



Mentor UPDATE

Hello,

National Mentoring Month

By focusing national attention on the need for mentors, as well as how each of us—individuals, businesses, government agencies, schools, faith communities and nonprofits—can work together to increase the number of mentors, we assure brighter futures for our young people. January 21, 2010 is the national Thank Your Mentor Day. As a current mentor to a Take Stock in Children scholarship recipient, this may be a day you may choose to reflect on a mentor that helped pave the way in your life and take the time to express gratitude.

KnowHow2Go.Org, Step 4. Get Your Hands on Some Cash

Foundation Scholarships are On-line

The 2009-10 Scholarship Application process began November 16, 2009 and ends January 7, 2010. Encourage your senior mentee to apply online at www.educationfoundation.com. The Hillsborough Education Foundation offers many college and technical awards, with unique and varying criteria. These scholarships are available to any graduating high school student in a Hillsborough County Public School.

.....More Scholarship Information

- **David Logan Scholarship** - Awarded once each year to two high school seniors (one male and one female) who excel in athletics and academics. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **The Bailey Family** - The Bailey Family Foundation's spring application period is open January 1 thru March 15, 2010. High School and College Program finalists will be selected

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Mentors Needed

Have friends or colleagues who would make an amazing mentor? Send their information to [Julie Rocco](#) and she will contact them!

Reminders

Early Release Days for 2009-2010:

- January 13, 2010
- January 27, 2010
- February 3, 2010
- February 17, 2010
- March 31, 2010
- April 21, 2010
- May 5, 2010
- May 19, 2010
- June 10, 2010

by April 15 for the opportunity to receive \$5,000 towards 2010-2011 college tuition. Good luck to all applicants! Click [here](#) for more information.

- **National Peace Essay Contest** - Entries for the 2009-2010 National Peace Essay Contest must be received by February 1, 2010. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship** - Jackie Robinson Foundation awards Scholars four-year scholarships with cash awards of up to \$7,500 per year to attend the college or university of their choice. In addition, Scholars are financially sponsored to attend the annual Networking Weekend. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **DeBartolo Family Foundation** - Recognizes those students who have achieved academic excellence despite financial obstacles. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Junior Workshop

All mentors with a junior in high school as their mentee are invited to come.

When: Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Tampa Bay Technical High School (Auditorium)
6410 Orient Rd.
Tampa, FL 33610

Your mentee will learn about the Florida Prepaid scholarship he/she has with the Hillsborough Education Foundation as well as receive instructions on what preparatory actions must be taken to activate the scholarship during senior year.

Whether you have been a mentor for many years, or just joined the program, we are excited to have you as part of our mentoring team.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please call or email us.



Important Dates

Students Return to School	January 4, 2010
Martin Luther King Jr. Day/Non-Student Day.	January 18, 2010
Teacher Work Day/ Non-Student Day	January 19, 2010
Students' Day at the Fair (West Hillsborough County)	February 5, 2010
Strawberry Festival (East Hillsborough County)	March 8, 2010
Spring Holiday/Non-Student Days	April 12-16, 2010
Students Return to School	April 19, 2010
Conference Day/Non-Student Day	April 30, 2010
Memorial Day/Non-Student Day	May 31, 2010
Last Day of School/End of Fourth Grading Period/2nd Semester . .	June 10, 2010
Teacher Post-Planning	June 11-14, 2010

For many of us, this is the Holiday Season, a time of gift-giving, celebrations, and a time to enjoy the company of our friends and family. As 2009 comes to an end, we want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your dedication and hard work over the past year. We have great confidence in all of you and continue to be impressed year-round with your level of generosity in taking the time to spend with your mentee. We are aware that many of you go above and beyond your regular duties as a volunteer mentor sharing your time, and even your personal resources with the youth entrusted to your care and supervision. The Hillsborough Education Foundation Family wishes all of you a happy and healthy holiday season, and we look forward to a new year of continued growth and success for all of us. May you and yours have a peaceful and happy holiday season.

Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,

The Mentoring Support Team

Hillsborough Education Foundation