOMAC COLLEGE is sponsoring a **FREE FASFA WORKSHOP!**
- March 27, 2010 4000 Chesapeake St, NW. WDC 20016 10:00am -2:00pm #14 Computer Lab
- This workshop is for all high school seniors. Many students are making decisions about their future and we are here to help!!!
- Interested students contact [Joseph.Mure@potomac.edu](mailto:Joseph.Mure@potomac.edu) Director of Admissions 202-272-2327

On Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, the **A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park** and the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) student chapter at the **University of Maryland** will be hosting **Discover Engineering**, a half-day event for high school students interested in pursuing a future in a STEM field (science, technology, engineering, and math). Participants in this event will learn more about the Clark School of Engineering by participating in hands-on activities and by interacting with current engineering students. There is no cost to participants, and a free breakfast and lunch will be provided.

**Maryland Day**, a campus-wide all day event at the University of Maryland, is held on the same day. Each department showcases their programs to the public. After the program, students will have plenty of time to explore other displays and activities on campus. For more information visit <http://www.marylandday.umd.edu>.

To register for the event, students and their parents should visit <http://discoverengineering.eventbrite.com> and follow the registration instructions. The deadline to register is **April 17, 2010**. Registration is limited to the **first 120 students**.

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is a non-profit educational and service organization that empowers women to succeed and advance in the field of engineering, and to be recognized for their life-changing contributions as engineers and leaders.~ The UMD chapter offers an array of social, corporate, networking, outreach, advocacy, and scholarship opportunities. If students have any questions, please feel free to contact [discover.engineering@gmail.com](mailto:discover.engineering@gmail.com)!

• **LATINOS ON FAST TRACK**

Extended Deadline!

~~Fellowship Program for Science and Engineering Students~

**ExxonMobil LOFT Fellowship**

Send resume to [LOFT@hispanicheritage.org](mailto:LOFT@hispanicheritage.org).~

**MUST** note ExxonMobil LOFT Fellows in subject line. ~

**DEADLINE:~April 5<sup>th</sup>**

• ExxonMobil, one of the world's largest companies and America's leading oil & gas corporation, has partnered with the Hispanic Heritage Foundation (HHF) to create one of the most distinguished fellowships in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) for *Hispanic college students*.~~ Through HHF's LOFT program, ExxonMobil looks to nurture motivated~undergraduate sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students across the country, with a passion for Engineering and Science.

• Selected students will be exposed to a top quality company by participating in their world class mentoring program.~ Each student will be paired up with one of ExxonMobil engineers/scientists to learn how their knowledge is applied in a corporate setting.

~Fellowship components:~

- 1 Five 1-hour meetings with mentor (virtual or in person)
- 2 Participation in the Harvard-certified ExxonMobil mentee program (on-line), an exclusive curriculum to introduce Fellows to the culture and vast career opportunities in the company
- 2 Educational grant
- 2 ~The possibility to interview for ExxonMobil positions (internship/full time) upon successful completion of the Fellowship

- 5 This opportunity is open to undergraduate sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students with declared primary majors in:

Environmental Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

Computer Engineering

Electrical Engineering

Chemical Engineering

Petroleum Engineering

Materials Engineering

Industrial Engineering

Material Sciences

Civil Engineering

Mathematics

Chemistry

Geology

Physics

**Requirements:**

Be a current sophomore, junior or senior in a 4 year college/university

Must plan to pursue a career in the fields/majors listed above ~

- Have a GPA of 3.5 or higher U.S. residency or citizenship
- *Opportunities available through the LOFT program are for Hispanic students only.~ Others interested should contact the company's website directly.*

This message was sent from Latinos on Fast Track. It was sent from: Hispanic Heritage Foundation, 1775 Whiele Ave Suite 400, Reston, VA 20190.



**Research Financial Aid** (Excerpted from “Your quick and easy guide to free money for college” by Laura Jeanne Hammond)

Don't let the cost of college scare you from applying. There are many ways to help defer the costs.

**Free Money**

- Grants

Grants are free money awarded by your college or the government as a result of the information on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), your interests or your merit. Apply for state-sponsored grant programs, too.

- Institutional Scholarships

Check out what kind of grades and test scores you need to be automatically qualified for merit scholarships. You might find that you qualify for full rides at some places due to your high school success.

- Private Scholarships

Private scholarships are those ones you spend hours searching for online. Apply for as many private scholarships as possible. Don't rule out local awards. National scholarships may offer more money, but you're competing with more people.

**Money To Pay Back**

- Federal Loans

Apply for federal money, like the Stafford and Perkins loans, by filling out the FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible. Your college will let you know what loans you've been awarded. Respond to that letter-whether or not you want the loans. Don't borrow more than you need.

- PLUS Loans

PLUS loans are loans your parents take out to put toward your higher education. They can borrow up to the full amount of your education, including tuition, travel, books, fees, etc.

- Private Loans

Like federal loans, private loans help you pay for school, and you have to pay them back. Apply for private loans through a bank or loan company. This money doesn't come from the government; it comes from the lender.

### **Opportunities**

- In-state school

Public colleges and universities often charge residents of their state less for tuition than they charge for non residents. Visit a couple of state schools to get a feel for the kind of campus you like best.

- Fee waiver

If you can't afford a college's application's application fee, call the admissions office to ask about a fee waiver.

- Work-study

Work-study is financial aid awarded as a result of your FAFSA information. Through this program, you're qualified to apply for on-campus jobs set aside for work-study students. With work-study, you receive the money in a regular paycheck. It's up to you to put it toward your college fees.

### **Explore Garrett College**

Open House on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 11:00 AM During your visit you will have an opportunity to tour the campus, meet current GC students, learn about the programs of study and transfer opportunities and learn about scholarships and other financial aid. Register online at [www.garrettcollege.edu/admissions](http://www.garrettcollege.edu/admissions)

### **Junior Crimson Day at Grove City College on Saturday, April 10, 2010**

You will hear from many different individuals about the campus, professors, major opportunities and career planning. The Dean of the Chapel will speak about the spiritual foundation on which Grove City College stands. To accept this invitation call 724-458-2100 or [www.gcc.edu](http://www.gcc.edu)

### **Mount Holyoke College Take the Lead**

2010

September 30-October 3,

This is an innovative leadership program for idealistic young women who want to make a positive difference in the world. Go to [www.mtholyoke.edu/tahethelead](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/tahethelead) to find out more.

- Wendy's Restaurants have teamed up with the Heisman Memorial Trophy committee to create the **Wendy's High School Heisman Award**. Will you be a senior during the 2010-2011 school year? Do you participate in at least one sport? Are you a leader in your school and your community? Then don't miss this opportunity to be recognized for everything that you do. Apply now for the 2010 Wendy's High School Heisman. Visit [www.wendysheisman.com](http://www.wendysheisman.com) for more information and to apply.

**Penn State** is offering information programs in our area soon. Frederick, MD-May 3, Baltimore, MD-May 4, and Rockville, MD-May 5. More information and registration is available at [admissions.psu.edu/infoprograms](http://admissions.psu.edu/infoprograms)



