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DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

February 20 -The second quarterly meeting of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) will be hosted by the Department for the Aging (DFTA), 220 Church Street, third floor, from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. There will be a panel discussion on intergenerational programs. For more information, contact Eduardo Laboy (212) 676-0278.

February 27 - DYCD, the NYC Youth Board and Youth Council, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children will co-sponsor a conference on internet safety: *Keeping Children Safer in a Changing Online World*. It will be held at the Tribeca Performing Arts Center at Borough of Manhattan Community College/CUNY, 199 Chambers Street from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon (additional workshops will be held until 5:00 P.M. for law enforcement members; youth service providers may stay for these as well). The conference will provide youth service providers and law enforcement with the latest information about threats facing children and teens on the internet and resources available to assist them in their response to those threats. Workshops will include presenters from the F.B.I. and Homeland Security. To register, contact Sharon Robinson at srobinson@dycd.nyc.gov, (212) 676-8227, or Fax (212) 442-4771.

The local Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NABs) continues to hold a series of Town Hall meetings. These forums signal a new approach for involving the local NABs in advising DYCD in the allocation of CSBG funding. The 43 local Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NABs) help DYCD stay informed about community needs and service gaps, and help determine which programs will be funded. For more information, please contact DYCD at 212-442-5880, or visit us online at: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

March 8 - NAB Queens 1, 6:30 –9:00 P.M., Little Theatre, LaGuardia Community College/CUNY, 31-10 Thompson Avenue, LIC

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

****New York City proves that it's one of the 100 best communities for young people in America**
New York City has been selected as one of the [100 Best Communities for Young People](#) by America's Promise. Founded by General Colin L. Powell, America's Promise is the nation's largest private-public partnership committed to ensuring that every child receives the fundamental resources they require to succeed. The winners were formally announced January 25, 2007, in a special segment on ABC's Good Morning America, followed by a press release from the Mayor's Office. More than 1,000 rural, suburban and urban communities from all 50 states participated in the competition.

New York City was chosen on the strength of individual programs, a commitment to collaboration, and upward trends in many children and youth outcomes indicators. The application was submitted by the

Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), the City's lead agency for youth services, and included contributions from the Department of Education, Administration for Children's Services, Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, Department of Juvenile Justice, Human Resources Administration, and the Department of Health, in addition to numerous foundations and community-based organizations.

****Fatherhood RFP released; proposals are due February 28**

The Fatherhood RFP was released on January 30, 2007. This initiative is intended to address the needs of non-custodial fathers aged 16 and over. There will be separate competitions to fund programming targeting three specific groups: young fathers (16 to 24 years of age), fathers over 24 years of age, and fathers who are ex-offenders. DYCD is committed to enhancing children's development through programs that encourage fathers to become personally involved with their children emotionally and, and to the extent feasible, financially, and help fathers relate to their co-parents.

The proposals are due on February 28th by 2:00 P.M. The new programs will begin on September 1, 2007. Anyone interested in having a copy of the RFP may download it from the DYCD Web site:

<http://www.nyc.gov/dycd> .

PROGRAM UPDATES

****PSA confirms success of New York City's OST program impact**

On February 1, DYCD released the Year One OST Evaluation Report by Policy Studies Associates, Inc. (PSA) to capture and analyze the impact OST has had on youth and working parents. PSA will continue its longitudinal evaluation of the OST program over the next two years to assure DYCD's ability to increase quality programs, hold providers accountable and help improve the field of after school programming.

Highlights of the report include:

- Programs served more students than were specified in their contracts.
- Programs served a diverse population of young people.
- Almost two-thirds of parents rated the overall quality of their child's program as excellent.
- OST program directors are highly-educated and qualified. Eighty-six percent of program directors possess a four-year college degree or higher.
- Programs offered a variety of rich content-based activities to support multiple domains of youth development. Programs are structured to provide academic, recreational and cultural opportunities to participants.

****Commissioner leads workshop on OST system progress**

On February 9, Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav led a workshop at the Foundations' *Beyond School Hours* National Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina, which was attended by OST practitioners and researchers from around the country. Also attending were DYCD staff and Liz Reisner, the Principal Researcher at Policy Studies Associates, which is conducting DYCD's OST evaluation. The workshop highlighted the development of New York City's OST system, our online program management database system (*OST Online*) and the results of the recent Year One evaluation.

****CAPITAL 2007 program off to a great start**

During the summer 2006, DYCD successfully launched **CAPITAL** (the Corporate Allies Program of Internships, Training and Leadership), a public-private collaboration that connects young adults with strong work skills to private sector internships. **CAPITAL** introduces employers to talented high school and college students, recommended by previous employers and leading community-based organizations, setting them on a course of achievement. **Looking ahead to summer 2007, we will expand the program and seek additional corporate partners.**

Participating employers pledge to provide paid summer internships for seven weeks, with a minimum of 25 hours per week. All **CAPITAL** applicants are screened and will participate in a series of pre-employment skills and work readiness workshops designed to equip them with information and tools needed to conduct an effective job search and find success in their summer assignment. Learn more about [CAPITAL](#), or contact David DuPuy at 212-487-8989 or e-mail at ddupuy@dycd.nyc.gov

****DYCD Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Institute provides contractor training**

On February 6, DYCD's Out-of-School Youth (OSY) Unit hosted a contractor meeting as a part of DYCD's Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Institute, an on-going series of technical assistance and training events for OSY contractors. The meeting consisted of a presentation by Nathan Rice of St. Nicholas/Williamsburg Works about his organization's free tax return preparation service, which is especially targeted to first-time tax filers. There was also an extensive question and answer period regarding the ACMS data system, eligibility requirements, and claims submission. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

MTV TR3s and **Youth Venture** present the *Tu Voz My Venture Contest*, a campaign that aims to empower Latino youth to graduate high school and prepare for college, work, and life. MTV Tr3s Voces will award grants of up to \$1,000 each to groups of young Latinos that have new and creative ideas for after-school programs, organizations, clubs, or other ventures that encourage and help Latino youth graduate high school and prepare for college. The contest is open to groups of two or more individuals who are legal residents of the United States and/or the District of Columbia and who are 13 to 20 years of age at time of entry. Venturas grants will be offered every week until June 29, 2007. In addition the contest will present a scholarship award of up to \$5,000 to each of the top five teams with the most successful projects, as judged by the sponsors (each scholarship award is to be evenly split among team members). Deadline: June 29. Visit the program's Web site for complete application procedures and eligibility requirements: <http://www.youthventure.org/>.

The **Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation** supports programs to help empower America's youth. The Foundation's goal is to be a major force in improving education by focusing on preparing students for the demands of today's global society. In addition, the Foundation is committed in health-related and cultural programs that impact a diverse population of youth. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The dead line for applications is April 1. For further information, go to: <http://usa.tommy.com/opencms/opencms/foundation/>

The **Tony Hawk Foundation** announces funds to encourage and facilitate the design, development, construction and operation of new quality skateboard parks and facilities, located in low-income communities. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is April 1. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$50,000. For further information, contact the Foundation at contact@tonyhawkfoundation.org, or go to: <http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/>

The **William T. Grant Foundation** recently restructured its *Youth Service Grants* program, changing it from a program that supported youth services to one that supports efforts to improve these services. The Youth Service Improvement Grants (YSIG) program, as it is now called, focuses on activities conducted by community-based organizations in the New York metropolitan area to improve the quality of services for young people ages 8-25. Proposals will be accepted during two application periods: October through November and March through April. We expect most grants will be close to the maximum amount of \$25,000. For more information, including eligibility criteria, application procedures, and deadlines, see the YSIG Guidelines below. The Frequently Asked Questions document is an additional resource to assist prospective applicants. The next cycle opens on March 1 and closes on April 30 for grant decisions to be made in August 2007. Applicants may begin preparing proposals using the guidelines on the Web site, but everyone is encouraged to return and review any updates to the Guidelines or the FAQ in March 2007: <http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org>.

The **Dollar Literacy Foundation** announces funds to assist organization to improve the functional literacy of families. The foundation's areas of focus are: adult literacy, adult basic education, GED preparation, and English for speakers of other languages; children's education; parent and child time together (PACT); and parenting classes that teach parents how to be the primary teacher for their child. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is March 2. Approximately \$15,000 is

available for individual awards. For further information, go to:
<http://www.dollargeneral.com/community/dgliteracy.aspx> .

The **Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation** (MHOF) supports music education and its many benefits through the donation of new and refurbished musical instruments to underserved school and community music programs and individual students nationwide. The *Special Projects Program* targets community schools of the arts, after school programs and youth orchestras in need of assistance. To apply for a grant, go online to: <http://www.mhopus.org/documents/SpecialProject.pdf>

****COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT****

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A special solicitation from the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Vulnerable Populations Portfolio**, *Fresh Ideas: Improving the Health of Immigrant and Refugee Communities* aims to give immigrants and refugees the tools and support they need to improve and maintain their own health. To be considered, proposals must address ways for improving the health of immigrants and refugees by linking how social factors--language skills, significant cultural differences, education, and poverty -- affect health outcomes. The foundation is interested in projects designed to help new populations integrate into their communities. RWJF is especially interested in providing support to organizations outside the formal network of healthcare providers, such as grassroots organizations, faith-based organizations, and advocacy organizations, rather than traditional providers such as hospitals and medical clinics. Grants of up to \$300,000 each for up to three years will be available. The initiative will fund eight to ten projects in 2007. A grant award request can not exceed 50 percent of the applicant organization's annual budget. The submission deadline is April 13. Visit the RWJF Web site for complete program information and application procedures: <http://www.rwjf.org/> .

The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** announces funds for its project: *No Private Matter; Ending Abuse in Intimate and Family Relations*. The goal is to stimulate new thinking and innovative solutions to domestic and intimate partner violence, a problem that plagues families and communities in the U.S. and around the world. The deadline for applications is March 28; approximately 3 awards of \$5,000 each are available. Go online to: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19811&c=EMC-FA144>

The **Open Society Institute** announces funds to improve the fair administration of criminal justice in the U.S. The project awards grants in three areas affecting youth and adults in the criminal justice system: improving public defense services; death penalty reform; and racial profiling. Eligible applicants include nonprofits and community-based organizations. There is no deadline date for applications. For further information, go to: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus_areas/gideon/guidelines .

The **Union Square Awards** are annual awards made to grassroots organizations working in New York City. The Award recognizes arts organizations working with youth and families in low-income communities throughout New York City in ongoing, innovative, and creative ways. All artistic disciplines — dance, theatre, music, visual arts, film, media arts, and creative writing — are eligible. The goal is to identify arts projects and organizations making a significant impact and contribution to the lives of participants and their communities. Grants will range from \$25,000 to \$50,000 each. Candidates are identified through a nomination process. Anyone familiar with an organization's work may submit a nomination detailing the reasons why the organization should be considered for an award. Nominations may be made online, by mail, or fax. For award guidelines, nomination forms, and details on the program's first-year awardees, visit the Union Square Awards Web site: <http://www.unionsquareawards.org/v2/home.asp>

The vision of the **Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation** is “to change the face of disability on the planet.” In order to accomplish this vision, the Foundation's mission is to promote, through grants and scholarships, the inclusion of people with disabilities in the areas of arts, advocacy, and education. The foundation funds program grants in the areas of arts, advocacy, and education for adults with disabilities (over 22 years old).

Applicants must be U.S. nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that serve people with disabilities and have been in existence for two years or longer. Support from other funding sources in the community for the program. The online grant application form must be submitted by March 15 for the May 1 full grant application deadline. Visit <http://www.ela.org/> to obtain the online grant application form, which must be submitted in order for the full grant application to be accepted.

The **MetLife Foundation** and the **Local Initiatives Support Corporation** are partnering for a sixth year to recognize, sustain, and share the work of innovative partnerships between community groups and police to promote neighborhood safety and revitalization. Eligible applicants must be member organizations of partnerships that include, but need not be limited to, community organizations and police. Awardees will receive a monetary grant. Applicants are invited to apply under two separate award categories: 1) Neighborhood Revitalization Awards: Six monetary awards ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000 each will recognize exemplary collaboration between community groups and police that yields crime reduction as well as economic development outcomes such as real estate development, business attraction, and job growth and 2) Special Strategy Awards: Five monetary awards of \$15,000 each recognize exemplary collaboration between community groups and police that yield significant outcomes in one or more of the following areas: Applied Technology; Community Aesthetics; Diversity Inclusion & Integration; Drug Market Disruption; Gang Prevention & Youth Safety; Public Places & Green Spaces; Seniors & Safety; and School Safety. The deadline for preliminary applications is February 23. For application instructions, an FAQ, and case studies on past winners, visit the LISC Web site: <http://www.lisc.org/>

The **AIDS Institute** has announced that funding is available for HIV prevention interventions and HIV-related supportive services in communities of color. Program services and interventions may include outreach, prevention interventions and activities, supporting services, and peer-delivered services. Not-for-profit 501(c)(3) health and human services organizations are eligible; this may include community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, community health centers, or drug treatment centers. The total annualized amount available for awards is \$2,500,000. The funding will be allocated statewide. The contract period is five years, with annual renewals, subject to the availability of funds. Applications will be accepted until March 7 at 5:00 P.M. Visit <http://www.nyhealth.gov/funding> for more information. A copy of the Request for Application can be obtained from Dina Williams, Bureau of Community Based Services, Division of HIV Prevention, AIDS Institute, Room 342, Corning Tower Building, Albany, New York 12237; phone (518) 486-1412; dmw01@health.state.ny.us.

****MINI GRANTS****

Youth Service America and the **Civil Society Institute** have announced the second round of the *Red, White & Green Climate Change Grant*. This opportunity offers \$500 to young people and to organizations that engage young people in the United States between the ages of 15 and 25. Applicants are expected to develop and implement a service-learning project about climate change that engages their community, policy makers, and candidates running for election in 2007 and 2008. The program welcomes projects where youth work in partnership with adults (parents, coaches, teachers, youth leaders, etc.), but the projects should be youth-led and must take place between May 1 and October 31, 2007. Selected grantees will share the outcomes and next steps of their service projects with each other and with climate change experts. They will also present their recommendations to high-level policy makers. The submission deadline is March 9. Visit the Red, White & Green Climate Change Web site to learn more about this initiative: <http://www.redwhiteandgreen.org/> .

RESOURCES

A new report from the **Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning** in Chicago finds that youth who participate in after-school programs using evidence-based approaches to enhance personal and social skills show significant improvement compared to their peers. Funded by the New York City-based William T. Grant Foundation, the report, *The Impact of After-School Programs That Promote Personal and Social Skills* (50 pages, PDF), is the result of meta-analysis of seventy-three evaluations of after-school programs by researchers Joseph Durlak and Roger Weissberg. They found that youth programs were most successful at improving outcomes when their activities were sequenced, active, focused, and explicit (SAFE). When compared to programs that did not have these characteristics, SAFE programs showed improved feelings of self-confidence among participating youth as well as positive

feelings toward school, grades, and achievement test scores. Go to: <http://www.casel.org/> to view the report.

This brief (although here geared for programs for the disabled) describes two funding tools that are increasingly used in collaborative relationships. Both blended funding and braided funding pool financial resources to maximize outcomes. These tools can help maintain and sustain effective relationships in transition programming.

<http://www.ncset.org/publications/viewdesc.asp?id=3447>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****February 16 – Sister to Sister** will be sponsoring a free heart-health screening with on-the-spot results and counseling at Madison Square Garden- Expo Center, Seventh Avenue at West 33rd Street from 7:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Heart Disease is the number one killer of women and symptoms of heart disease are different for women. At the *National Woman's Heart Day Health Fair*, you can get a fast, free heart-health screening with on-the-spot result counseling, pick up tips from health & fitness experts, check out heart-healthy cooking demos and visit dozens of exhibits. Visit: <http://www.sistertosister.org/index.php> online.

****February 16 – Partnership for Afterschool Education** is offering a training session on *Authentic Reflection* for line staff of High School aged programs. It is a tool that practitioners can use with the youth they serve, to deepen learning and experiences. High school age youth thrive when they are invited to exercise their abstract thinking skills. Older adolescents begin to examine their decisions and relationships, values and beliefs, literature, subject knowledge, and life experiences, all of which contribute to youth's evolving insights and learning. In this workshop practices will be led through an interactive experiential learning process that will provide instruction and practice on how to incorporate authentic reflection into everyday programming. The DYCD OST goals addressed are: (2) Foster high expectations for participants; (3) Foster the development of consistent and positive relationships with adults and peers and a sense of community; (6) Strengthen young people's academic skills; (7) Support the exploration of youth interests and development of skills and creativity; (8) Support youth leadership development. To register, go to: <http://www.pasesetter.org>.

****February 17 and 24 – Hunter College** in collaboration with the **Center for After-School Excellence** at TASC, is offering an introductory course for after-school staff from 8:45 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Topics covered will include Child/Youth Development, Conflict Resolution, and Classroom Management. The course can count towards DOH required training hours. This is a non-credit course and students must attend both days to receive a letter of completion. Full scholarships are available through the Center. To take advantage of this offer, interested participants must register by Thursday, February 15th, by calling or e-mailing Jessica Cubas at (212) 547-6929 or jcubas@afterschoolexcellence.org.

****February 23 – We Are All Brooklyn** will hold a forum, *Brooklyn – Ready for Anything* on community-based emergency preparedness at the Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, Room 232, 585 Schenectady Avenue, Brooklyn, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The keynote speaker will be Theresa A. Bischoff, CEO of the American Red Cross of Greater New York. Breakfast will be served. This event is free, but pre-registration is required. Contact Shelley Buchbinder (212) 983-4800 ext. 149.

****March 10 –Partnership for After School Education (PASE)**, with funding from the **NASD Investor Education Foundation**, is offering a new financial literacy project, *Dollars & Sense: Building Financial Dreams - A Financial Literacy & Planning Program for Young Adults* that educates 18-24 year olds about the value of saving, especially for retirement, and enables them to create a more financially secure future for themselves and their families. The full-day workshop will be held at PASE, 120 Broadway, Suite 230, New York, New York 10271 from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. To register for this training, go to: <http://www.pasesetter.org>, or contact Elizabeth Fisher (212) 571-2664.

****March 14 –Baruch College, School of Public Affairs, Nonprofit Group** will hold a nonprofit seminar: *Gifts from Individual Donors and Families: Maintaining Purpose and Relevance over Time* from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., at the Baruch Performing Arts Center (BPAC), Baruch Vertical Campus Building, 55 Lexington

@ 25th St., 25th Street – Entrance, (between Lexington & 3rd Avenues). Lorie A. Slutsky, President, New York Community Trust, will be speaking. There is no cost; but space is limited and an RSVP is required: RSVP by email at nonprofit_workshops@baruch.cuny.edu or by phone at 646-660-6743. There will be networking opportunities and refreshments.

****April 16-20** –The **Grantsmanship Training Program** is coming to New York City, hosted by the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development. The classes will be conducted by The Grantsmanship Center and are kept at a maximum of 30 participants. The cost is \$825, which includes one-year enrollment in the TGCI Membership Program. A limited number of half-tuition scholarships are available to agencies with annual budgets of less than \$300,000. To register, or to apply for a scholarship, contact TGCI at (800) 421-9512 or visit www.tgci.com. *This is not an endorsement.*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The **Lower East Side Tenement Museum** in Manhattan is currently accepting proposals for its *Digital Artists in Residence Program*. The museum will award one residency to an artist or team of artists. During the six-month residency, the artist(s) will complete an original, Web-based project that explores an aspect of the contemporary immigrant experience in New York City. The completed DARP project will forward the Tenement Museum's mission to "promote tolerance and historical perspective through the presentation and interpretation of a variety of immigrant and migrant experiences on the Lower East Side, a gateway to America." All proposals must focus on present-day immigration in New York City. The residency will begin on April 1. Artist(s) will have the following six months to complete their project. The project will launch in September. All proposed pieces must be Web-based; the DARP project does not support physical installations. During project development, artist(s) will also be able to utilize the museum's Web server to store and test their work. The final project will be hosted on the museum's Web server. The museum will provide the selected artist(s) with a \$5,000 stipend for the duration of their project. The artist(s) can also be reimbursed for up to \$2,500 worth of expenses. This is an off-site residency. Deadline: February 23. Visit the museum's Web site for complete program information and application procedures: <http://www.tenement.org/>

The **Colin Higgins Foundation** annually awards the *Colin Higgins Youth Courage Awards* for bravery in the face of discrimination, intolerance, and bigotry based on sexual orientation and/or gender. The foundation salutes, celebrates, and fosters courage in the face of adversity and discrimination by awarding grants to individuals who are either 1) lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or questioning youth (through age 24) who have bravely stood up to hostility and intolerance based on their sexual orientation and/or gender and triumphed over bigotry; or 2) allies (age 24 or under) who are working to end homophobia and discrimination against LGBTQ communities. Self-nominations are not accepted. In 2007, two to three honorees will each receive a \$10,000 grant that will be presented in New York City at the Trevor Project Benefit Gala in June. Honorees will also receive an expense-paid trip to the Creating Change Conference this fall. The application deadline is March 2. Visit the Colin Higgins Foundation Web site for nomination guidelines and materials: <http://www.colinhiggins.org/>

A program of the **Pew Partnership for Civic Change**, the *2007 Civic Change Award* will recognize organizations or individuals that demonstrate long-term concern for their community's odds of success by implementing collaborations specifically aimed at reducing the high school dropout rate. Potential nominees include art museums coordinating events and training for emerging young artists, locally operated businesses organizing summer internships for youth, or churches that run programs matching senior citizen mentors with young people. In order to qualify for the award the nominee must be able to demonstrate community collaboration, innovative implementation, and evidence of effectiveness. The commission will convene to review all nominations and choose one community-wide effort for recognition. The submission deadline is March 31. Application forms and information on previous recipients are available on the Pew Partnership Web site: <http://www.pew-partnership.org/>

"O" The Oprah Magazine is looking to hire fall interns in the Fashion and Style Departments. Candidates must be highly organized, detail-oriented and be able to juggle multiple tasks at once. Prior internship experience preferred, but not required. This opportunity is available for college students in need of credit

hours and recent graduates who are available to start immediately, full-time from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., 5 days a week. Send resumes with a cover letter to: Cindy M. Del Rosario, Associate Editor O, The Oprah Magazine 1700 Broadway, 38th floor NY, or call 212-903-5149.

Verizon is looking for students who are 2006-2007 graduates of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). If you know of someone graduating from a HBCU this year with a degree in Engineering, Computer Science and Technology, Information Technology, General B business, Finance or Marketing, please have them forward their resume to: melissa.w.langham@verizon.com to be considered for career opportunities within Verizon.

The *Women's Technology Program* at **MIT** is a 4-week summer residence program to introduce high school girls to electrical engineering and computer science. If you know a girl who is currently a high school junior who demonstrates math and science ability and an interest in finding out about EECS, please encourage her to visit our website for more information and for an application form (sorry, applications were due Feb 3, 2007, but explore possible exceptions)<http://www.mit.edu> Our classes are taught in a supportive environment by a staff of women MIT PhD candidates and undergraduates The full -time academic pro am includes hands-on experiments and team-based projects in computer science, electrical engineering, and mathematics. No prior experience in computer programming, physics, or electrical engineering is expected, but applicants typically have strong academic records, especially in math and science.

Harvard is offering free tuition for students that have a family income below \$40,000. If you are a mentor or have nieces and nephews who might be interested, please give them this information. If you know any one/family earning I less than \$40K with a brilliant child near ready for college, please pass this along. The prestigious university recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for free...no tuition and no student loans! To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$40, 000 a year visit Harvard's financial aid Web site at:<http://adm-is.fas.harvard.edu/FAO/index.htm> or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

The **Sister Thea Bowman Foundation** has four scholarships for African-American single mothers and their children to attend the College of St. Mary in Omaha, Nebraska. The Foundation will grant \$30,000.00 over a period of four years to the College of St. Mary on behalf of each student. In return, the College of St. Mary will match that grant with an additional \$24,000. The student must be an African-American single mother who has completed high school. She must be from low-income housing. She must be able to gain admission to College of St. Mary. She need not be Catholic. Each student will have an African-American mentor during her course of study at the College of St. Mary; each student will also have an African-American host family from Omaha who will also serve as mentor. Each mother may take up to two children with her to the College of St. Mary; the cut-off age for each child is nine. Each mother will live in a dorm with other single mothers and their children. This dorm has been especially renovated to accommodate mothers and their children. Please contact Mary Lou Jennings, Executive Director of the Sister Thea Bowman Foundation at: marylouj11@aol.com if this is an opportunity that interests you.

Apply to be a New York City lifeguard this summer. The **New York City Parks and Recreation Department** has full-time work available for men and women aged 16 and up at City beaches and pools. There is paid training, if hired; the minimum starting salary is \$11.72 per hour. Call 311 or go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/parks>.

The 2007 Yoshiyama Award On-Line Nomination Process is now open. This Award, sponsored by the Hitachi Foundation, recognizes exemplary service and community involvement rather than academic achievement. Recipients of the *Yoshiyama Award for Exemplary Service to the Community* leave a lasting impression in their community - many, though not all, have started projects and programs, or taken on challenges, that relate to the corporate citizenship, philanthropic, and corporate social responsibility (CSR) priorities of the Foundation and Hitachi, Ltd. - improving the wellbeing of economically and socially isolated Americans. The Award is accompanied by a gift of \$5,000, dispensed over two years. Recipients may use the Award at their discretion. The Nomination process will close on April 2. For more information, go to: <http://www.hitachifoundation.org/yoshiyama/index.html>

The **Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute** invites Hispanic college students to apply for the *2007 Ford Motor Company CHLI Leadership Program*. Eight Hispanic students will be selected to become part of a six-week internship program in Washington, DC that offers invaluable insight on how the federal government works and public policy is shaped. The interns will be placed with Members of Congress from various states who share the goals of the Institute. The interns will also have the opportunity to interact and meet appointed and elected officials from all levels of government.

To apply, applicants must: be U.S. citizens or Legal Permanent Residents of Hispanic or Portuguese origin; be residents of and/or attending college in the following states: California, Florida, Texas or Puerto Rico; be enrolled in an accredited four year college/university or two year community college; submit a completed application form, personal statement, legislative analysis, resume, two letters of recommendation and official transcripts. Compensation is: air fare and housing accommodations during Washington, D.C. stay; a \$2,000 stipend; a Dell laptop computer and a Metro card. The application deadline is Thursday, March 1, 2007. The program begins June 18 and ends July 27, 2007. Applications can be downloaded from the CHLI website at <http://www.chli.org/>.