



## Transfer Night Tuesday, Nov. 1 4-7 PM

40 university partners will come together in **Center Space** (Main Building) on **Tuesday, November 1 from 4-7 p.m.** to provide students with information regarding Transfer, Admissions, Scholarships, Majors, Financial Aid and Housing.

Make time on your busy schedule to attend this grand event and enjoy the opportunity to talk with representatives from the following schools:

**UCs:** Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Merced, San Diego and Santa Cruz (who has a \$20,000.00 scholarship for a transfer student from Mission).

**CSUs:** East Bay, Monterey Bay, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, and Sonoma.

**Independent Colleges:** Academy of Art, Chapman, Cogswell, Dominican,

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## Check off List:

- I have taken and passed **Eng. 1A**
- I have taken and passed **Eng. 1B**
- I am planning to transfer to a CSU (San Jose State, San Francisco State, East Bay, Monterey Bay, Sacramento, Sonoma)

***Did you know that you must pass the Writing Skills Test (WST) in order to graduate from a CSU?***

Attend the WST workshop on **Wednesday, November 2nd** from **1:00-3:30 pm** in **Room E1-403** and learn how to take and pass this crucial exam. **Sign-up at the ACCESS office!!**

## ACCESS Website Updated

**Check it out!** The updated ACCESS website is ready for your viewing. At ACCESS, we want to make sure that information is available and “**ACCESSible**” to students. The more informed you are, the more successful you will be in completing your academic goals.

### Some updates include:

- Viewing and downloading ACCESS related documents (current and archived newsletters; laptop loan information, tutee/tutor applications).
- Counseling 102 documents.
- Activity Attendance Form (to document and submit all your ACCESS hours).

We will continue improving and updating **your** website in the months to come. Some additions will include online surveys (to help us meet your academic needs), “downloadable,” self-paced workshops (to help you manage your academic responsibilities), and complete listings of available Scholarships.

Getting to our website is easy! Just go to: [http://www.missioncollege.org/student\\_services/access/index.html](http://www.missioncollege.org/student_services/access/index.html)

Let us know of other information we should make available on your website. ACCESS can

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## TIPS FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

### Maximize Your Memory Potential

- Before trying to memorize, assess your level of concentration. If you are not able to focus, you are not likely to retain much information. Determine what you need to be able to focus (e.g., food, a short nap, a walk, several deep breaths, etc.), take care of this need then refocus.
- Use flash cards. Write a word or formula on the front of a card and its definition on the back. Go through the cards until you can define each word correctly.
- Create acronyms. Make up a word or phrase using the first letter of each term you want to remember (e.g., the spectrum of colors in a rainbow can be remembered with Roy G. Biv = red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet).
- Draw diagrams of concepts that you are trying to remember. Be able to verbally explain the concept and reproduce the diagram.
- Study to the point of recall, not simply recognition. This means that you can define and explain material in your own words.

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

## CELEBRATING DIVERSITY FAIR

The International Students and American Friends Club (ISAF) is sponsoring a free festival on **Tuesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 2 pm** in the **Campus Center Quad** (outside the cafeteria).

This exciting event will feature **FREE** Ethnic Foods, Games, Prizes, and International Performances

## NOVEMBER WORKSHOPS

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

Topic	Day/Date	Time	Room
<b>Interview Techniques</b>	<b>Tuesday, 11/1</b>	<b>5:15-6:15</b>	<b>N3-601</b>
WST Workshop	Wednesday, 11/2	1:00-3:30	E1-403
<b>Understanding your Learning Style</b>	<b>Wednesday, 11/9</b>	<b>4:00-5:00</b>	<b>N2-601</b>
Salary Negotiation	Wednesday, 11/9	5:15-6:15	N3-601
<b>Student Group</b>	<b>Wednesday, 11/16</b>	<b>1:00-3:00</b>	<b>EOPS Office</b>
UC Personal Statement	Wednesday, 11/16	3:00-4:00	E1-101
<b>Barriers to Employment</b>	<b>Thursday, 11/17</b>	<b>5:15-6:15</b>	<b>N3-601</b>
Networking	Tuesday, 11/22	5:15-6:15	N3-601
<b>Dress for Success</b>	<b>Wednesday, 11/30</b>	<b>5:15-6:15</b>	<b>N3-601</b>

## 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 December’s issue of ACCESS to SUCCESS is **Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**. The preferred method of submission is via e-mail at [richard\\_perez@wvmccd.cc.ca.us](mailto:richard_perez@wvmccd.cc.ca.us). Richie Perez, ACCESS Program Coordinator, will receive and approve all submissions.

## Laptop Loan Program

In an effort to help students complete assignments and projects outside of Mission College, ACCESS has acquired additional laptops from StRUT. ACCESS students are able to borrow a laptop, for as little as 2 weeks or as long as a full semester (depending on demand), by completing and submitting an application. Come to the ACCESS office to pick up an application and get more information about our Laptop Loan Program.

## 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:** Elder & Leemaar Publishers Scholarship

**Award Amount:** up to \$10,000

**Deadline:** December 1, 2005

**Description:** The Elder & Leemaar Publishers University Writing Scholarship is available to university students. You must submit an essay no longer than 500 words on one of the topics listed below.

**Essay Question(s):** 1.) Given the current situation with world oil prices, what source of alternative energy has the best chance of replacing or at least reducing the demand for oil? 2.) Many people remain unaware of the things they can do to protect themselves in the face of a natural disaster. Name three things each citizen should ensure they know and explain why you believe these are the most important. 3.) Who do you believe has been the most influential person of the 20<sup>th</sup> century? And why?

<http://www.elpublishers.com/content/uwsotherscholarships.php>

**Name:** Patricia M. McNamara Memorial Scholarship

**Award Amount:** \$1,000

**Deadline:** December 31, 2005

**Description:** This scholarship is open to all active students attending or planning to attend an institute of higher education in the 2005-2006 or 2006-2007 school year. International students are also welcome to apply. Application includes a short essay about one of the greatest obstacles you have had to overcome.

<http://www.patricias-scholarship.org/faq.html>

**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:** Nancy Goodhue Lynch Scholarship

**Award Amount:** \$1,000 - \$2,400 (depending on tuition balance, academic excellence and classification)

**Deadline:** January 31, 2006

**Description:** For outstanding, undergraduate students currently attending an eligible Datatel institution (Mission College is a Datatel Institution), who are majoring in an Information Technology-related curriculum program. The applicant will need to indicate their major on their application.

See ACCESS Scholarship Binder

**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)

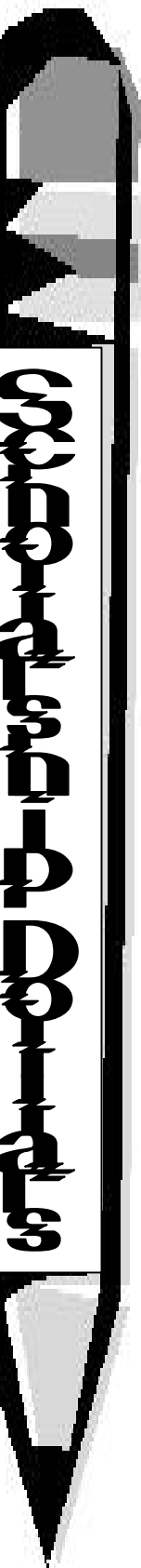
**Name:** Hispanic Scholarship Fund

**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>



# November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>Workshop</b> Interview Techniques 5:15 - 6:15 <b>Room: N3-601</b>  <b>Transfer Night</b> 4:00 - 7:00 <b>Campus Center</b>	2 <b>Workshop</b> Writing Skills Test for CSU 1:00 - 3:00 <b>Room: E1-403</b>	3	4	5
6	7 <b>Advisement</b> Drop In Transfer 4:00 - 6:00 <b>Room: E1-202</b>	8 <b>Workshop</b> UC Application Workshop 1:00 - 2:00 <b>Room: E1-202</b>	9 <b>Event</b> Celebrating Diversity Fair 11:00 - 2:00 <b>Campus Center Quad</b>  <b>Workshop</b> Understanding your Learning Style 4:00 - 5:00 <b>Room: N2-601</b>	10	11 <b>Veterans Holiday</b>  <b>Mission College Closed</b>	12
13	14 <b>Workshop</b> Student Success Workshop 5:00 - 6:30 <b>Room: EOPS</b>	15	16 <b>Workshop</b> How to Write a UC Personal Statement 3:00 - 4:00 <b>Room: E1-101</b>	17 <b>Workshop</b> Student Group 1:00 - 3:00 <b>Room: EOPS Ofc.</b>  <b>Workshop</b> Barriers to Employment 5:15 - 6:15 <b>Room: N3-601</b>	18 <b>Last day to Drop Full Semester classes with a "W"</b>	19
20	21 <b>Advisement</b> Drop In Transfer 4:00 - 6:00 <b>Room: E1-202</b>	22 <b>Workshop</b> Networking 5:15 - 6:15 <b>Room: N3-601</b>	23 ACCESS Students <b>Priority Registration</b> for Wintersession and Spring '06 Classes	24 <b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b>  <b>Mission College Closed</b>	25 <b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b>  <b>Mission College Closed</b>	26
27	28 <b>Advisement</b> Drop In Essay Reading/Review All Day <b>Room: E1-202</b>	29 <b>Advisement</b> Panic Room (last minute UC Application review) 11:00-7:00 <b>Room: E1-202</b>	30 <b>Workshop</b> Dress for Success 5:15 - 6:15 <b>Room: N3-601</b>  <b>ALL UC APPLICATIONS SENT TODAY!!!</b>			

**Come by the office to get the latest updates on Room Changes,  
Time Changes, Activities, and Additional Workshops.**

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