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## **COUNSELING OFFICE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

March 5, 2010

### **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

**The Home Depot Trade Scholarship** – 500 individual scholarships awarded in the amount of \$1,000 each. Application deadline is April 30, 2010. For more information and to apply for the scholarship, please visit the website: <http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal> or call 1-877-743-5327.

**The Community Foundation William Jackson Hawley Scholarship -**  
Eligibility Criteria: Applicants must be graduating from high school and continuing onto college, and have a GPA of at least 3.0 out of 4.0 and whose family has financial need as a result of cancer. The minimum award is \$1,000. Applications are due by the Friday, May 14, 2010. Applications are available in the counseling offices or on the website: <http://www.racf.org>.

**The Community Foundation Frank Commisso Scholarship -**  
Eligibility Criteria: For graduating seniors from high school who show academic excellence (at least a 3.0 GPA), show school/community involvement, have good character and have financial need. The number of awards may vary and the amount is usually \$750 to \$1,000 each. Applications are available in the counseling offices. Applications are due by the Friday, May 14, 2010.

**The Community Foundation Barnard-Kuichling-Acorn Society Scholarship -** Eligibility Criteria: For a graduating senior who will continue his/her education at any 2- or 4-year college, university or technical school, rank in the top 10% of their class and has financial need. There are several awards ranging from \$500 to \$1,500. Applications are available in the counseling offices. Completed applications are to be sent by the students' guidance counselors. The application deadline is May 30, 2010.

**Monroe Community College Gloria Dean Glass Scholarship -**  
Eligibility Criteria: For graduating seniors who have applied and been accepted as a full-time EOP student at Monroe Community College and have a "C" grade-point average. Applications and brochures are available in the counseling offices. The application deadline is May 21, 2010.

**Traveling Cabaret of Irondequoit Scholarship -**

Eligibility Criteria: College-bound high school seniors pursuing the arts upon graduation. The arts include, but are not limited to: music, dance, drama, art, writing, technical theater and all other arts related areas. Awards will be determined on a talent and need basis. Applicants must be majoring in the arts. Applications are available in the counseling offices. Applications must be received no later than April 9, 2010. For more information call the Traveling Cabaret at (585) 234-6677.

**Arc Foundation of Monroe and The Arc of Monroe County -**

The Arc of Monroe County is privileged to offer up to five scholarships. The scholarship will be a minimum of \$500 per semester for one year.

Eligibility Criteria: Student must accept paid summer internship with The Arc of Monroe County, grade point average must be an 80% or above, must be seeking a career working in the human services field, preferably with individuals with intellectual and/or other developmental disabilities, or in the not-for-profit field, must attend high school in Monroe County, and include submission of volunteerism and/or other extracurricular activities. Please include employment if applicable. Applications are available in the counseling offices. Submission deadline: April 15, 2010.

**Jeff Milano-Johnson Memorial Scholarship -**

Eligibility Criteria: All seniors graduating from an RCSD high school who have an enthusiasm for life, perseverance, compassion, display service to others and creativity mixed with a touch of goofiness and a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher. Applications are available in the counseling offices. Submission deadline: April 30, 2010. For questions about the scholarship call (585) 248-9977 or email: [jmj23fund@yahoo.com](mailto:jmj23fund@yahoo.com). For more information visit the website <http://www.jmj23fund.org>.

**Sisters for a Better Black Community Inc., Scholarship -**

Eligibility Criteria: Applicants must possess a cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 ("C+") or above, demonstrate a need for financial assistance in order to attend college and provide definite proof of acceptance in an accredited institution of higher learning (2- or 4- year), business college or technical school. Applications are available in the counseling offices. Submission deadline: April 1, 2010. Inquiries may be sent to: SBBC Inc., P. O. Box 39666, Rochester, NY 14604 or via voice mail: (585) 251-1777 or e-mail to: [sbbcinc@gmail.com](mailto:sbbcinc@gmail.com).

**The Epiphany Events Scholarship Fund -**

Eligibility Criteria: Must be a graduating male high school senior, be in good standing and have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA. The Epiphany Events Scholarship Fund will award a non-renewable \$300 scholarship. More information regarding the application is in the counseling offices.

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Maude Orman Scholarship -**

Eligibility Criteria: Applicant must be a graduating high school senior, have an overall “B” average (un-weighted) and exhibit financial need. Applications are available in the counseling offices. All applications must be postmarked by Monday, March 25, 2010.

**Network North Star (NNS) Scholarship -**

Eligibility Criteria: Applicant must be African-American, a graduating high school senior, US Citizen or legal resident; a minimum of a “B” cumulative GPA and the applicant’s major must be in Business or Applied Science. Applications are available in the counseling offices. All applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2010. If you have additional questions, contact Deborah Quick at 724-2199 or email: [deborah.quick@kodak.com](mailto:deborah.quick@kodak.com).

**SAT Test Dates**

March 13  
May 1  
June 5

\*SAT website: [www.collegeboard.com/sat-achieve-more](http://www.collegeboard.com/sat-achieve-more)

**Registration Deadlines**

February 4  
March 25  
April 29

**ACT Test Dates**

April 10  
June 12

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March 5  
May 7

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**AmeriCorps NCCC** – This is a 10-month, team-based, full-time, residential program for individuals between the ages of 18 to 24. During their term of service, members serve on a team of 10-12 and travel to communities completing five to six different service projects. In exchange, members receive room and board, a modest living allowance, health care, transportation to and from the campus at the beginning and end of the program, an education award of \$5,350, leadership opportunities, and opportunities to travel and learn new skills. Please see your counselor if interested.

**WDKX Interns Wanted** – WDKX is now casting positions for the Jam Squad. As a member of the Jam Squad you will be required to work on location at live broadcasts, radio events, and concerts and interact with listeners. Part-time hours include: evenings, nights, weekends, holidays and some weekdays. Some lifting involved. Please submit a cover letter explaining why you should be selected and your resume to [1039jamsquad@gmail.com](mailto:1039jamsquad@gmail.com). Applications are due April 30, 2010. Please do not call.

**Explorers Programs** - For Grades 8 –11; if you are interested in an Explorers Program, please see your counselor.

### **SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Grammy Camp 2010** – Visit <http://www.grammyintheschools.com> to apply. Application deadline is March 31, 2010. Financial assistance is available. For more information, please call 800-423-2017, ext. 8682.

### **“Americans Promoting Study Abroad China Scholars”**

Dates: June 27 to August 5, 2010

Program highlights: Intense Chinese language study, Chinese language partnerships with high school peers, field trips to Chinese cultural and historic sites, community service project completed in Beijing, field trips to speak to international career professionals in government, business and international organizations. The scholarships are provided for qualified students that cover travel, room and board and additional programs for international career development in your hometown. Qualifications: Candidates must have one year of successful foreign language study, sophomores are given the highest priority, have a 3.0 grade-point or “B” average or higher, display an interest in an international career, ability to adjust to new cultures and situations, willingness to study Chinese for at least one more year after the program’s completion, excellent health and physical stamina, be an American citizen and if selected, you must have a valid passport by May 7, 2010. Applications are available in the counseling offices. Completed applications are due by 4:00 PM on Friday, March 12, 2010.

**RIT/RCSD Future Business Leaders’ Experience** – A program that educates high school students about the college experience and skills necessary for college success, teaches students about business fields and skills necessary for career success, exposes students to a diversity of role models, creates a vision for life success, increases the pipeline of future

business leaders and provides businesses with innovative and practical solutions to organizational challenges. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA. Summer application forms are available in the counseling offices. Completed documents must be returned to your counselor by April 1, 2010. For more information, please contact: Denise Oquendo, Director, Future Business Leaders' Experience, RIT, 585-475-2055 or email [denise.oquendo@rit.edu](mailto:denise.oquendo@rit.edu) or Beverly Gushue, Director Career and Technical Education, RCSD, 585-262-8532 or email [beverly.gushue@rcsdk12.org](mailto:beverly.gushue@rcsdk12.org).

**RochesterWorks! Digital Skills for Youth Summer 2010 Program** – Are you ready to gain the skills employers are looking for and use them in a paid internship? Join Digital Skills for Youth and become digitally certified. Requirements: Must be motivated to work on your own, 16-21 years old, have access to a computer and the internet (at home, school, library or RochesterWorks! Computer lab), reference from a teacher, counselor, youth leader, employer or other professional and complete 10 on-line courses in computer and business skills. Applications are available in the counseling offices. Applications are due by April 9, 2010. You must meet income eligibility requirement. For more information contact: Caridad Sosa-Blackwell at 585-258-3554 or [csblackwell@rochesterworks.org](mailto:csblackwell@rochesterworks.org) or Geoff Bieber at 585-258-3552 or [gbieber@rochesterworks.org](mailto:gbieber@rochesterworks.org) 225 N. Goodman Street, Rochester, NY 14607.



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**Richard L. Stear Memorial Dream Award** – This award is presented to a deserving graduating senior in the RCSD whose dream of improving his or her future would be enhanced by receiving extra financial support. This award consists of \$500 and a unique achievement plaque. All graduating seniors are welcome to apply. Deadline is May 15, 2010. The application is available on the RCSD website [www.rcsdk12.org](http://www.rcsdk12.org) and at <http://www.richardlstear.com>.

**AKOMA African American Women's Gospel Choir Nona Patterson Chambers Scholarship** – For college-bound young African American women graduating from high school who will be attending college in September 2010. Applications are available in the counseling offices. Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2010.

#### **Wells College 21<sup>st</sup> Century Award for Juniors**

Eligibility Criteria: Nominated student must have a GPA in academic subject areas of at least a 90% (or a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale) in a college preparatory program and demonstrated leadership ability through school and community activities. If you are interested in being nominated, please see your counselor. The deadline is April 15, 2010.

#### **Russell Sage College – Student Scholarship Nomination for Juniors -**

**Eligibility** Criteria: a Junior who has maintained a B+ average or better, has received at least the national average on the SAT math and verbal portions (1000) or PSAT equivalent and is enrolled in a solid college-prep course of study. If you are interested in being nominated, please see your counselor. The deadline is April 13, 2010.

#### **Partnership in Patriotism Scholarship – State Fair announces \$2,500 Americraft Scholarship Contest**

Contestants will write an 800 to 1,000 word essay based on an annual patriotic theme. The theme for 2010 is the importance for Americans to buy products that are made in the United States. One essay will be accepted from

each school to be judged for the \$2,500 scholarship. All scholarships will be paid directly to an American university or college. The scholarship committee will accept completed applications and essays until April 15, 2010. The winner will be determined and notified by May 15, 2010.

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### **Rensselaer Medal**

Eligibility Criteria: Must be a member of the junior class, excel in advanced math and science courses and exhibit significant involvement in extracurricular activities. This \$15,000 per year merit scholarship is guaranteed for four years (five years for the B.Arch.program) for each medalist who is accepted and enrolls at Rensselaer. If you are interested in being nominated, please see your counselor. The deadline is May 1, 2010.

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### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Thinking about college? Pre-College Preparation Workshop** – This workshop is designed for high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The event will include workshops on financial aid, the college essay, accessing and applying for college and interviewing with admissions offices. The University of Rochester, along with representatives from SUNY Geneseo, Ithaca College, Monroe Community College, Nazareth College, Rochester Institute of Technology and Syracuse University would like to

meet you and answer any questions you have about the college admissions process. The workshop will take place on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the University of Rochester. For more information, go to <http://enrollment.rochester.edu/admissions/community>.

**Gannon University Applied Math Contest** – Participants must be high school sophomores or juniors. Registration forms must be submitted by Wednesday, April 14, 2010. Registration forms are available in the counseling offices. You may also register online at <http://www.gannon.edu/events>. The contest is being held in conjunction with Spring Open House on Sunday, April 18, 2010. The Applied Math Contest will take place at 10:00 a.m. and Open House will begin at 11:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Admissions at 1-800-426-6668.

### **Open House:**

**SUNY ESF - The Ranger School** – Spring Open House and Accepted Student Reception on April 24, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. To register, call The Ranger School at 315-848-2566 or on line at: <http://www.esf.edu/admissions/rsvisit.htm>. For directions: <http://www.esf.edu/rangerschool/directions>.

**Summer Youth Programs Open House at University of Rochester - Sunday**, April 11, 2010 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Goergen Atrium, Robert B. Goergen Hall for Biomedical Engineering and Optics. This event will feature workshops, entertainment, campus tours and information for educators and students. Please pre-register by April 7, with number of attendees, by contacting [precollege@rochester.edu](mailto:precollege@rochester.edu) or (585) 275-3221.

### **Summer Opportunities**

#### **St. John Fisher College: College Bound Program**

Dates: August 1 -5, 2010

The program is designed for college-bound, first generation students, who are between their junior and senior years of high school, and whose families have demonstrated financial need. This program is provided at no cost to the participants and offers students a full immersion in the college environment through a residential experience at Fisher. Enrollment is limited to 36 students. If you are interested in being nominated, please see your counselor. The deadline is April 12, 2010.

