



**ACCESS
WELCOMES
KATHY STOKES**

Please join us in welcoming our new Office Coordinator, Kathy Stokes. Kathy brings a wealth of experience and education to the ACCESS team. Earning both a bachelor's degree and master's degree in Database Management, Kathy's expertise is database administration.

She comes to ACCESS with over 20 years of experience in the private sector (e.g., AMD and Lockheed). Although her career was built in the corporate sector, she decided to change career environments in order to positively influence the academic advancement of underserved populations. Kathy is easily able to interact and communicate with ACCESS students maybe because she was also a Mission College student herself! In fact, Kathy earned her A.A. degree at Mission College.

Kathy enjoys dancing, working in the San Jose community and helping students of all ages.

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**IT PAYS TO
TRANSFER!**

(AND TO FURTHER YOUR EDUCATION)

<u>Education</u>	<u>Avg. annual salary</u>
No High School Diploma	\$20,746
High School Diploma	\$27,160
AA/AS Degree	\$34,564
BA/BS Degree	\$43,527
MA/MS Degree	\$52,417
PhD Degree	\$70,826
Professional Degree (e.g. Law degree, MBA)	\$81,545

**COUNSELING 102
FINAL CLASS**

Are you enrolled in Counseling 102*? It is time to check your calendars and attend the final class session.

The following dates are the available sessions that you may attend. Please sign up for one of these sessions at your earliest convenience.

Date	Time	Room
Nov. 29	10:30 am	N2-301
Nov. 29	2:00 pm	N1-501
Dec. 5	10:30 am	W2-601
Dec. 5	1:00 pm	W2-601
Dec. 5	3:00 pm	W2-601
Dec. 6	11:30 am	W2-601
Dec. 6	3:00 pm	W2-601

If you are unable to attend any of these dates, please let one of our staff know, so we may schedule an individual appointment with Michele Hittleman.

(*This only applies to students who have not completed Counseling 102 in the prior semesters.)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TIPS FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Take Tests Wisely

- Pay close attention to directions, both oral and written.
- Skim the entire exam before answering anything, and then plan your time according to difficulty and value of each item.
- Answer the easy questions first, then go back and do the more difficult questions. Pay attention to information in questions that may help in other parts of the exam.
- Watch out for qualifier words in questions (e.g., none, some, frequently, never, most, etc.).
- BREATHE--10 deep, abdominal breaths will help release tension and enhance your focus. Remind yourself that your entire future does not rest on one test and that you will learn from this experience regardless of how well you do on the exam.

Source: University of Washington, Counseling Center,
<http://depts.washington.edu/counsels/services/workshops/workshoptips.html>.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

NOVEMBER 23 – REGISTRATION BEGINS:
WINTER/SPRING SEMESTER

NOVEMBER 28 – ACCESS PRIORITY REGISTRATION:
WINTER/SPRING SEMESTER

DECEMBER 12 – OPEN REGISTRATION FOR NEW,
RETURNING AND TRANSFER STUDENTS

JANUARY 3 – ALL FALL FINAL GRADES SUBMISSIONS
ARE DUE

NOVEMBER WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

Mark your calendar and take advantage of the following **FREE** workshops:

Topic	Day/Date	Time	Room
Dress for Success	Wednesday, 11/30	5:15-6:15	N3-601
Student Success	Thursday, 12/01	2:00-3:00	EOPS
Student Success	Friday, 12/02	10:00-11:30	EOPS
Mission College Choir Performance	Friday, 12/09	7:30 Students Free	Hospitality Mgmt.
Behavior Interview	Tuesday, 12/06	5:15-6:15	N3-601

Call for Submission of Articles

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 “tid-bit,” a recipe, helpful study strategies, 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!!

Deadline for submitting any of the above for the Winter issue of ACCESS to SUCCESS is **Wednesday, December 14th**. The preferred method of submission is via e-mail at richard_perez@wvmccd.cc.ca.us. Richie Perez, ACCESS Program Coordinator, will receive and approve all submissions.

Laptop Loan Program

With the help of StRUT (Students Recycling Used Technology), ACCESS is happy to present more laptops for your academic needs. We are currently taking applications for Laptop Loans for Winter and Spring Semester.

Please remember if you are currently loaning a laptop for Fall 2005 semester, they are due back on **December 9, 2005**. You may qualify to renew your loaner through our easy application process. Come by our office for more information.

Free money???

- The following scholarships are just a mere sample of over **4 Billion Dollars** that's free to you as a student. Don't know where to find scholarships? Don't think you qualify for scholarships? Are you afraid of writing that dreaded "essay?" Come by the office, speak to Richie, and let's get you started on applying to these and other scholarships.

Name: The *Writer's Digest* 6th Annual Poetry Competition

NEW LISTING!

Award Amount: up to \$500

Deadline: December 20, 2005

Description: *Writer's Digest* will not only award you with the monetary award for winning applicants, but will also publish your piece in *Writer's Digest*. There is an entry fee of \$10 per poem and \$5 for any following submissions. All entries must be in English, original, unpublished and not submitted elsewhere until winners are announced. For more information, please visit their website.

<http://www.writersdigest.com/contests/poetry/index.asp>

Name: The StraightForward Media Minority Scholarship

NEW LISTING!

Award Amount: \$500

Deadline: December 31, 2005

Description: This scholarship is open to current and prospective students at community colleges, universities, technical/vocational schools, and continuing education programs. This scholarship is available to racial or ethnic minority groups. For more information about eligibility requirements and application, please visit their website.

<http://www.straightforwardmedia.com/minority>

Name: All-Ink College Scholarship Program

Award Amount: *Varies*

Deadline: December 31, 2005

Description: All-Ink.com is committed to helping students pursue their goal of a higher education. All-Ink.com is offering up to \$10,000 in scholarships to qualified students who are enrolled or planning to participate in an accredited college or university.

<http://www.all-ink.com/scholarship.aspx>

Name: The StraightForward Media Nursing School Scholarship

NEW LISTING!

Award Amount: \$500

Deadline: January 14, 2006

Description: This scholarship is exclusive for nursing students. StraightForward Media group is offering a \$500 scholarship. This scholarship is offered four times a year! This particular scholarship will come quickly. Please check out the website for eligibility and application requirements.

<http://www.straightforwardmedia.com/nursing>

Name: Career Advancement Scholarship

Award Amount: \$500-\$1,000

Deadline: April 15, 2006

Description: Annual awards for FEMALE UNDERGRADUATE students who are pursuing a degree in the Health-Care field as a full- or part-time student. Applicant must be 25 years or older, a U.S. Citizen and be within 12-24 months of graduation.

<http://www.bpwusa.org> (click on Scholarships)

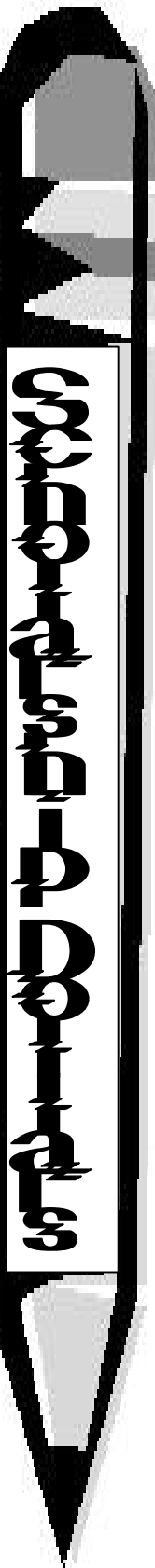
Name: Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Award Amount: varies

Deadline: *varies*

Description: HSF offers a variety of scholarship programs for students at different points in their academic career. General eligibility requirements are: Be of Hispanic heritage, U.S. Citizen, enrolled full-time, financial aid recipient and currently completing your first undergraduate or graduate degree.

<http://www.hsf.net/scholarships.php>



December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	28	29	30 Job Search Workshop Dress for Success 5:15 – 6:15 Room: N3-601	1 Workshop Student Success Workshop 2:00 – 3:00 Room: EOPS	2 Workshop Student Success Workshop 10:00 – 11:30 Room: EOPS	3	
4	5	6 Job Search Workshop Behavior Interview 5:15 – 6:15 Room: N3-601	7 Performing Arts Series Mission College Dance 6:00 – 7:00 Students: FREE Center Space	8	9 Performing Arts Series Mission College Chorus 7:30 p.m. Students: FREE Hospitality Mgmt.	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Finals Week – Dec. 12 - 17 </div>							
18	19	20	21	22 Winter Break Begins Campus Closed	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Campus Closed for Winter Break – Dec. 22 – Jan. 2 </div>							
1	2	3 First Day of Instruction for Winter Session	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Come by the office to get the latest updates on Room Changes, Time Changes, Activities, and Additional Workshops. </div>				

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