



ACCESS TO SUCCESS

ACCESS OFFICE HOURS WINTER SESSION

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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 early this year. They must be submitted to 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!!

ACCESS Counseling During Winter Session

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

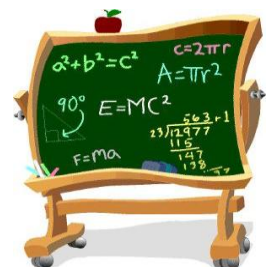
Here are the remaining dates and times when Michele will be accepting appointments for Winter Session. (Please note: Michele will take lunch from 12:30 to 1 each day.)

(Possibly Tuesday, January 11, drop-in 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!

Math Tutoring During Winter Session

Brian Hayes is available for math tutoring in the ACCESS Office to help you refresh your skills before enrolling in your Spring Semester Math classes. You do not need to be enrolled in a math class over the Winter Session to use this service. Brian is in the ACCESS Office Monday through Thursday 11:00am to noon and from 1:00 to 3:00pm.



CATS Events



During the months of November and December, several ACCESS students were treated to special activities and holiday events, thanks to ACCESS's association with CATS (Community Access Ticket Service). The following students and their families/guests participated in recent CATS activities: Michelle Allison, Manuel Carmona, Moses Funtila, Carolyn García, Kam Gin, Sherona Harris, Shirley Hung, Jennifer Lyons, Sherice Martinez, Florendo Salvador, Amy Snodgrass, and Candy Tran-Nuñez. Activities included performances of *Cavalia*, the *Nutcracker*, *Caroling* at the California Theatre, piano and French horn concerts, and the *Smuin Christmas Ballet*, as well as visits to the Contemporary Jewish Museum and Alcatraz.

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.

P.S. to those who attended an event but have not yet completed your critique(s): You will not be eligible for future tickets until your critique is turned in.

Michelle Allison Takes First Place in Speech Tournament

Congratulations to ACCESS Student Michelle Allison for her first place win in the Persuasive Speaking category of the Fall Semester Mission College Campus Speech Tournament! The tournament had over 80 student participants from all of the college's *Public Speaking* and *Argumentation and Debate* courses who came together to "meet, eat, and compete." According to instructor Steve Lipman, "The tournament is truly a paradigmatic integration of campus community-building and socially-relevant application of academics. (say THAT with a mouthful of crackers!)"



Student Health 101

Please take a few minutes to check out the January 2011 issue of "Student Health 101" by clicking: <http://readsh101.com/missioncollege.html>. This month's issue features *What Professors Expect of their Students*. Our own Mission College teachers Margaret Juncker, Joseph Ordaz, Karl Ting, Minhtuan Nguyen, and Peter Anning, give their personal views. Watch their excellent interviews conducted by our student correspondent reporter, Jessica Page. Students were also interviewed and their opinions are well worth watching.



Other health articles in this month's issue are:

- Personal Crisis - how to get through them
- Sleeping Issues - how to get a good night's rest
- Abstinence - thinking through before making a commitment
- Many more ... please check out

<http://readsh101.com/missioncollege.html>

Readers can receive a FREE personal issue delivered monthly directly to their email address by just signing up on front page of the website. This link is posted in the Mission College Student Health Services website homepage http://www.missioncollege.org/student_services/shc/index.html. The service is completely supported by the Mission College Student Health Services.

Rosalyn Chan
Coordinator, Student Health Services
Mission College

Best Bets for Jobs in 2011

from: CNN | January 7, 2011

(CareerBuilder.com) -- While there certainly have been positive indicators for employment in 2011 -- The National Association of Colleges and Employers says employers plan to hire 13.5 percent more new college graduates in 2011 than in 2010, and the Federal Reserve predicts that in 2011, the unemployment rate may drop below 9 percent for the first time since April of 2009 -- the job market will continue to be competitive this year.

But pursuing certain occupations will surely provide job seekers with a more fortunate and fruitful return than others. If you're looking for a new job this year, consider honing your skills and applying to a job in one of these 10 occupations, all of which are expected to experience growth this year, and pay more than the national average salary of \$43,460.

1. Accountant

Salary: \$59,229*

Not only is accounting projected to experience large growth through 2018, but accounting is consistently among the bachelor's degree most desired by employers, and is the #1 bachelor's degree employers will be looking for in 2011, according to NACE.

2. Web Developer

Salary: \$87,553

As the world becomes more dependent on technology, we also become more dependent on those who create it. According to The Conference Board, at the end of 2010, the number of advertised vacancies for computer and mathematical science professionals were at their highest since April 2008.

3. Occupational Therapist

Salary: \$69,428

Occupational therapists help patients regain mental and physical function lost to such causes as arthritis, stroke, cancer or dementia, and will become more in demand as baby boomers age and create a larger elderly population.

4. Sales Manager

Salary: \$111,472

Since good salespeople directly contribute to a company's bottom line, they will be a crucial part of the corporate rebuilding process in the next year. The key role salespeople have in keeping business booming also makes the job more stable in uncertain times.

5. Computer Software Engineer

Salary: \$96,712

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for computer software engineers is expected to grow 32 percent between 2008 and 2018.

6. Truck Driver

Salary: \$45,095

In 2008, truck drivers held more than 3.2 million jobs, making the profession one of the largest in the country. The demand for goods and the need to ship them is not slowing down, either. Nearly 292,000 jobs will be created by 2018, according to the BLS.

7. Registered Nurse

Salary: \$72,271

As the overall population grows, so will our need for nurses that can provide quality care. Additionally, large numbers of nurses are expected to retire in the coming decade, leaving plenty of room for those entering the profession.

8. Dental Hygienist

Salary: \$75,164

The profession is considered one of the fastest growing by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It's expected to grow by nearly 63,000 jobs through 2018, a 36 percent increase over 2008.

9. Financial Adviser

Salary: \$76,688

The recession has wreaked havoc on personal finances. From those who lost equity in their homes or investment properties, to others who wiped out savings accounts or tapped into retirement funds, Americans will be looking to get their finances back on track this year. As baby boomers begin to retire, the need for financial advisers will only increase.

10. Physical Therapist Assistant

Salary: \$48,250

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, physical therapist assistants held nearly twice as many jobs in 2008 than physical therapists, and the profession is supposed to grow much faster than average through 2018. Because training is relatively minimal (only an associate's degree is usually required) and pay is good, it's a great option for those looking for a career change.

*All salary information provided by CBSalary.com.
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Scholarship Opportunities



Clair A. Hill Scholarship

The Alameda County Water District administers the Clair A. Hill Scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year. Offered in the name of water leader Clair A. Hill, this \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to a qualified student in a water resources-related field of study.

Contact: Click on <http://www.acwd.org/dms_docs/4c9eb05878093bbd936612befdb2f666.pdf> for complete guidelines. Applications may be downloaded at <http://www.acwd.org/dms_docs/adc7e18a8fc62a74aa6e5bd7f19ce0f0.pdf>.

Eligibility: To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must: 1) be California residents attending a California college or university in Fall 2011; 2) be full-time students in their junior or senior year at the time of the award - Fall 2011; 3) plan to attend school for the complete academic year. The recipient should demonstrate commitment to the field of water resources by pursuing a degree related to, or identified with, engineering, agricultural and / or urban water supply, environmental studies or public administration. The award will be based not only on scholastic achievement, but also on the individual's commitment and motivation to his or her chosen vocation.

Award: \$5,000.00

Deadline: Applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2011.

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.

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!!

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

WE WANT YOU ...

... to Contribute to ACCESS TO SUCCESS!

Would you like to contribute to **ACCESS to SUCCESS**? We want this newsletter to have student input.

You are the main source for informing ACCESS of your needs, as well as, providing useful information to your peers. We encourage you to submit an article, interesting "tidbit", a recipe, helpful study strategies, constructive information on a favorite class/professor, information on books you are selling, your interest in establishing a study group, suggestions for an activity, suggestions on improving aspects of the ACCESS program, etc. You are limited only by your imagination!!

Please submit your contributions via email to jackie.capurro@wvmccd.cc.ca.us.

Beware of Cold Weather Cons

Winter service scams often begin with bargain prices
by: Sid Kirchheimer | January 10, 2011

Weather predictions aside, here's the likely forecast for coming weeks: Expect the heat to increase from shady providers of winter services.

Cold-weather con artists often get in the door with low-ball prices, then hook unsuspecting homeowners with phony promises, scare tactics and bait-and-switch schemes that involve three common jobs:

Chimney sweeping

These scams usually start with telephone calls and mailed advertisements offering to clean a chimney for a bargain price, often \$69 or less. But when the chimney sweep arrives, the clean-out is focused on your wallet. An "inspection" reveals any number of expensive problems — such as a supposed leak of carbon monoxide, structural damage or a worn-out chimney liner. Act immediately, you're told.

What to know: A legitimate chimney cleaning usually costs \$150 to \$200 and is recommended every year for people who use a fireplace at least weekly, or if soot rains down when the damper is opened. Get referrals from your local fire department or [the Chimney Safety Institute of America](#).

Carbon monoxide leakage in chimneys is rare — and if you're told it exists, you should insist on seeing confirmation with a CO2 detector.

If your chimney is actually crumbling, expect to see pieces of brick, stone or mortar in your fireplace or outside the house. Good-quality chimney liners need to be well fitted, and the odds are small that the chimney sweep company will "just happen to have" the correct-size model on the truck. They can cost several thousand dollars, depending on your chimney.

Furnace and ductwork cleaning

Your furnace should be cleaned and inspected for the winter. Given that your windows are shut tight in cold weather, cleaning heating ducts may seem like a smart move. And once again, there's no shortage of advertised bargains for these jobs.

What to know: Expect to pay about \$100 for a furnace inspection and cleaning, which should take at least 90 minutes. Your best service firm — or source for referral — may be the company that installed your current unit.

"Be suspicious of anyone who immediately red-tags your furnace and says you need a new one," warns Sue McConnell of the Cleveland Better Business Bureau. "They'll tell you your heat is about to give out or you're in danger of carbon monoxide poisoning, but you should always get a second opinion or a carbon monoxide detector."

Think twice about paying for duct cleaning unless there's visible mold or clogging debris in your air ducts — unscrew the vent covers to look. Despite any claims by servicemen that routine cleaning is good for the health of the people in the house, the Environmental Protection Agency does not recommend that the air ducts be cleaned routinely — only as needed.

If you do get your ducts cleaned, expect to pay \$450 to \$1,000 for a quality job, which should take two technicians with specialized tools at least eight hours to complete, says *Consumer Reports*.

Those \$100 jobs frequently advertised in mailed fliers are likely to be useless "blow and go" work by a second-rate handyman with a wet/dry vac or bait for an upsell of a cleaning for more money. Get referrals from the company that services your furnace or [the National Air Duct Cleaners Association](#) and check reputations with [the Better Business Bureau](#).

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

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9	10	11 Michele Hittleman MAY be available in ACCESS: phone X5192 to see if she's here	12	13	14	15
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