

For Community Partners ❖ January 29, 2010

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COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY "WEEKEND EDITION"

2.20.2010 or 2.21.2010

2:00 p.m. start time at these participating locations:

Milwaukee

Saturday, February 20, 2010

**Alverno College – Replacement site for
Milwaukee High School of the Arts**
3400 S 43rd Street

Milwaukee Area Technical College
Stormers Hall (Technical Building)
1101 N. 6th Street
Free parking available on 8th & State St

Sunday, February 21, 2010

Pulaski High School
2500 W. Oklahoma Avenue
(Main Entrance at 25th & Oklahoma)

Riverside High School
1615 E. Locust Street
(Main Entrance off of Locust)

Milwaukee Area

Waukesha

Saturday, February 20, 2010

University of Wisconsin – Waukesha
1500 N University Drive
(Commons Building)

Racine

Sunday, February 21, 2010

Gateway Technical College
Racine Conference Center
1007 South Main Street
(Lake Side Entrance)



PLEASE NOTE: You should bring your parents', as well as your own, completed federal income tax return for 2009, W-2 statements, and other 2009 income and/or benefit information. If parents are unable to attend, students may attend alone and bring this information. Independent students may bring just their own income and asset information.

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Summer Youth Internship Program now accepting applications

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 Summer Youth Internship Program (SYIP). The SYIP provides youth with employment and life skills and helps them meet educational, job readiness and career exploration goals.

SYIP serves high school juniors and seniors between the ages of 16 and 19. All applicants must live in the designated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) area and must meet specific school attendance requirements to be considered for a position.

The 2010 program runs from June 21 through August 13. Participants must be able to work the entire program time period.

Applicants are only allowed to participate in this program once, but are eligible to apply for summer jobs through the Earn & Learn Community Work Experience and Private Sector Job Connection programs.

To apply for an internship, complete the [online application](#) by March 5th. If you do not have access to a computer, please call 414.286.5829 for a printed copy of the application.

Then send your official school transcript showing number of school days missed and your grade point average to:

Mayor Tom Barrett's Summer Youth Internship Program
Attn: Judith Allen
809 N. Broadway
3rd Floor
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Or fax to:

Mayor Tom Barrett's Summer Youth Internship Program
Attn: Judith Allen
414-286-0851.

Black Teenage Males Crushed By Unemployment

This is an excerpt of a story by Sam Sanders which originally aired on National Public Radio's Weekend Edition Sunday on January 10, 2010. For a complete transcript, visit <http://www.npr.mobi/templates/story/story.php?storyId=122367407>.

More than half of black males between the ages of 16 and 19 are unemployed, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. And that's only counting those seeking work. Economists say legions of other young black men — nobody knows how many — have given up looking. Academics believe fewer than 14 in 100 young black men actually have jobs.

Experts point to several reasons for the disparity. Allison Lee is a job placement specialist at YouthBuild, which helps teens complete their GEDs, gain job training

and land internships and employment. She says she has seen discrimination from hiring managers firsthand.

"They have told me on the phone or to my face that they are hiring," she says. "And when I send a student in by himself who's a young black male, they're told, 'No, we're not hiring.'"

Discrimination alone doesn't explain the entire problem. There are other reasons, like the fact that few African-Americans work in hiring offices. Studies show that when more blacks are in positions to hire new employees, more blacks get hired.

Also, few networks exist in the young men's communities to help them get jobs. Fewer of their parents, family and friends have jobs, so fewer connections are there to help them find work. It all sets up a disturbing trend.

Algernon Austin of the Economic Policy Institute says the job prospects for white, adult felons are higher than those for black male teenagers without any criminal record.

In addition, older workers who have been laid-off from higher paying jobs are now taking the entry-level jobs many black teens apply for. In fact, more people 55 and older are working in this recession than were before.

It's not just low-income households that are hurting.

Andrew Sum of with the Center for Labor Market Studies found that upper-middle-class black teenagers are less likely to be employed than low-income white teenagers.

Among black teens in households making between \$100,000 and \$150,000 a year, only 28 in 100 have jobs. Of white, non-Hispanic teens in households making less than \$20,000 a year, 37 out of 100 have jobs. Generally, as family income increases, the rate of teen employment for those households rises. But even this trend can't erase the lingering disparities in employment for black teenagers.

Sum says that young people need to work during their teen years:

"People who work a lot when they're teenagers not only benefit when they're teenagers, but they also will work more and earn more when they're 25 years old," he says. "The more you work now, the more you work tomorrow."

And working as a teen leads to higher high school graduation rates, steadier and higher-paying employment down the road, and lower rates of criminal activity.

Back at YouthBuild, 19-year-old Isaiah Brown says the managers who wouldn't hire him missed out on a good worker.

"And you just missed out on a good opportunity for your business," he says.

**"For Kids Only: Dare to Dream" program
announces fund availability**

The purpose of this program is to support faith-based programs that focus on "at-risk" children (up to 12 years of age). Funding is intended to support youth populations that are academically, economically, socially, and/or spiritually underserved. In addition, projects should have specific, measurable spiritual and academic outcomes, and serve as a model for the community.

Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate:

- Specifically outlined programs containing academic and spiritual aspects
- Clearly defined budget for requested funds
- Focused goals that clearly define a vision for the future and provide benchmarks for growth
- Community outreach

Applications are due July 6, 2010.

For more information, contact:

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MPS releases "Report Card"

The Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) has released the 2008-09 MPS District Report Card. The report card collects and interprets performance information at each school and district-wide for a complete school year. The Report Card is available in its entirety on the MPS portal at: <http://www2.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/acctrep/rc09.html>.

About LVP...

The Life Ventures Partnership is a collaborative public/private initiative to promote the future vitality of Milwaukee's regional economy by preparing young people to become:

- Life-long learners
- Productive workers
- Self-sufficient citizens.

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