



**KAUFFMAN
SCHOLARS, INC.**

SCHOLAR Connection

March/April 2007

Upcoming Events

National Youth Service Day

Saturday April 21, 2007
Class 1 Parent/Scholar
ONLY
(Required)

Parent/Scholar Conference

Saturday June 2, 2007
All Classes
(Required)

High School Readiness Conference

Saturday June 23, 2007
Class 2
Parent/Scholar ONLY



College Tip:

Take Advantage of Your Student ID

Many students forget that their student ID is a gold mine for savings. In many towns, students get discounts at the movies, stores, museums, play houses, and even restaurants. So take advantage of your student ID and take it everywhere you go!

Kansas City Teen Summit



On Saturday March 24, 2007 two teams of Kauffman Scholars participated in the KC Teen Summit. Kauffman Scholars competed with other teams of students from across the metropolitan area to address the issue of Educational Crisis among high school students, and how to decrease the number of students dropping out. Each team made a 15 minute presentation proposing at least three solutions using a specific problem solving process and tools provided by KC Teen Summit organizers.

Congratulations to the Missouri Scholars team for winning first place and Kansas Scholars team for winning the third place award. **Great Job to Everyone!**

Participating Scholars include:

MauRece Green, Jr. – Paseo High
Joseph Delgado – Northeast High
Destinee Proctor – Renaissance Academy
Thierry Swinney – Renaissance Academy
Ashley Williams – Paseo High
Chelcee Clopton – Washington High
Jamone Lasley – Washington High
Xochitl Saldivar – JC Harmon High
Alicia Allen – Wyandotte High
Christopher Ramirez – Sumner Academy



A Message from the President



Making a Difference Matters!

Greetings, Scholars,

On April 21, 2007, many Scholars will join other teens across the country as volunteers participating in National Youth Service Day activities. For some, it will be your first experience as a volunteer, and you may be surprised to find that volunteering can be habit-forming!

If you asked most people what they imagine teens do with their free time, *volunteer* probably would not be the first activity to come to mind. Yet, the Corporation for National & Community Service 2005 report stated that 55 % of youth participate in volunteer activities each year. Many get involved through church groups, school or other community organizations. Some follow an individual interest; for instance, a person thinking of becoming a doctor might pursue a volunteer opportunity at a hospital. Some are inspired by the opportunity to get involved in a very hands-on experience, like helping out with building a new Habitat for Humanity home for a deserving family. Or, some are motivated by their enjoyment of working with children, or the elderly.

Working to make a difference through your actions is not something only adults can do. In fact, participating in activities to improve outcomes

for others helps young people learn more about themselves, and establish core values. Knowing that your actions can open doors, and change things for the better, is very empowering.

In March, ten of our Scholars chose to make a difference by participating in the "Kansas City Teen Summit," where they were asked for their ideas to motivate students to lower dropout rates and raise test scores. Six teams from four schools competed; the first and third place winners were both teams of Kauffman Scholars:

Kauffman Scholars Missouri Squad, 1st Place
MauRece Green Jr., Paseo HS; Destinee Proctor, Renaissance Academy; Thierry Swinney, Renaissance Academy; Ashley Williams, Paseo HS; Joseph Delgado, Northeast HS

Kauffman Scholars Kansas Squad, 3rd Place
Jamone Lasley, Washington HS; Chelcee Clopton, Washington HS; Christopher Ramirez, Sumner Academy; Xochitl Saldivar, JC Harmon HS; Alicia Allen, Wyandotte HS

My congratulations to each of these deserving Scholars!

Best regards,

R. Stephen Green, Ed.D.
President and CEO

300 New Scholars Coming in Class 4

Kauffman Scholars Inc. began the process of recruiting new Scholars from Kansas City, KS and Kansas City, Missouri in March. Currently, there are over 725 Scholars; with the addition of Class 4, we will have over 1,000 Scholars in the program.

Although it is too late to apply for Class 4 now, it is not too late to spread the word to current 5th graders that you know who could apply next year!

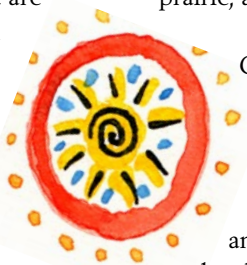
As a reminder, the requirements and the admissions process are described below: **Requirements to apply in 2008:**

- ✓ Enter 7th grade in Fall, 2008
Live within the Kansas City, Missouri or Kansas City, Kansas USD #500 boundaries
- ✓ Attend a public or charter public school within the Kansas City, Missouri or Kansas City, Kansas USD #500 boundaries

- ✓ Qualify for free or reduced lunch program
- ✓ Earn a C or above in all core subjects during the **first semester** of the sixth grade school year. Core subjects are reading/ language arts, math, science and social studies
- ✓ No more than one out-of-school suspension during the first semester of the sixth grade year

Summer Academy Schedule

Break out the sunscreen it's almost Summer time! Are you wondering what you will be doing? Well, if you are a Class 2 or 3 Scholar you will attend summer academy at least twice a week for four weeks as part of your requirement for Kauffman Scholars. Don't worry; it's going to be FUN!



about five different environmental habitats for animals; cave, pond, forest, prairie, and soil.

Class 1 Scholars who are in the green will have an opportunity to select their own educational summer program. Those who are not in the green must attend an 8-week summer academy developed by Kauffman Scholars, Inc.

During your summer academy you will have a fieldtrip to EarthWorks, located in north Kansas City. In the experiential learning environment, you will learn

Check for the final summer academy schedule with your Academic and/or Life Coach.

Learn to Serve, Serve to Learn

"Service-learning offers the opportunity for today's young people and tomorrow's leaders to learn, while addressing local needs. Hands-on experiences reinforce learning in the classroom, promoting civic responsibility and showing that citizens working together are a powerful source."

-Colin Powell, U.S. Secretary of State

On April 21st, Class One Scholars and their parents will participate along with over two million other young people across America in National Youth Service Day. As our Scholars and parents gear up for the largest service event in the world, I thought it would be a good idea to look at some interesting research that demonstrates the importance of community service in our society. For example, teenage service is worth over \$34.3 billion dollars to the US economy (Independent Sector/Gallup 1996). Teenagers volunteer 2.4 billion hours annually (Independent Sector Gallup 1996). With statistics like these, we know that service work has a direct impact on society and the community.

I commend the Scholars and parents who are contributing to the efforts of National Youth Service Day and want to leave them with some words of wisdom from Booker T. Washington. He summed things up simply when he said, "I think I began learning long ago that those who are happiest are those who do the most for others."

Thank you, Scholars and parents, for taking the time to give through service to others.

Coaches' Corner



Nick Hardesty
Academic Coach

FUN FACT

If you wash dishes with the tap running you use 30 gallons of water. Try washing and rinsing in dishpans or the sink. You will save **25 gallons** of water!

Word of the Month

robortant

\ROB-uh-ruhnt\
adjective:

1. Strengthening; restoring vigor.

noun:

1. A strengthening medicine; a tonic; a restorative.

SAT Question

The following sentence contains either a single error or no error at all. If the sentence contains an error, select the one underlined part that must be changed to make the sentence correct. If the sentence contains no error, select choice E.

The highest waterfall in the world, Angel Falls barely makes contact with the cliff over which it flows. No error.

A B C D E

Circle one:

1. (A) 2. (B) 3. (C) 4. (D) 5. (E)

Resources

www.mosaicbrain.org

Scholars Voice

WHO I AM

by Felipe Pena, Class 3 Scholar,
Argentine Middle School

I like rock and rap
You wouldn't see my mouth flap
Mexican food is my thing
You wouldn't see me wearing
bling
My school makes me wear
uniforms
Do you want to know where
I was born
I'm a proud Mexican
I'm also an American
You'd see me play video games
I celebrate Christmas because my
church is the one to blame
I love to eat pop-tarts
I'm getting this from the
webchart
I worship God
I own 3 dogs
I'm proud to be a male
I speak Spanish, English, and I'll
never fail
So Believe It!

This Month's Birthday Shout Goes To:

Class 1

Jesus Hernandez	3/4	Truc Cu	3/16	Imelda Reyes	4/8
Jose Solis	3/27	Toliver Green	3/18	Sade Parker	4/10
Konya Dixon	4/22	Terry Hamilton	3/18	Tori Owens	4/11
Joseph Delgado	4/27	Jarvis Ford	3/20	Xochitl Saldivar	4/13
Raynard Lee	3/5	Cortlin Banks	3/27	Vanessa Sanchez	4/16
Maryanna Pennington	3/5	LaVetra Ray	3/29	Alona Johnson	4/17
Tyrese Campbell	3/12	Wesley Randolph	3/31	Donnesha Carter	4/21
Marcus Kidd	3/13	Yessenia Perez	4/1		

Class 2

Brittany Jackson	4/30	Cleora Coates-Lambert	3/27	Nicholas Herndon	4/16
Abdullhamid Ali	3/28	Gustavo Perez	3/29	Joselyn Chacon	4/18
Genesis Agustin	4/26	Shaniqua Flowers	4/4	James Saunders	4/19
Kaleb Berry	3/2	Seleste Beason	4/5	Waylon Gaye	4/20
Tau'ian Bly	3/6	Cynthia Martinez	4/5	Deandre Everett	4/21
Charles Love	3/9	Dana Fuller	4/6	Jennifer Rede	4/21
Herman Ming	3/12	Alva Locke	4/7	LeRenzo Kelley	4/22
Karen Cruz	3/13	Gloria Molina	4/7	Luis Mascote	4/23
Ikeisha Smith	3/23	Myia Simmons	4/7	Kathleen Brisbane	4/29
Evelyn Sarabia	3/25	Yesenia Lobato	4/8		

Class 3

Hugo Alatorre	3/15	Megan Matheson	3/8	Alexandra Shaw	4/6
Tyler Ball	3/21	Brittany Brunson	3/10	Erika Diaz	4/7
Ana Huerta	3/25	Stephen Muench	3/14	Victor Garcia	4/8
Daniela Medina	3/25	Jasmyne Neely	3/14	Kimberly Pierro	4/13
Selvin Gomez	4/22	Timaira Smith	3/14	Julian Moore	4/14
Omar Carrillo	4/23	Kareama Smart	3/15	Jeff Hytower	4/15
Alicia Aguirre	3/2	Keon Brown	3/17	Joselyn Mendoza	4/18
Brenda Mena-Sierra	3/2	Lesley Escamilla	3/17	Anisa Muhammad	4/18
Ella Davis	3/3	Karen Santacruz	3/23	Brianna Chatmon	4/19
David Minish	3/3	Demica Anastos	3/25	Ve-Shawn Dixon	4/27
JeVon Bausby	3/6	Elizabeth Pemberton	3/27	Manuela Arambula	4/28
Sheraz Pompey	3/7	Ebone'-April Johnson	3/30	Benjamin Parker	4/28
Malik Collins	3/8	Juan Alva	3/31	LaShawnda Daniels	4/29



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