

OTHER COLLEGE AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL AEROSPACE SCHOLARS HAS is now accepting online applications for 2011-2012. Texas **high school juniors** are eligible to apply. Students complete web-based lessons and travel to JSC for a six-day on-site summer experience. At JSC, students are divided into teams and work under the guidance of a NASA mentor, student mentor, and teacher to design a space exploration mission. Through this experience, students will discover numerous career opportunities and are encouraged to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or STEM fields. NASA's Johnson Space Center is an excellent stage to present this unique experience to our nation's future workforce. Students may also receive a high school science elective credit toward graduation upon successful completion of the program. The deadline to apply is **December 9th**. Find out more at: <http://HAS.aerospacescholars.org>

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M PRE-MEDICAL CONFERENCE The Prairie View A&M University Undergraduate Medical Academy is planning a Pre-Medical / Pre-Dental Conference for high school students in their junior or senior year. (Mature sophomores may also find it of interest.) The one day conference is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on **Saturday, February 11, 2012** and will be held on the Prairie View A&M University campus in the EE O'Banion New Science Building. We will have speakers from The University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston Medical School and Dental Branch, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Texas A&M Health Science Center and student panels discussing summer research and the application and admissions process. Please feel free to call the assistant director, Ms. Sheryl Jefferson (936.261.3074), Mrs. Ola Riley (936.261.3075)

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLIARY BLUEBONNET GIRLS STATE The purpose is to educate our young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship. The basic qualifications are leadership, citizenship, scholarship and character. See your counselor for more information about applying for Girls State or visit <http://www.girls-state.org/>.

TEXAS AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE is a weeklong "hands on" civic course. The participants learn about our form of government, including, election of city officials through state officials. They elect a House or Representatives, a Senate, a Governor and other state officials and on the last day the elected state officials hold session in the actual State of Texas Capitol in the House of Representatives and Senate chambers. To be eligible for nomination or appointment as a Boys State Delegate, the nominee must:

- Be a male high school student
- Have successfully completed his junior year
- Have at least one semester remaining
- Have not previously attended Boys State
- Volunteer to participate in Boys State
- Sign the Boys State pledge

- Be recommended by his high school officials
- Have parents/guardians' permission to attend
- Be certified by the sponsoring American Legion Post

For more information, please visit <http://txlegionbstate.wordpress.com/> , email chairman@txlegionbstate.org or see your counselor.

EMMA L. BOWEN FOUNDATION FOR MINORITY INTERESTS IN MEDIA PROGRAM The Emma L. Bowen Foundation was created in 1989 to prepare minority youth for careers in the media industry. The Foundation's program is unlike traditional intern programs in that students work for partner companies during summers and school breaks from the summer following their junior year in high school until they graduate from college. During the five-year program, students have an opportunity to learn many aspects of corporate operations and develop company-specific skills. Corporations have an opportunity to train and mentor students with the option of fulltime employment upon completion of their college degrees. Students earn an hourly salary and matching funds for college expenses. Academic excellence is also a key component of the program—students are required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average to remain in good standing. Approximately 50-60 new students join the program each year. For more information and an application, visit <http://www.emmabowenfoundation.com/main.html> .

NESTLE VERY BEST IN YOUTH Nestlé has been a proud sponsor of the biennial Nestlé Very Best In Youth program for more than 12 years. Created to spotlight the best in youth leadership, the program identifies teens whose efforts are making a profound impact in lives other than their own. Nestlé helps young people, who want to make a difference, realize their dreams by donating \$1,000 in the name of each winner to the charity of his/her choice. Nestlé also awards the winner a trip for them and a parent or guardian to Los Angeles, California for the Nestlé Very Best In Youth awards ceremony. Contestants must be between 13 and 18 years of age and have parental or legal guardian permission to submit the entry form. Contestants must also demonstrate good citizenship, a strong academic record, and show how they have made a special contribution to their school, church or community. To apply, please visit <http://verybestinyouth.nestleusa.com/About/Default.aspx> .

THE NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR 45th ANNUAL POETRY AND POSTER CONTEST. The theme for this year's national contest is Celebrating My Career Dreams. The contest is designed to celebrate, inspire, and emphasize the importance of career development and interest. Working together, we can help our fellow Texans make their career dreams a reality. There are three categories: Poetry of which can be in any acceptable Poetic form; (e.g. cinquain, free verse, diamante, haiku, limerick, metered, rhyming, blank verse); Poster

Traditional (C1 Category) using any of the traditional drawing styles --pencil, poster paints, magic marker, acrylics, or oil; Poster Mixed Media (C2 Category) utilizing photos, clipart, graphic art software, collage, or mixed media. The top three State winners in each category are then sent on to the National contest for judging in the National contest sponsored by the National Career Development Association. For more information on specific contest rules and entry forms please contact me, the Texas State Contest Coordinator R. J. Davis at randy.davis@tamucc.edu or by phone 361-825-5592.

THE YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM is a unique opportunity for exceptionally promising, high-achieving students with financial need from across the United States. Each Young Scholar receives comprehensive support during high school, including educational advising, participation in a community of similarly talented students, and financial aid for a variety of educational pursuits. Each year, the Foundation chooses approximately 75 Young Scholars from among more than 1,000 **seventh-grade** applicants. Visit our website from **January through April** to obtain an application. All applications are due the last Monday in April. <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/young-scholars-program>.

YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING USA Deciding to study abroad means you are ready to embark on a journey of discovery that will last a lifetime. A Youth For Understanding USA (YFU) study abroad program is an experience that will immerse you in the lives, culture and community of a family in one of 40 countries around the globe. It is an opportunity for US high school students and recent graduates to not only learn a new language, but to experience – in a year, semester or a summer program – what life is really like in another part of the world. For more information, visit <http://yfuusa.org/american-students.php> .

CIEE HIGH SCHOOL AND GAP YEAR ABROAD CIEE High School Abroad programs, Summer High School Abroad programs, and Gap Year Abroad programs provide U.S. high school students and recent high school graduates with an unforgettable international experience. Since 1947, CIEE has sent over 50,000 U.S. youth to locations around the globe. These programs allow U.S high school students and recent high school graduates to study abroad, to live with a native host family, work abroad, and/or volunteer, and to challenge themselves on a new level by becoming fully immersed in a language and a new culture. For more information, visit <http://www.ciee.org/hsabroad/high-school-study-abroad/index.html> .

COLLEGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM Preparing young adults with Asperger's and learning differences for happy, productive lives, CIP offers various college support, workshops, and summer programs to students ages 16-19 across the country. Please visit <http://www.collegeinternshipprogram.com> to see all of the learning and college opportunities available.

SPI STUDY ABROAD COLLEGE CREDIT LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMS Study abroad experience in high school not only helps students prepare for making high scores on AP/IB exams but also gives them the competitive edge on college applications and resumes. Students gain many intangible benefits such as increased self confidence, independence, maturity, as well as increased fluency in a foreign language - skills that enrich their lives forever. As parents and students start planning for college, we appreciate you telling them about our very unique summer opportunity - SPI Study Abroad www.spiabroad.com.

CRUMP LAW CAMP The National Bar Association is seeking applicants for the **Crump Law Camp** which was established for students entering the 9th through 11th grades and between the ages of 14 and 17 to introduce them to the judicial system. The goal of the NBA camp is to encourage young people at an early age to become lawyers and seek legal careers in the future. By 2050 more than half of the people in this country will be of color. More than 90% of the nation's lawyers are white, as are more than 80% of the students enrolled in law school. Yet more than 30% of the United States is comprised of people of color. The NBA is seeking applicants to attend this camp from every ethnic group and its selection process is non-discriminatory. Campers were and will be housed on the Howard University campus and live in a protected camp environment. **Open enrollment is available to students across the country but emphasis will be on enabling students from low income families to attend.** Tuition for the camp will vary depending upon family income. The tuition covers transportation to and from Washington, D.C.; housing; meals; educational materials; and expenses for field trips. The camp provides students with an exciting academic and social agenda in the Washington, D. C. area. Applications are available on the NBA website is www.Nationalbar.org.