



KAUFFMAN  
SCHOLARS, INC.

# SCHOLAR Connection

June 2006

## Upcoming Events

**College  
Residential Institutes**

June 12– August 5, 2006

**Class 3 Induction**

August 19, 2006



### College Tip:

It is important that you continue your education throughout the summer by actively reading and/or participating in summer programs or internships.

## Scholars are Enthusiastic about Destination: College! Parent & Scholar Conference



Nearly 600 Scholars, parents and their guests participated in Destination: College!, a day-long conference and college fair for Kauffman Scholars, parents, and guest student and parent participants from around the community. The conference took place on Saturday, May 20, 2006 at the Metropolitan Community College Business and Technology College in Kansas City, Missouri. Conference-goers had the chance to gather information from 18 regional colleges and universities, and to attend workshops specially designed to address frequently asked questions regarding college access.

*The Call* newspaper interviewed several of the Scholars and their parents about the conference. Pebble Smith, a freshman at Central High School, told *The Call*, "The workshops help us to gain information about college and how to prepare for certain tests, and give me an idea of what to expect." Evelyn Sarabia, a 7th grade student at Rosedale Middle School in Kansas City, Kansas, said "I think Kauffman Scholars will help me to become an architect or designer. The workshops are really giving me the information that is needed to prepare me for

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## A Message from the President

Greetings, Scholars,

When you live in a fast-paced urban environment where you encounter preoccupied people at school, the grocery store, and just about every-

where you turn, you may think that in today's world, it's just not that important to take the time to be polite. Think again! Behaving in a respectful manner with others is a powerful social skill that will help you throughout your life.

Treating others with courtesy and civility builds character, and it can also help build admiration and respect from those around you. Saying "thank you", "excuse me", and "please" may seem like a small thing, but displaying good manners will help you create friendships, interact successfully with other students and teachers in school, and prepare for a more effective adult life.

From the playground to the workplace, treating yourself and others respectfully is one of the most valuable keys to realizing your own goals. People who interact in a way that is engaging and affirming rather than negative and hurtful are generally the most effective leaders. Whether it's in a classroom or, as an adult in your career, inspiring others

to embrace your ideas and support your goals is a lot easier when you treat them with courtesy.

Behaving in a mannerly way is a social skill that many people in today's job market lack, and it is a costly flaw. When employers look for new employees, they want to bring individuals on board who will be team players, and interact well with other employees, as well as customers. Being rude and impatient with a customer is behavior that no employer will tolerate for long!

Being polite is also a tool in effective conflict resolution, and in fact, can help deflate the hot tempers that lead to conflict in the first place. Rude behavior can incite strong, negative emotions, because the recipient of that behavior feels disrespected. Knowing how to navigate through the sea of life's challenges with diplomacy is a skill even heads of nations seek to cultivate.

Remember, treating others with courtesy and respect is a powerful way of being in the world.

Sincerely,

R. Stephen Green  
President and CEO

## Coaches' Corner



Will McDowell  
Lead Life Coach

## Summer's a time to make new family memories

I have just come in from tending to the Sweet William, rose, tomato, and azalea plants that adorn my front yard. The garden is looking fantastic as we transition into summer. How did a guy like me become interested in growing flowers and plants? Simple; it was an interest of my mother's that she passed on to me by teaching me about gardening as a child.

As a teen, I admit there were many times that I wanted to be playing basketball or baseball instead of digging another hole or pulling another weed. However, my mother took the time to explain to me the importance of digging my hands in the dirt and the richness of the cycle of life that we would witness through the course of the summer. Now, as an adult,

although my mother is back in New York, we are still connected through the lessons she taught me working with the soil.

Over the course of this summer, Scholars, take the time to share in some of your parents' interests. Perhaps Mom or Dad may enjoy a different type of music than you normally listen to, or watch a sport you don't know much about, or even be an enthusiastic gardener. Open your minds and take the chance to learn from the interests and knowledge your parents can share with you. Not only will you walk away with a new awareness, but you will have a fresh and memorable connection to your elders.

Now, I think I need to get out and water my budding sunflowers a bit more.

# College Residential Institute 2006

And...we are off! This summer Kauffman Scholars, Inc. partnered with 7 universities, for it's 3rd annual College Residential Institutes. The seven campuses are; Missouri State University, Central Missouri State University, Northwest Missouri State University, Kansas State University, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, University of Missouri – Columbia, and University of Missouri – Kansas City.

Each campus was asked to propose a 3 day and/or 5 day residential summer program. The universities will offer exciting information overview about their campus, fun and educational activities for the evenings, and attend real college classrooms to learn about subjects like rockets, caves, theatre, and many more.

Class 2 Scholars began their College Residential Institute on June 12 and will continue until July 22. Class 1 Scholars will begin their College Residential Institute July 3 – August 5, 2006.

College students will serve as Youth Leaders during the residential summer programs and will have an opportunity to share with Scholars their fist hand experiences as a student at their respective campuses.

The goal of the summer College Residential Institutes is to allow Scholars to experience living on a campus, engage in the college environment, and begin envisioning themselves as college students.

## Destination: College! Parent & Scholar Conference

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college." Seventh grader Jerron Clopton of Eisenhower Middle School in KCK added that he is thinking ahead; "I've already chosen a college," said Clopton. "I want to attend North Carolina University, and I want to be a mechanical engineer."

Scholars had the chance to attend workshops especially for them, that included: *Financial Aid: Your First Aid Kit; Transcript: It's Your Credit Score; High School: Do the Unexpected; College Entrance: Is it Your Right?;* and, *Comparing Colleges: A Perfect Fit.* Parents could choose from six workshops, including *Technology: A Key to the Future; Parents Getting Ready for College Financially; College Doesn't Have to be Scary; Understanding the T's and Beyond (ACT, SAT, ie...);* and *You're Not in this Alone: Collaborating with other Parents to Ensure Scholar Success.*

The event included a keynote luncheon presentation by Raymundo Rojas, Latino literature historian and activist in the movement of immigration and labor rights. Rojas used a stepladder to illustrate the concept of "putting the ladder down to help others climb up," encouraged



Scholars to capture their unique family history by writing down the memories of their parents and grandparents, and told Scholars to be true to themselves in pursuing career interests. During his presentation, Rojas shared contemporary Latino poetry with the audience, and read an original poem that he wrote titled *What's All the Holler about a Kauffman Scholar.* Rojas has a law degree from the University of Kansas School of Law and a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Texas at El Paso.

Plans are already underway for next year's conference. Watch for the date in Spring, 2007.

# FUN FACT

The White House has 35 bathrooms, 3 elevators, 132 rooms, and 412 doors in it.

## Word of the Month

### Juxtaposition

(juhk-stuh-puh-ZISH-uhn), noun:

The act or an instance of placing in nearness or side by side.

## SAT Question

*May Answer: A*

Read the following SAT test question, then click on a button to select your answer. If  $(x + y)^2 = x^2 + y^2$ , which of the following statements must also be true?

1.  $x = 0$
  2.  $(x - y)^2 = x^2 + y^2$
  3.  $xy = 0$
- A. None  
B. I only  
C. II only  
D. III only  
E. II and III

## Resources

[www.nwmissouri.edu](http://www.nwmissouri.edu)  
[www.missouristate.edu](http://www.missouristate.edu)  
[www.cmsu.edu](http://www.cmsu.edu)

# Scholar's Voice

## Congratulations to Courtney Germany

Rosedale Middle School  
Kansas City, KS  
Class 2

*Recipient of the first-ever Vincent Legacy Scholarship*

The Vincent Legacy Scholarships were established to provide financial assistance (up to \$2000) to qualifying students exhibiting "a passion, commitment and level of quality in performance" while also maintaining academic excellence.

## Congratulations! LaQuan D. Williams

Nowlin Middle School  
Kansas City, MO  
Class 2

*Recipient of the All-American Scholar Award*

The recipients are chosen to receive this award based on strict standards and achievements. LaQuan's biography will be published in the official All-American Scholar Yearbook.

*Recipient of USNMA  
(National Mathematics Award)*

LaQuan was also awarded the USAA National Mathematics Award. The USAA National Mathematics Award nominations are made by teachers throughout the nation. Only a small number of students can hope to have their name and achievements featured in this highly respected publication.

## Congratulations Scholars!

### New Junior National Honors Society Members

Andesha Evans  
Lin Lau  
Herman Ming  
Tremesha Robinson  
Lakeisha Smith

## This Month's Birthday Shout Goes To:

### Class 1

Whitney Berry	6/7	Scott Berry	7/11
Lloyd Bronston	6/10	Kierra Edwards	7/25
Chantell Chiney	6/3	Jesus Flores	7/17
Chloe Donald	6/10	Leroy Ford	7/26
Rayonica Hervey	6/11	Caitlin Hurt	7/9
Shyika Hunter	6/13	Chasity Jones	7/25
Vanessa Jackson	6/20	Lekedra Leaper	7/28
Jonathan Kitchen	6/20	Mercedes Neal	7/9
Donovan Lewis	6/27	Ariana Simmons	7/22
Samon McCauley	6/28	Ada Sims	7/25
Alejandra Olono	6/5	Savonte Thomas	7/13
Sierra Saffold	6/28	Skylar Williams	7/12

### Class 2

Giselle Armendariz	6/25	Chirno Baldeh	7/21
Sylvia Ayalla	6/10	Kindrea Brown	7/21
Breona Banks	6/19	Cynthia Buford	7/8
Joseph Bey	6/3	Brandon Cann	7/25
Andreia Brown	6/27	Melody Coones	7/20
Tania Cortes	6/20	Imuetiyan Eke	7/24
Nathaniel Elbert	6/29	Kristin Foster	7/3
Andesha Evans	6/22	Tori Howe	7/2
Dorian Giles	6/25	Erica McCoy	7/23
Veronica Heredia	6/21	Perla Ordonez	7/30
Jessica Jimenez	6/8	Angel Ornelas	7/25
Jaleen Sloan	6/29	Nighisha Perkins	7/25
Che'Leen Sloan	6/29	Jessica Walker	7/30
Diamond Williams	6/3	Raanee White	7/2



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