

Tracy African American Association Newsletter

Scholarships!

Scholarships are monetary rewards for triumphs that are recognized by groups who monitor achievements in **scholastics**, **athletics**, and **community service**. Scholarships are one of the best ways to further an education. They allow students to move along the rails of academic instruction without totally draining the family purse.

Scholastic excellence is a feel good situation for students, parent, and family. It is a mark of achievement that is understood by all communities of people, all levels of education and hiring panels. Consistent good grades demonstrate a person continuous improvement regiment.

Athletic performance has always been recognized as an important factor in education. It demonstrates that the body and mind are one system. Combinations of physical power and manual dexterity used in tasks are timed and measured have always been rewarded.

Community service is the hallmark of unselfishness. To give time to your community is a demonstration that you are an asset. This shows you building expertise while on the job site of life. You are gathering life experience while going through life.



*Micheala Neverson,
UNC, Journalism



*Gregory Eaglin,
San Jose State, Kinesiology



*Noah Hawariat
U.C. Merced,

Everyone appreciates those who give!

While in the early stages of high school students may not realize the value their efforts have for obtaining a scholarship and the track record that is being created. Students are creating the material that will be placed on the scholarship application.

A scholarship enables an awardees' family income to jump by the value of the scholarship. Some scholarships are worth many thousands of dollars. Imagine, earning another \$3,000.00 to \$20,000 dollars a year. That is an award that could eliminate the need to use fiscal resources that may difficult to replace. A scholarship will lessen the drain on the family purse.

The TAAA Wayne Nelson Scholarship minimum award is 500.00 dollars. This can be used for text books, software, transportation, or other items required in the college arena. Monies that will help the education process and not add to long term financial obligation. There are many scholarships that are offered in this county and country. Applying for scholarships are easy but preparing for the scholarships take many years of

* Some of 2011 TAAA scholarship awardees. See the TAAA web site for the complete list.

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work by both parents and students. The sums of the rewards are instant and long term.

Below are 2 web sites out of many that will interest you in the scholarship search.

<http://www.taaa.net>

<http://www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html>

Community Service Fair

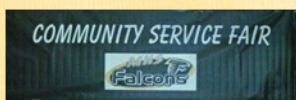
Tracy African American Association was proud to participate in the Tracy Learning Center – Millennium High School’s 4th Annual Community Service Fair. The Service Fair is a time set aside by the school to let community groups who require volunteers convene at one location to highlight their needs and explain their organizational goals to the students.

Students can sign up to volunteer for specific events or specific hours, depending on the organization’s needs. Credits are earned for the services performed. These credits are required for graduation from high school and are reviewed by scholastic institutions for evaluating students for scholarships.

The Service Fair is a convenient way for all organizations to get commitments



*Nadia Ahmed, UC Merced



<http://www.uneed2.org/>



<http://www.uneed2.org/>



<http://www.tracyinterfaith.org/>

from students. The students had close to two dozen community organizations to choose from at this event. Many students signed up to volunteer at more than one organization booth. Some organizations allowed students to sign up for personal growth opportunities, as well as community service. Boys and Girls Clubs of Tracy, UNEE2, and Tracy Interfaith Ministries (to name a few) were on hand. (Shown left under “Community Service Fair” banner.)

Tracy African American Association signed up volunteers for tasks that will be required for the 2012 Juneteenth Festival coming the first weekend in June. Volunteers of all ages are being sought. Join with a friend.

Up Coming Events

- Meetings are the first Saturday of every month at the George Kelly School located at 535 Mabel Josephine Drive.



FAMILY BOWLING FUN

Sponsored by
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Kick off your Family Thanksgiving Vacation with TAAA for a fun afternoon out...

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2011
1:00PM TO 5:00PM

\$12 PER PERSON, INCLUDES SHOE RENTAL,
3 HOURS OF BOWLING, PIZZA & SODA

Tickets can be purchased at:

- Imara Mortgage at 68 E 11th Street, Suite 120, Tracy, CA.
- Online at TAAA.net (for a Will-Call Pickup)
- At the Door the day of event

West Valley Family Bowl

2365 East Street (Corner of Grant Line Road)
Tracy, CA 95376 (209-835-5262)

For Additional Information contact Nancy Young at 510-459-5505

Use the internet to connect to the Tracy Unified School District. Your child’s future is at your finger tips. You can verify your child’s requirements on line from home, work, or on the road. <http://www.tracy.k12.ca.us/Pages/MainHomePage.aspx>

