



ACCESS TO SUCCESS

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ACCESS Counseling During Winter Session

Michele Hittleman will be available to counsel ACCESS students on certain Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays during the Winter Session.

Here are the dates and times when Michele will be accepting appointments. (Please note: Michele will take lunch from 12:30 to 1 each day.)

Tuesday, January 4 (10am-4:30pm)

Thursday, January 6 (10am-5pm)

Monday, January 10 (10am-5pm)

Tuesday, January 11 (10am-4:30pm)

Tuesday, January 18 (10am-4:30pm)

Thursday, January 20 (10am-5pm)

Monday, January 24 (10am-5pm)

Tuesday, January 25 (10am-4:30pm)

Phone Jackie (855-5192) or stop by the office to make an appointment!

Applications Now Available Online for Mission College Scholarships

Mission College offers a variety of scholarships ranging from \$50 to several thousand dollars per year. Eligibility may vary based on fields of study, community

and/or college involvement, and /or financial need. All continuing Mission College students and new students, including graduating high school students, may apply.

The 2010-2011 Scholarship Application is now available to download and print from the Financial Aid website:

<<http://missioncollege.org/student_services/financial_aid/programs.html#scholarships>>

Completed applications are due in the Office of Financial Aid by 6:00 pm on March 11, 2010.

ACCESS STUDENTS: DON'T PROCRASTINATE!! Last year, nearly 50 Mission College scholarships went to ACCESS students! Download your application NOW and get started writing your Scholarship Essay! ACCESS staff will offer assistance with the application form and with advising you and proof-reading your scholarship essay. But don't put it off till the last minute!!

CATS Ticket Invitations

We are concentrating on again being able to offer tickets to cultural events for ACCESS students and their families through CATS (Community Access Ticket Service). All current ACCESS students should have been receiving offers for the past couple of weeks. There are more events to come, so **make sure that we have your correct email address**, or you'll miss out on all the fun! Since your attendance at these events is intended to provide you with an educational and socializing experience, you will be asked to submit a one-page critique within a week of attending the activity in order to qualify to attend future events.

It's Never Too Late for Financial Aid at California Community Colleges

Sacramento, CA – For months, current and potential community college students in California had been hearing that the deadline to apply for financial aid was March 2. But did this apply to everybody and was that the only chance to get financial aid and make the dream of a higher education a reality? What about the state budget? With all the cuts is there still financial aid available for community college?

Here's the truth and what everybody should know about the availability of financial aid at the California Community Colleges: Yes, the state has made cuts to higher education. This means that community colleges have had to cut back on some course offerings, but we stay committed to protecting core programs, transfer opportunities to four-year universities, and preserving as many classes in the areas of career technical education and basic skills development.

These cutbacks do mean that students need to plan ahead and be aggressive about enrolling early to get the classes they need. However, financial aid is still available to help pay for community college. There are both state and federal grants available, as well as fee waivers for community colleges and other forms of financial aid. In fact, a recent study from the Institute of College Access & Success showed that there were millions of dollars in financial aid that was going unused at California's community colleges.

March 2nd is the deadline for graduating high school seniors or recent graduates to apply for the Cal Grant, which is based on need and eligibility. The good news for everybody else is that financial aid is available year-round at all of the 112 community colleges across California. At each college, there are a number of financial aid options including fee waivers, grants, scholarships, work-study programs and loans and most of them are available year-round. Here's a little about these types of financial aid.

Board of Governors Fee Waivers – Based on financial need, the fees for attending a community college can be waived for a student if they qualify. These funds do not have to be paid back.

Grants – A grant is a type of financial aid that does not have to be repaid. There are both state and federal grants. All grants will have eligibility requirements, which may vary by grant. The requirements to receive a grant may include things such as financial need and minimum grade point average. To continue to receive a grant, there may be additional course completion standards that show a progression toward a degree or certificate.

Scholarships – This type of financial aid also does not have to be repaid. These are most often based upon specific qualifications, talents or merit set up by the school or organization granting the scholarship.

Work Study Programs – These programs allow a student to earn money while attending college through part-time work on or off-campus.

Loans – Based on various criteria, this form a financial aid does need to be repaid, however you do not begin paying on these loans until completion of your education and they are typically done at very good interest rates when compared to other types of loans.

The good news is there is still room available at California community colleges and financial aid is available for students who qualify.

So where do current and potential students get started? To learn more about the different types of financial aid available year-round at the California Community Colleges and get one-on-one assistance filling out the forms, visit <<www.icanaffordcollege.com>> or visit your Financial Aid Office.

How to Stay Clear of Online Holiday Shopping Hoaxes

Money was especially tight for many families last holiday season, and yet nearly 100 million Americans took to their keyboards on "Cyber Monday," the Monday after Thanksgiving that marks the kickoff of the online holiday shopping season.

Surveys indicate that even more shoppers plan to buy gifts on the Internet this season — nearly 70 percent, up from about 64 percent in 2009. Shopping this way helps avoid the crowds and hassles of stores during the holidays and can fetch some great bargains.

But keep your eyes open: Watch out for copycat websites, which shoppers sometimes visit inadvertently after typing the name of that sought-after item into a search engine.

Although legitimate online retailers pop up on the screen, so do "cybersquatters," bogus businesses that steal or alter the Internet addresses of well-known companies to launch copycat sites. Some are simply fronts for scammers to collect shoppers' credit card numbers. Others actually sell things, but their "incredible deals," if delivered at all, are usually poorly made knockoffs.

How to shop safely this holiday season

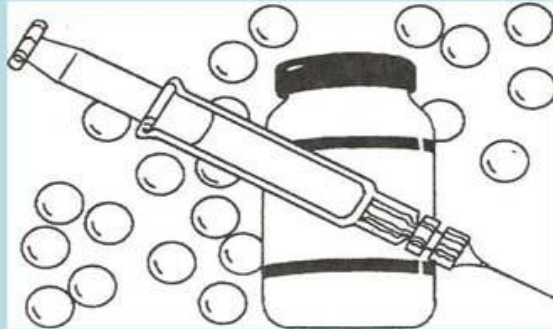
- When you click through to a website, carefully read the domain name — the Internet address — that appears at the top of your browser. Beware of any site whose name has even the slightest change from a legitimate online retailer's — extra words or letters, misspellings — and anything but the usual .com or .org ending. One example (which vanished after Scam Alert exposed it earlier this year) was tiffanyco.mn, a slight tweak of the real Tiffany website, tiffany.com. The ending ".mn" meant the website was registered in Mongolia.
- Make sure that addresses of ordering pages always begin with "https://" instead of "http://." The "s" means it is secure.
- Pay attention to disclosures at the bottom of the page. Most legitimate online retailers have a "Contact Us" page with a phone number and physical address, and a "Terms and Conditions" link detailing return policies and such. Bogus websites may lack these pages or have them but not tell you what you need to know.
- Avoid any website that doesn't provide a physical address, which you can verify by looking up the company on the Internet, or a phone number. Scam sites often allow only for e-mail correspondence, which makes for better hiding in cyberspace. If a phone number is listed, call it to ensure it's not a fax machine or voicemail with no live operator — two more red flags for a potential scam.
- Watch for "scammer grammar." Although legitimate retailers may not moonlight for Webster's dictionary, their websites tend to be absent of the frequent misspellings and grammatical errors of the websites, ads and e-mail of scammers, who are often foreigners with poor command of English or fly-by-nights with little time to spell-check while trying to stay one step ahead of the law.
- Reject any requests for wire transfer payment. It's the quickest way to lose money, especially if it's sent overseas. Legit online retailers accept credit cards, which offer you more protection than debit transactions if you need to dispute payment.
- Don't believe sob stories. Beware of "act now" offers that tell you the seller is a soldier needing cash for possessions before deploying to a war zone or a recent divorcée wanting to unload her former husband's belongings. These tactics are often bait to empty your wallet; the items typically don't exist.
- Research the prices. Similar items typically fall into a general price range. If one being offered to you falls way below that range, you need to ask yourself why. The usual answer: Scammers use ridiculously low prices to lure consumers into a bogus bargain.
- Be on guard at online auctions. Lost the winning bid on eBay or another auction website? Don't be taken in by follow-up e-mails offering the same deal. Scammers often cruise online auction sites to pounce on losing bidders and direct them away from those secure buying environments.

-- Sid Kirchheimer is the author of *Scam-Proof Your Life*, published by AARP Books/Sterling.

MISSION COLLEGE STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

FLU VACCINE AVAILABLE

(includes H1N1 vaccine & seasonal flu vaccine)



\$10 - Students

\$20 - Employees

Mission College

Student Health Services

Room W1-303 (Main Building)

408-855-5140 or 408-855-5142

(Appointments preferred. Walk-in's accepted, if time available.)

Fall 2010 Hours:

Monday/Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.;

Wednesday/Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.;

Friday mornings: by appointment

MISSION COLLEGE STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Hepatitis A and B Testing and Immunizations

The purpose of the Jade Ribbon Campaign is to increase public awareness and prevention of Hepatitis B and Liver Disease in the Asian Pacific Islander Community. As many as one in ten Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have chronic hepatitis B.

Student Health Services is offering specially-priced services (supported by a grant, but program is ending soon) for a very limited time (until reduced-price hepatitis vaccines run out). Please inform students of this limited offer. The hepatitis vaccine prices will be much higher after this special offer.

The services listed below are for currently enrolled students only (no employees).

Hepatitis B Testing

\$30 for Hepatitis B Profile - To determine your immune status and whether or not you are a carrier. This is blood test is done before vaccines are given.

Hepatitis B Immunizations (series of 3 injections)

Timetable for series: #2 injection given 1 month after #1; #3 injection is given 5 months or more after #2.

Special Price for Fall Semester 2010 (or until supplies run out): \$15 each injection x 3 injections (see schedule above) = \$45 total (Regular price: \$30/injection)

Hepatitis A Immunizations (series of 2 injections)

Special Price for Fall Semester 2010 (or until supplies run out)

\$15 per injection (2 injections = \$30) – the two injections are given 6 months apart. We charge you per injection at each office visit. (Regular price: \$25/injection)

Hepatitis A & B Immunization (combined – “Twinrix”) – series of 3 injections

Special Price for Fall Semester 2010 (or until supplies run out): \$20/per injection x 3 = \$6

New e-magazine: STUDENT HEALTH 101

Check out the preview of the October issue of “Student Health 101” – a new informative e-magazine for college students about nutrition, fitness, stress management, personal finance management, and more. Click on: <http://readsh101.com/missioncollege.html?id=b0adf93c>

A new issue with new articles will be posted each month, written by professionals under the auspices of an advisory board. Future issues will feature customized videos with our own Mission College students. Please do “flip through” the pages. The center pages include notices from **Mission College** Student Health Services. The web-link is also posted on the Student Health Services homepage:

http://www.missioncollege.org/student_services/shc/index.html

This service is fully supported by the Mission College Student Health Services and by the Mission College ASB.

Rosalyn Chan, RN, PHN, MS
Coordinator, Student Health Services



Study Center Hours (C1-118)	Computer Lab Hours (SCI-132)	Counseling (C1-122)
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9am - 6pm Wednesdays: 9am - 7pm Fridays: 9am - 1pm	Monday - Thursday: 10am - 7pm Fridays: Closed	Appointments available Tuesdays – Fridays. Contact the Study Center to make an appointment.

MESA Tutoring Center Hours (No appointment needed, C1-120)			
Biology Mondays 1pm – 3pm Wednesdays 5pm - 7pm	C Programming & Java Mondays 3pm – 4:30pm Tuesdays 3pm – 4:30pm	Mathematics Mondays 3pm – 4:30pm Tues. 2:30pm – 4:30pm	Physics Mondays 3pm – 4:30pm Tuesdays 3pm – 5pm

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

- MESA Study Center: (408) 855-5482, C1-118
- MESA Counselor/Events: Theresa Lawhead, (408) 855-5545, C1-122, theresa.lawhead@wvm.edu
- MESA Director: Char Perlas, (408) 855-5041, C1-119, char.perlas@wvm.edu





Scholarship Opportunities



Hispanic Scholarship Fund

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) is the nation's preeminent organization supporting Hispanic higher education. In support of its mission to double the rate of Hispanics earning college degrees, HSF provides the Latino community more college scholarships and educational outreach support than any other organization in the country. To view more information about scholarships availability, please click on a program below of interest.

Contact: Hispanic Scholarship Fund Headquarters, 55 Second Street, Suite 1500, San Francisco, CA 94105; 1-877-HSF-INFO (1-877-473-4636), Fax: 415-808-2302, <http://www.hsf.net/>

Eligibility: Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent); be a U.S. citizen OR legal permanent resident with a valid permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551; be pursuing or plan to pursue your first undergraduate or graduate degree; must apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); Plan to enroll full-time as an undergraduate or graduate student in a degree seeking program at a U.S. accredited institution in the U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, or Guam in the upcoming academic year; must be Hispanic or of Hispanic heritage.

Award: Varies

Deadline: Varies. Many scholarship application deadlines OPEN NOW!! Chec

Hispanic College Fund

Contact: Auri Duarte, Hispanic College Fund, Inc., 1301 K Street NW Suite 450A West, Washington D.C. 20005, 800-644-4223, www.hispanicfund.org, aduarte@hispanicfund.org

Eligibility: Accepted or enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited institution of higher education with a declared major/concentration in business, in good academic standing, 3.0 GPA, have financial need, U.S. citizenship, must be Hispanic or of Hispanic heritage.

Award: \$500-\$10,000

Deadline: Mid November- Mid March

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) National Internship Program

Contact: Maria-Elena Vivas-House, One DuPont Circle, NW, Suite 430, Washington, DC 20036, 202-467-0893, Fax: 202-496-9177, <http://www.hnip.net>, hnip@hacu.net

Eligibility: Internships are open to undergraduate/graduate Hispanic students wishing to experience the scope of professional careers available in federal government, mostly in D.C. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and be a U.S. citizen or legal resident.

Award: Sophomores/Juniors \$450, Seniors \$480, Graduate \$550/week, travel expenses paid.

Deadline: December 12 for Fall

University of Redlands Achievement Awards

Contact: University of Redlands, 1200 E. Colton Ave., Redlands, CA 92373, 909-748-8047, financial@redlands.edu, <http://www.redlands.edu>

Eligibility: Achievement Award given to students of high academic ability and leadership who plan on attending the University of Redlands.

Award: Up to \$16,500

Deadline: December 15

American Institute of Architects/American Architectural Foundation Minority/Disadvantaged Scholarship Program

Contact: Catherine Roussel, Scholarship Programs 1735 New York Ave., N.W, Washington, D.C. 20006-5292, 202-626-7300, croussel@aia.org, <http://www.aia.org/education/AIAS075223>

Eligibility: The Minority/Disadvantaged Scholarship Program is for students entering or in their first year of a professional degree program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board. Students are encouraged to visit <http://www.archcareers.org> for further details. ARCHcareers.org is a joint effort between the AIA and the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) to provide information and resources for people who are interested in entering the architecture field.

Award: \$500 - \$2,500

Deadline: December/January

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE



Scholarship Opportunities



Bertha Wolf-Rosenthal Foundation Fund for Community Service

Contact: Carol Lee, Program Officer for Donor Advised & Restricted Funds, Liberty Hill Foundation, 2121 Cloverfield Blvd., Suite 113, Santa Monica, CA 90404, 310-453-3611 ext. 130, <http://www.libertyhill.org>, clee@libertyhill.org

Eligibility: Young people ages 18-25 working at a nonprofit anywhere in California during the calendar year.

Award: \$5,000 stipend

Deadline: January, contact for exact deadline.

Erika J. Glazer Family Scholarship Fund

Contact: Carol Lee, Program Officer for Donor Advised & Restricted Funds, Liberty Hill Foundation, 2121 Cloverfield Blvd., Suite 113, Santa Monica, CA 90404, 310-453-3611 ext. 130, <http://www.libertyhill.org>, clee@libertyhill.org

Eligibility: AB540 student pursuing a Bachelor's degree at CSU Los Angeles or CSU Dominguez Hills, demonstrated leadership, merit, commitment to community service &/or potential for academic achievement.

Award: \$7,000

Deadline: January, contact for exact deadline.

Summer Fellowships in Math, Science and Engineering

Contact: Council on Undergraduate Research, 734 15th St. NW, Ste. 550, Washington, D.C. 20005, 202-783-4810, <http://www.cur.org>, robin@cur.org.

Eligibility: Opportunities for promising science, mathematics, and engineering majors intent on attending graduate school. Visit the website for more details.

Award: \$3,000

Deadline: January, contact for exact deadline.

Gates Millennium Undergraduate Scholars Program

Contact: Gates Millennium Scholars, P.O. Box 10500 Fairfax, VA 22031-8044, 877- 690-4677, <http://www.gmsp.org>, contactus@gmsp.org

Eligibility: Applicants must be a low-income minority student either graduating from high school or a college student continuing college courses. Applicant must have at least a 3.3 GPA and demonstrate community involvement. Although there are, no restrictions on major, nominators are asked to consider academic performance in math and sciences.

Award: Program covers the cost of tuition, fees, books, and living expenses not paid for by grants and scholarships already committed as part of the recipient's financial aid package.

Deadline: January 12

Mensa Education and Research Foundation Scholarship

Contact: 817-607-5577, voicemail: 800/66-MENSA, Fax: 817-649-5232, <http://www.mensafoundation.org>, info@mensafoundation.org

Eligibility: Open to all students (must write a 550-word essay) living in an area where the Mensa local chapter is participating. Applications are available online after September 15.

Awards: vary

Deadline: January 15

The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association Scholarships

Contact: Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association, 45 Main St., Suite 606, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-210-0705, <http://www.nsna.org>,

Eligibility: Current enrollment and matriculation in a state-approved nursing program leading to an associate degree, baccalaureate, diploma, generic pre-licensure doctorate or generic prelicensure master's degree; or enrolled in an RN to BSN completion, RN to MSN completion, or LPN/LVN to RN program; Involvement in student nursing organizations and community health activities; Document academic achievement; Establish financial need; High school students are not eligible to apply; U.S. Citizen or Alien with U.S. Permanent Resident Status/Alien Registration Number; Students graduating prior to December 2010 are ineligible to apply. NSN Foundation offers four scholarships: Career Mobility Scholarships, Breakthrough to Nursing Scholarships, Special Nursing Scholarships, and McKesson Scholarships.

Award: \$1,000 - \$5,000

Deadline: January 15

December-January

2010-11

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	DECEMBER		1 First day of Open Reg for Winter or Spring Kwanzaa, Mission Cafeteria, 12-1pm Student Art Sale, Center Space, 12-7pm	2 EOPS/AGS Gift Basket Drawing Student Art Sale, Center Space, 12-7pm	3	4
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FINALS WEEK Dec 13-18						
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WINTER BREAK DEC 23 – JAN 3 CAMPUS CLOSED						
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WINTER BREAK DEC 24 – JAN 3 CAMPUS CLOSED						