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Student Newsletter

January 11, 2008

Happy New Year!!
May 2008 be your best year ever!

please pass on

College Readiness Network (CRN)

Important Announcement:

CSU, East Bay will soon offer high school seniors **On-The-Spot Admissions** at the **February 2nd Latino Education Summit** and at the **March 1st African American Education Summit** (see information below)

For more information about the on-the-spot admissions opportunity, please contact amanda.segura@csueastbay.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS:

8th Annual Latino Education Summit

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008 (Conference--8:30am- 2:30pm Resource Fair 10:00am - 2:30pm)
WHERE: California State University, East Bay University Gymnasium 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd. w Hayward
FREE admission and FREE lunch for everyone! No charge for parking. Space is limited! Registration is recommended to reserve your space. Register online at www.csueastbay.edu For more information, phone (510) 885-3516.

The African-American Education Summit

WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2008 (registration starts at 8am)
WHERE: California State University, East Bay University Gymnasium 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward, CA
Empowering workshops for students and parents~College info and On-the-Spot Admissions for CSU eligible high school seniors ~ Financial Aid and Scholarship Information ~ ~ Entertainment, Vendor Expo, and a Kid's Zone ~ Lunch and Transportation provided!
Proudly Sponsored by The Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce & California State University, East Bay

SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Campaign for College Opportunity "Save Me a Spot in College" scholarship

contest!

\$100,000 in scholarships for California 6th - 12th grade

students!

KEY CONTEST INFO: Students may submit

a written word, poster, TV ad answering the contest question: "Why should California leaders save you and your peers a spot in college?" **The first step is to REGISTER TODAY by visiting www.collegecampaign.org/contest or call 1-800-459-9586.** All California 6th-12th grade students are eligible. **Deadline for all contest submissions is March 15, 2008.** For more information, visit the contest portion of the Campaign's website at <http://www.collegecampaign.org/contest>

The Tom Joyner Foundation Full Ride Scholarships to HBCU

-- Do you know any high school seniors that will graduate by May 2008, and would like to attend a Historically Black College or University? The Tom Joyner Foundation is offering "full ride" scholarships for graduating high school seniors. **Deadline for Applications is January 18, 2008.** <http://www.blackamericaweb.com/site.aspx/foundation/fullride>

All City Council Meetings

All City Council HIGH SCHOOL General Meeting

Hosted by Oakland High Leadership class

Thursday, January 17th, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Oakland High School, 1023 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, 94610

Lunch Provided **OPEN TO ALL OUSD High School Students**

All City Council MIDDLE SCHOOL General Meeting

Hosted by ROOTS @ Havenscourt

Tuesday, January 15th, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

ROOTS Middle School, 1390 66th Ave., Oakland, 94621

Lunch Provided **OPEN TO ALL OUSD Middle School LEADERSHIP students**

For more information, or to RSVP, contact: Raquel Jimenez, ACC Coordinator, at 510-879-8714 (office) or 510-703-4825 (c)
Email: Raquel.Jimenez@ousd.k12.ca.us

Student News and Opportunities

Students Run Oakland kicked off their 2007 season with a show of over 50 volunteers! They've also launched a fantastic newsletter where you can keep updated on the season's events, volunteer and fundraising opportunities. Take a look at: <http://sroakland.org/>

Teen Artists, Writers and Performers Sought For 22nd Session of The California State Summer School for the Arts

-- The California State Summer School for the Arts (INNERSPARK) is seeking the most talented high school-aged visual, literary, media and performing artists in California. The teenagers who are selected through the competitive application process will attend one of the country's premier summer arts institutes on the campus of the California Institute of the Arts, in Valencia, from July 12 through August 8, 2008. **The application deadline is February 29, 2008.** **Application and Financial Aid forms must be downloaded from www.innerspark.us.** If you have questions, want more information, or additional posters or postcards, contact (916)

274-5826 or rjaffe@innerspark.us.

SF Women's Film Festival looking for Young Women Participants!

The San Francisco Women's Film Festival is looking for 12 young women (ages 14-19) to participate in our free filmmaking program. The program starts on February 6th and ends on March 19th.

The filmmaking program will be conducted at TILT/Film Arts Foundation:

For more information, www.tiltmedia.org

OUSD Youth Speaks Poetry Slam

OUSD Poetry Slam take place **Friday February 8, 2008 at the Oakland Museum**. Come watch some of Oakland's best poets get ready for the Youth Speaks Teen Poetry Slam. This is a great field trip opportunity for students and educators, as they watch their peers shine on museum stages. For field trip opportunities please email Khalil@youthspeaks.org. To register poets (no more than 2 per school) email Prentice@youthspeaks.org

Youth Speaks After School Writing Workshops

****TUESDAYS, 4-6pm, starting January 22nd at the Oakland Museum (1000 Oak St., Oakland)**

Led by Khalil Anthony and Lauren Whitehead

Welcome to the Boondocks-This workshop will investigate the underlying truths and subversive realities of Aaron McGruder's "The Boondocks," while encouraging young writers to create new realities based on their own truths. Media literacy and critical thinking skills will form the backbone of this interactive workshop.

****WEDNESDAYS, 4-6pm, starting January 23rd at Berkeley High School (2223 MLK Jr. Way, Berkeley)**

Led by Rafael Casal and Brandon Santiago

A poetry and spoken word workshop featuring Def Poet Rafael Casal

YouthSpeaks has many great opportunities for young people. Please go to www.youthspeaks.org for a FULL listing of upcoming events, classes, and workshops...

Youth Grants

Disney Minnie Grants for Global Youth Service Day 2008 The Walt Disney Company and Youth Service America are excited to announce grants of up to \$500 to support youth-led service projects. These grants support youth (ages 5-14) in planning and implementing service projects in their community. Teachers, older youth (15-25), and youth-serving organizations are also eligible to apply, if they engage younger youth (5-14) in planning and implementing the project. A significant part of the service must take place on Global Youth Service Day 2008, April 25-27. **Electronic application available at www.YSA.org/awards.** Questions? Email MinnieGrant@ysa.org.

Deadline: January 21, 2008

The American Young Ambassadors Program The American Young Ambassadors Program (www.americanyoungambassadors.com) is an unprecedented global leadership program for 25-30 exceptional high school students, ages 15-18, recognized for the work they have accomplished in their communities. The youth selected for this program are of significant accomplishment academically, athletically or through public service efforts in their community. **They will represent the United States as Young Ambassadors-at-large at the 2008 Summer Olympics**

in Beijing, China, August 4-17, 2008. Applicants must be US citizens. To learn more about this program and to apply online, visit www.ysa.org/awards. For program-specific questions, email AYAL at Slerner@AmericanYoungAmbassadors.com or Lfederer@americanyoungambassadors.com. For technical questions specific to the nomination form or the nomination process ONLY, email AYAL@vsa.org. **Deadline: March 3, 2008**

The Volvo Adventure Award-- Arranged in collaboration with the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) the Volvo Adventure Award rewards young people who run their own environmental projects. If you know of any groups of 13-16 year olds working on an environmental project they only have a few weeks to enter. Register and enter your project now by visiting www.volvoadventure.org. **Deadline: January 31, 2008**

Action For Nature's International Young Eco-Hero Awards Action For Nature, a nonprofit organization that encourages young people around the world to carry out individual environmental action projects, presents the **International Young Eco-Hero Awards** to recognize the individual accomplishments of young people (ages 8-16) whose personal actions have significantly improved the environment. Action For Nature will award cash prizes of up to \$500 each to young Eco-Heroes for their outstanding accomplishments in environmental advocacy, environmental health, research, or protection of the natural world. Complete program information and application guidelines available at <http://www.actionfornature.org/> **Deadline: February 28, 2008.**

Yoshima Award for Exemplary Service to the Community The Hitachi Foundation presents the Yoshiyama Award for Exemplary Service to the Community each year to ten high school seniors from around the U.S. on the basis of their community service activities. Activities must foster longer-term community change and be focused in socially and/or economically isolated communities. The award is accompanied by a cash prize of \$5,000 dispensed over two years. Recipients may use the award at their discretion. The award is not a scholarship. High school seniors from the U.S. are eligible to be nominated for the award. Nomination information is available at <http://www.hitachifoundation.org>. **Deadline: April 1, 2008**

Upcoming Local Events

BAY AREA STAND UP! An ORGANIZE DA BAY Concert

Saturday, January 19th, 7pm @ East Side Arts Alliance, 2285 International Blvd, Oakland
Youth \$2-\$5 Adults \$5-\$10 (no one turned away)

Show your support for student power by coming to this great event ! with performances by Ise Lyfe, Brown Buffalo, Jerek and more! You don't want to miss this incredible night honoring youth power, struggle and culture. **For more information, contact Sagnicthe (510) 645-9209 ext. 303**

EastSide Arts Final Fridays Films of Resistance and Solidarity presents BAMAKO

Friday, January 25th, 7pm @ East Side Arts Alliance, 2285 International Blvd, Oakland
Set in the courtyard of a mud-walled house in Bamako, the capital city of Mali, the intimate personal story of an African couple on the verge of breaking up is told alongside very public political proceedings. African civil society is taking action against the World Bank and the IMF whom they directly blame for Africa's woes. A lush mix of warm and inspirational music, Bamako is a unique opportunity for a worldwide audience to become familiar with contemporary Africa. This is part of the Final Fridays Film Series a free monthly community event produced by EastSide Arts Alliance

The 11th annual YOUTHSPEAKS Bringing the Noise For Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Monday, January 21, 7pm, Herbst Theater, San Francisco-- \$6 for youth, \$16 general admission.
go to www.youthspeaks.org for more information

Cool links and resources:

RACE: Why We so Different?

<http://www.understandingrace.org/home.html>

A project of the American Anthropological Association. Looking through the eyes of history, science and lived experience, the RACE Project explains differences among people and reveals the reality - and unreality - of race. The story of race is complex and may challenge how we think about race and human variation, about the differences and similarities among people.

The New York Times Learning Network

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/index.html>

The Learning Network is a free site for teachers, students and parents of grades 3-12. Every Monday through Friday throughout the year, The Learning Network offers a myriad of innovative, interactive activities based on today's New York Times.

Channel One

<http://www.channelone.com/>

The winner of several prestigious awards, Channel One has been broadcasting twelve-minute newscasts for teenagers into high schools and middle schools since 1990. Using video, news articles, quizzes, polls and games, the Channel One website is an excellent news site for teens. ChannelOne doesn't shy away from the tough stories (such as the war on terrorism) but it also likes to have fun, with a Student Life section with celebrity ("Name that Star") and life style ("Your Guide to the Prom") coverage.

Homework Hub

<http://www.scholastic.com/kids/homework/index.htm>

Homework hub is where students can get help and direction in completing various assignments from doing research, improving skills, and organizing their work. Site includes study aids, test preparation guides, and term paper guides and resources.

Worldmapper

<http://www.sasi.group.shef.ac.uk/worldmapper/>

Worldmapper is a collection of world maps, where territories are re-sized on each map according to the subject of interest.

