



Student Newsletter



December 14th, 2007

The OUSD Student Web site would like to wish the entire OUSD community a safe, healthy and happy holiday season!

College Readiness Network

The College Readiness Network [CRN] is a consortium of organizations from both within and outside of OUSD. Those organizations represent local institutions of higher learning, academic, scholarship, and guidance services, and student advocacy groups. Members of CRN seek to support and reinforce each others efforts so that as many OUSD high school students can be served. The College Readiness Office of OUSD serves as the coordinator of the CRN.

Important News and Information

Cash for College Workshops for High School Seniors (Class of 2008) and Parents: Attend a *Cash for College workshop* to get FREE line-by-line or one-on-one help with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Cal Grant, scholarships, and more! Submit your FAFSA and Cal Grant GPA between January 1st and March 2nd to be considered for a Cal Grant and other forms of financial aid. For more information, visit www.eastbayconsortium.org or call (510) 238-9450.

January 2008 Cash for College Workshops in Oakland

Thurs, Jan 10th, Oakland Tech, 6:30-8:30pm, Library
Tues, Jan 15, Fremont Federation of Small High Schools, 6:30-8:30pm
Wed, Jan 16, McClymonds (BEST and EXCEL), 6:30-8:30pm, Library and Computer Lab
Wed, Jan 16, MetWest, 7-9pm, Multi-Purpose Room
Thurs, Jan 17, Life Academy HS, 6:30-8:30pm, Computer Lab
Wed, Jan 30, Oakland HS, 6:30-8:30pm, Auditorium, then Library, Comp. Lab and Commons
Thurs, Jan 31, Skyline HS, 6:30-8:30pm, Library

Although the priority filing period for fall 2008 has closed, some UC campuses are still accepting applications to some programs and majors.

UC Merced and UC Riverside: Open to freshman and transfer applicants in most majors
UC Davis, UC Irvine and UC Santa Cruz: Open to transfer students in most majors
UC Santa Barbara: Open to transfer applicants at the junior level
UCLA: School of Nursing open to transfer students at the junior and senior levels

For more information about open majors and deadlines, check [http:// www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/openmajors](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/openmajors)

Applicants under these extended deadlines must file a paper application. Instructions and the downloadable paper application can be found at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/download>.

UC Admission Figures Go ONLINE with Interactive STATfinder Site

UC StatFinder, a new interactive website, provides public access to detailed data on undergraduate admissions and enrollment at UC. Visitors to the site can find information organized in static tables that present the most frequently requested information, or they can create their own tables based on variables such as SAT scores or ethnicity. To try out StatFinder, visit <http://statfinder.ucop.edu/>.

Scholarships

Education Research Center of America Community Contribution Scholarship

http://www.studentresearch.org/acrobat/scholarship_app.pdf Education Research Center of America awards student scholarships and provides a minimum of 25 scholarships of \$1000 per year for higher education. The scholarship awards recognize and reward high school students who have made an extraordinary contribution to their community and/or high school.

"Save Me a Spot in College" Scholarship contest - \$100,000 in scholarships for Ca. 6-12th grade students! www.collegecampaign.org/contest The Campaign for College Opportunity is proud to launch the third year of the "Save Me a Spot in College" scholarship contest! This contest is an effort to hear young Californians share their voice on why California leaders should save them and their peers a spot in college. [Deadline for all contest submissions is March 15, 2008.](#) Teachers, counselors, principals, parents, and youth organizers can sign up [students](http://www.collegecampaign.org/contest/Teachers-Parents2.html) <http://www.collegecampaign.org/contest/Teachers-Parents2.html>

For more information on Scholarships and other resources and tools, visit the NEW and REVISED College Readiness Page on the OUSD Student Website <http://ousdstudents.org/College Prep and Scholarship Info/index.html>

All City Council /Meaningful Student Engagement

All City Council High School Meeting

Thursday, December 20th, 2007

1pm-3pm, Lunch Provided

Hosted by: McClymond's Leadership from BEST and EXCEL

Topics: Teachers and Textbooks and School Safety

OPEN TO ALL OUSD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

For more information or to RSVP contact:

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**** THERE IS NO ACC MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETING THIS MONTH****

OUSD Student Journalism

Student Opportunities, Grants and Contests

Stanford Medical Youth Science Program (SMYSP) 2008 Summer Residential Program

Stanford Medical Youth Science Program (SMYSP) offers a five-week Summer Residential Program (SRP) held on Stanford's campus for low-income high school students interested in science, medicine, and health. SMYSP selects 24 high school students who live and attend schools in Northern and Central California. A full-time staff of ten Stanford University undergraduate students directs the SRP and lives with the high school students in a residential house on the Stanford University campus seven days a week, including weekends. **[Applications must be postmarked by February 15, 2008.](#)**
<http://smysp.stanford.edu/>

Google Highly Open Participation™ Contest

Google is holding a contest for pre-university students (e.g., high school and secondary school students) with the aim of encouraging young people to participate in open source. We will work with ten open source organizations for this pilot effort, each of whom will provide a list of tasks to be completed by student contestants. Tasks can be anything a project needs help with, from bug fixes to writing documentation to user experience research. **For more information, including contest rules, requirements, and deadlines, go to <http://code.google.com/opensource/ghop/2007-8/faqs.html>**

Youth Community Service Grants

Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship

<http://www.discoverfinancial.com/data/philanthropy/tribute.shtml>

Current high school juniors who are enrolled in accredited high schools, have demonstrated accomplishments in leadership and community service, and have faced significant roadblocks or challenges, are eligible for this annual award.

Do Something's BRICK Award <http://www.dosomething.org/brick>

Each year, six outstanding leaders age 18 and under are selected to receive a \$5,000 scholarship and a \$5,000 community grant; three outstanding leaders ages 19-25 receive a \$10,000 community grant.

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes <http://www.barronprize.org/index.html>

The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8 to 18 who have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,000 to support their service work or higher education.

The Heart of America Christopher Reeve Award <http://www.heartofamerica.org/scholarships.asp>

The award is presented each year to an extraordinary youth who has demonstrated tremendous courage and compassion in serving his or her community. An awards review committee will select one student each year for the award, which includes a \$1000 scholarship.

Hitachi Foundation's Yoshiyama Award for Exemplary Service to the Community

<http://www.hitachifoundation.org/yoshiyama/>

The annual award recognizes ten U.S. high school seniors for exemplary service and community involvement.

Kohl's Kids Who Care® Program

<http://www.kohlscorporation.com/CommunityRelations/Community02.htm>

Kohl's Kids Who Care® is an annual opportunity for Kohl's to recognize and reward kids who volunteer in their communities.

NetAid's Global Action Award http://www.netaid.org/global_action_awards/

U.S. students ages 14-18 who have worked on projects related to fighting global poverty can receive \$5,000 for higher education or a charitable cause of their choice.

Presidential Freedom Scholarships <http://www.nationalservice.org/scholarships/>

A program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, the scholarships are designed to highlight and promote service and citizenship by students and to recognize students for their leadership in those areas.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

<http://www.prudential.com/overview/0,1468,intPageID%253D4141%2526blnPrinterFriendly%253D0,00.html>

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor young people in middle level and high school grades for outstanding volunteer service to their communities.

Rotary International <http://www.rotary.org/programs/>

Since 1947, this worldwide organization of business and professional leaders has offered a range of awards and scholarships for youth leaders to serve and study abroad.

Start Something Scholarships <http://www.tigerwoodsfoundation.org/startsomething/>

Click to explore a Collaboration between Target Stores and Tiger Woods Foundation, designed to encourage youth to start a service learning project.

Target All-Around Scholarships http://target.com/common/page.jhtml?content=target_cg_scholarship

Target awards over six hundred All-Around Scholarships each year - including one \$25,000 scholarship - to high school seniors and college students age 24 and younger.

YouthActionnet Award http://www.youthactionnet.org/yan_awards

This site is dedicated to encouraging youth leadership in service learning projects.

Youth Arts Grants

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards <http://www.scholastic.com/artandwritingawards/enter.htm>

Young artists and writers currently enrolled in grades 7-12 and who attend a public, private, parochial or home-school in the United States, Canada, U.S. Territories or U.S.-sponsored schools abroad can apply for this annual program that gives scholarships and/or regional and national recognition for students' creative works.

Arts Recognition and Talent Search <http://www.artsawards.org/Students/>

ARTS identifies young artists in the disciplines of Dance, Film and Video, Jazz, Music, Photography, Theater, Visual Arts, Voice and Writing for scholarships and financial support toward their continued arts education.

Coca-Cola Refreshing Filmmaker's Award Program <http://www.ccrfa.com/ccrfa/>

Supporting tomorrow's award-winning directors and writers, the Coca-Cola Refreshing Filmmaker's Award gives young artists a chance to see their films come to life.

United States Institute of Peace Invites High School Students to Enter National Essay

Contest The United States Institute of Peace (<http://www.usip.org/>) established the National Peace Essay Contest to expand educational opportunities for America's youth. **Topic: Natural Resources and Conflict-What are the necessary elements for the development of fair, peaceful, or effective use of natural resources after a conflict.** Visit the USIP Website <http://www.usip.org/> for complete program information and entry procedures.

Upcoming Events

Holiday Events Light Up the Oakland Public Library-- Free, multicultural fairytales, stories, puppet shows, sing-alongs and more bring together the whole family at this joyous time of year:

Opera Piccola presents Hansel & Gretel, Tuesday, December 18, 7 pm at Dimond Branch Library

Puppet Art presents Jack & The Beanstalk Wednesday, December 19, 3:30 pm at Melrose Branch Library

For a full list of events throughout the holidays and their locations at other branch libraries, please call 238-3848 or check out the Oakland Public Library website <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/PR/pr111607holidayevents.html>

Oakland Public Library afterschool/weekend programming for teens:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=OAKLAND&curKey2=Teens&setRef=new>

Oakland Public Library afterschool/weekend programming for kids:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=OAKLAND&curSKW=kids%20or%20storytimes>

Cool links and helpful resources

Museum of Music, Infotainment Island (Second Life)

<http://slurl.com/secondlife/Infotainment%20Island/90/202/0> The Museum of Music opened with an exhibit on the jazz artists that developed bebop, a form of jazz characterized by improvisation and quick tempos. Featured artists include Charlie Parker, John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Theolonius Monk, and Dizzy Gillespe. Walk thru this interactive museum, click on pictures of performers, and get biographical information. Play the piano and choose from a variety of songs as well as adornments for the piano. Play drums too. Currently featuring "Bebop And Beyond" November 2007 - January 2008.

GetBodySmart <http://www.getbodysmart.com/> An online examination of human anatomy and physiology using interactive "Flash" animations. Current topics include: Skeletal System, Muscle Tissue Physiology, Muscular System, Nervous System, Circulatory System, Respiratory System, Urinary System, and Histology. Includes interactive tutorials and quizzes.

