



ACCESS TO SUCCESS

ACCESS OFFICE HOURS
SUMMER SEMESTER
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Congratulations to ACCESS Student Graduates!

The following ACCESS students were awarded their A.A. or A.S. Degrees! Not all were able to be present at the Mission College Commencement Ceremony, which took place in the Santa Clara Convention Center on Sunday, May 29, 2011, but our congratulations go out to all of you! We are very proud of you!

Aklilu Aberha	A.A. Business
Horya Ansari	A.A. General Studies
Krystal-lyn De la Cruz	A.A. Liberal Arts: Natural Science & Math
Victor Castillo-Encarnacion	A.S. Business
Jesse Esparza	A.A. Social Science
Moses Funtila	A.S. Biological Science
Maribel Gonzalez	A.A. Liberal Arts: Arts & Humanities
Sherona Harris	A.A. Liberal Arts: Arts & Humanities
Rene Hartwig	A.A. General Studies
Zephren Huggins	A.A. Liberal Arts: Social & Behavioral Sciences
Ngoc Kang	A.S. LVN-RN Nursing; A.A. Social Science
Sophia Lucas	A.A. Liberal Arts: Social & Behavioral Sciences
Jennifer Lyons	A.A. Sociology
Courteney Marshall	A.A. Social Science
Muna Omar	A.A. Psychology
Michael Orozco	A.S. Business
Cindy Ruiz	A.S. Biological Science; A.A. Liberal Arts: Natural Science & Math
Cynthia Salazar-Garcia	A.A. Liberal Arts: Arts & Humanities
Baldev Singh	A.A. Liberal Arts: Natural Science & Math; A.A. Social Science
Rowena Tirao	A.S. Vocational Nursing; A.A. Liberal Arts: Arts & Humanities, A.S. Biological Science; A.A. Liberal Arts: Natural Science & Math
Carina Tovar-Vasquez	A.A. General Studies; A.S. Vocational Nursing
Aster Tsegaye	A.S. Biological Science
Mary Yang	A.A. Business; A.A. Liberal Arts: Arts & Humanities; A.A. Liberal Arts: Social & Behavioral Sciences

Congratulations to ACCESS Student Graduates!

The following ACCESS Students, or former ACCESS Students, were awarded Certificates.

John-John Briones Victor Castillo-Encarnacion Jesse Esparza Moses Funtila Maria Islas Kurt Karner Artie Lashbrook Im Ma David Robinson Jamie Williams	Vocational Nursing Human Resource Management Basic Human Services Intersegmental G.E. Transfer Curriculum Child Development: Associate Teacher Art: Foundation; Art:Three-Dimensional Arts Basic Human Services Child Development: Family Child Care Semiconductor Manufacturing Technician Fundamental Food Service Skills
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Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients from ACCESS

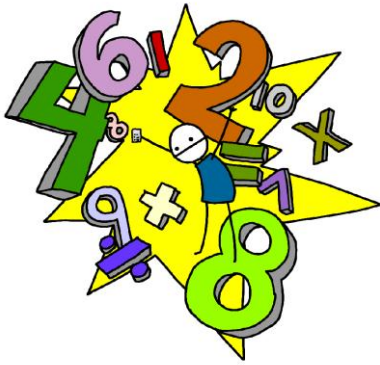
Congratulations to the following ACCESS students who are receiving 2011-2012 scholarships!

Name of Scholarship	ACCESS Student Recipient(s)
Dolores “Dee” Gonzales Endowment	Michelle Allison
Keeping Tabs Scholarship	Angel Lopez
Mission-West Valley Land Corp Promise Scholarship	Yanet Belay, Jennifer Bogan, Brian Chambers, Qurratulain Fatima, Moises Funtila, Carolyn Garcia, Catherine Garcia, Susan Giudicessi, Earl Hargrove, Shirley Hung, Homa Izadian, Raman Prit Kandola, Karma King, Sara Lee, Angel Lopez, Huma Masoodali, Freyja Messmore, Muhammad Naiyar, Bob Radunich, Diana Stevenson-Choto, Cecilia Tovar, Jessica Vasquez, Mary Yang
Osher Scholarship	Vanessa Castro-Valdez, Ai Deng, Amy Snodgrass
Santa Clara Rotary – West Scholarship	Karma King
Larry Souza Memorial Scholarship	Earl Hargrove
Michael P. Vargas Memorial Scholarship	Bob Radunich
Against All Odds Scholarship	Cecilia Tovar
ACCESS Achievement Scholarships	Brian Hayes, Muhammad Naiyar, Baldev Singh, Diana Stevenson-Choto, Mary Yang
Hiwot Yemane Gebru Memorial Scholarship	Yanet Belay
Soroptimist International Scholarship	Yun (Angie) Hudgins
David Schor Memorial Scholarship	Elizabeth Page
Optimist International Scholarship	Earl Hargrove
ASB/Transfer Student Scholarship	Baldev Singh
ASB/Continuing Mission College Student Scholarship	Cesar Leon, Benjamin Yates
ASB/Single Parent Scholarship	Yun (Angie) Hudgins, Mary Yang

ACCESS Students received 46 out of 183 scholarships that were awarded!

A TOTAL OF \$38,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUR ACCESS STUDENTS!!

ACCESS Summer Math Boot Camp



There will be a meeting for all students who expressed an interest in participating in a Summer Math Boot Camp through ACCESS. If you are still interested, please plan on meeting in the ACCESS Office for a brief orientation on Monday, June 6th, at 10:00am. Charity will explain how the program will work and what will be expected of you.

Want to Remove Tattoos?

The Clean Slate Tattoo Removal Program began as a pilot program in April 1994 and was created to address the problem of youth-related crime in the City of San José, particularly gang activity. By removing tattooed gang symbols, these individuals will have increased opportunities in education and employment and will have a greater hope of becoming productive citizens.

Now Enrolling Participants

Are gang-related tattoos preventing you from getting a job or moving forward in life? If you meet the criteria and are interested in removing your gang-related tattoos, please call the Clean Slate office. A new cycle began in January 2011.

This FREE Program has criteria and requirements that you or the person enrolling must meet:

Criteria

- Must be between the ages of 14 and 25.
- Must be a San José Resident.
- Tattoos must be on hands, wrists, neck or face.
- Must live a gang-free lifestyle.

Requirements

- Must complete 30 hours of community service.
- Must be working or going to school and/or must enroll in a job readiness or vocational program.
- Must commit to program by attending weekly life skill group workshops for 10 weeks.
- Must graduate.
- Tattoo Removal Begins after 3-month program and community service hours are completed.



Clean Slate Program

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Website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/mgptf/clean-slate.asp>

Email: cleanslatetattooremoval@sanjoseca.gov

Ways to Boost Your Resume While Unemployed

By Reader's Digest Editors

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 8.7 percent of the U.S. workforce was unemployed as of April 2011. Unemployment can be a scary and stressful time, and it can be difficult to explain resume gaps to hiring managers. Luckily, there are creative ways to be proactive during unemployment that can lead to great personal growth—and they'll all look great on your resume.

Take a class

Skills in the areas of technology, social media, communications, leadership, coaching, budgeting, marketing, and global commerce are very valuable to employers today. So sign up for classes at your local college, online, or through job-training programs. “Fun” classes such as photography and creative writing may also come in handy in future jobs. You can also head back to school to earn a higher degree or a certificate in something that interests you.

Volunteer

Volunteering can help you make connections, gain confidence, feel good, and strengthen your resume—and there are so many ways to do it! Are you a writer? Volunteer to teach writing workshops at an after-school program. Do you enjoy playing the piano? Put on weekly mini-concerts at a local retirement center.

Learn a new language

Studying a new language demonstrates self-discipline and a desire to learn new things. Plus, knowing even the basics of a second language can be valuable in many jobs.

Enroll in an acting or improv workshop

These workshops can help you become a better public speaker, teach you to be more adaptive to your environment, and give you experience working with a diverse group of people. They can also provide you with some great stories to use to break the ice during interviews, industry conferences, etc.

Write

Start a blog that focuses on a hobby or your industry, or volunteer to write a column for a free local newspaper or website. These are great ways to promote yourself as an expert and establish a well-rounded online presence.

Get involved

Now is the time to get involved with the things you never had time for—running school fundraisers, helping out at the Parent Teacher Association, organizing get-togethers for your child's soccer team. These are all activities you can list on your resume and discuss in job interviews.

Get physical

Sign up for a fitness class or work on becoming an instructor or a certified fitness trainer. At a time when many people are unhealthy, this will look great on your resume. Plus, getting in shape will make you stronger and happier and give you more energy for your job search.

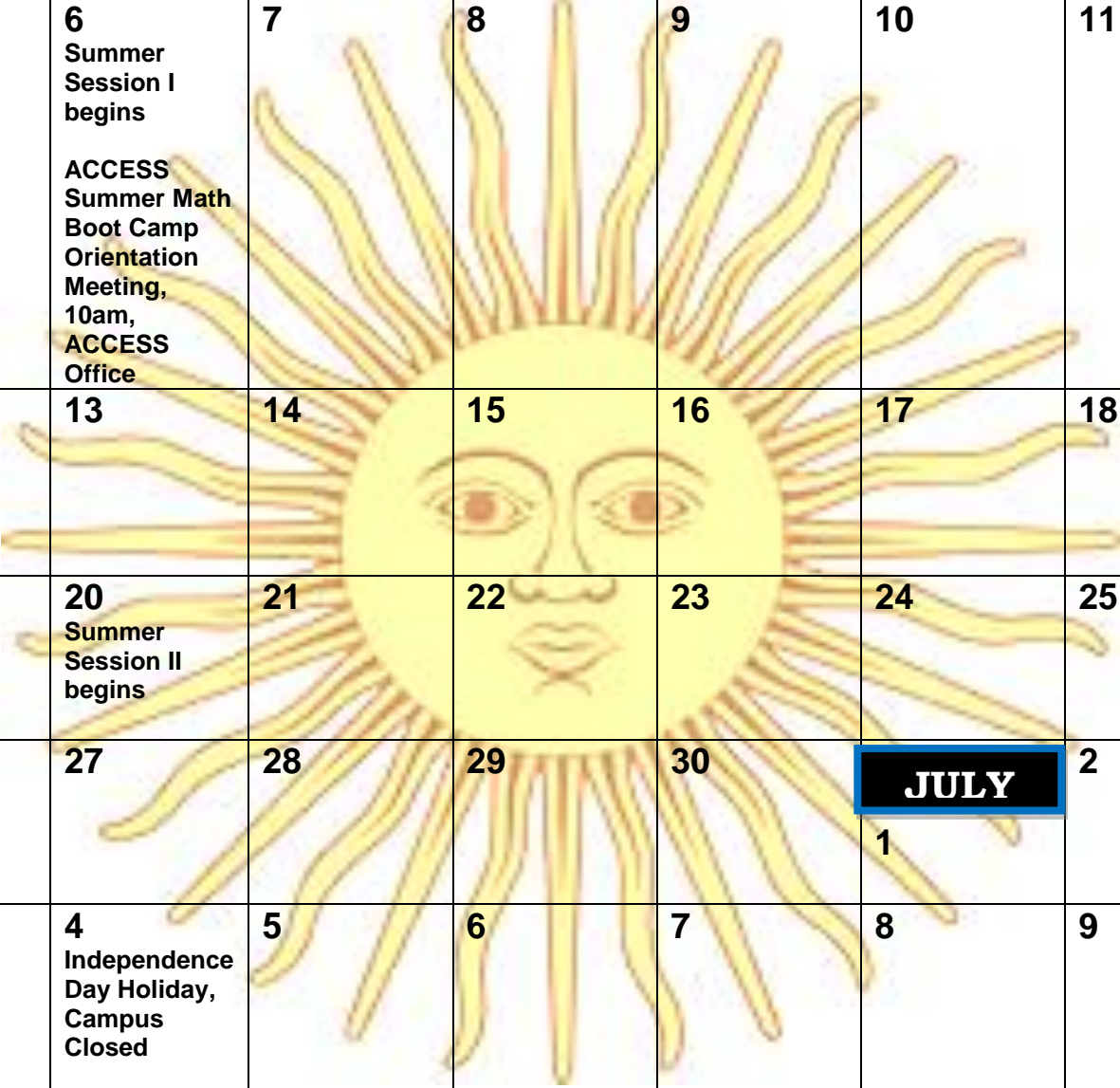
Be a social butterfly

Networking and relationship-building are crucial to finding a job. So become SAFELY involved with social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. You'll collect a huge amount of contacts and build solid relationships that would be valuable to a prospective employer.



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
5	6 Summer Session I begins ACCESS Summer Math Boot Camp Orientation Meeting, 10am, ACCESS Office	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Summer Session II begins	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	JULY 1	2
3	4 Independence Day Holiday, Campus Closed	5	6	7	8	9

Have a great summer!