



College Corner

Markus McElveen: Is a Renaissance college junior excelling in all areas at Shaw University. A Norwalk High School graduate, Markus has a double major: Allied Health and Therapeutic Recreation. His minor is in Social Work. Markus achieved a 3.6 GPA for his fall semester. Markus not only excels in academics, he also plays left tackle on the Shaw University football team. Markus plans to go to graduate school and wants to work in physical rehab helping people who have been injured. He credits his father and mother and aunt for pushing him to do well. "I could not have achieved what I have without all their help," says Markus.



Jeffrey Sierra: will graduate in June from Philadelphia University with a major in psychology. Jeffrey has just been accepted into the City Year Program, similar to Americorps, where he will work for one year with inner-city youth in New Hampshire before going on to graduate school. The City Year Program will also give him \$5,000 toward graduate school.



Hervens Jeannis: just achieved a 4.0 GPA for his first semester in graduate school in systems engineering at University of Maryland Baltimore campus (UMBC).



Jump Start Your New Year!

Free Pilates and Nutrition classes! Every other Monday starting February 8, 2010 at Leroy Downs Apartments, 26 Monroe Street from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. For more exciting information call Emily Hartwell 203-838-8471 ext 180.

GET \$1,000 WORTH OF SAT PREP FREE!

If you need to take SAT's contact Richard Nemchek to enroll in the free evening SAT Prep classes offered Monday and Friday, 4:30-5:45 at the 20 West Avenue Learning Center. To enroll call: 203-322-8407 between 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM or 20 West Avenue at 203-852-1144.

Paid Summer Student Program

Application Due Feb. 17th

Applications for Bank of America's Student Leader Program for high school juniors and seniors are available! Each student will have an opportunity to attend a leadership seminar in Washington, D.C. in July of 2010 with other student leaders from throughout the country. Students will participate in an eight-week paid internship in the summer of 2010 with a nonprofit organization in Fairfield County and be compensated accordingly. **Applications are due February 17th.** The internet link for more information and the online application process. http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_studentleaders. For further details, call Nicholas Vazquez at 203-905-4132 or email at nicholas.s.vazquez@bankofamerica.com. For help with applications, call Barry Dancer at 203-852-1144 ext. 123.



Thank You Resident Advisory Board Members!

On behalf of NHA, we would like to thank all RAB members for their participation in the preparation of the 2010 PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan. The efforts made by all, will make a difference in your community. If you or someone you know who resides in Public Housing or a Section 8 participant, would like to become a member of the Resident Advisory Board, please contact Nicole Ruffin at 203-838-8471 ext. 140.

SafeLink Wireless' Lifeline Service



Do you know someone who is a Medicaid recipient? Through the SafeLink Wireless' Lifeline Service you can receive a FREE Wireless phone and a FREE cellular plan that gives you 64 Minutes every month. For more information on how to apply and to see if you qualify for this program, go to www.SafeLinkwireless.com.

NORWALK READS! FREE BOOKS +

STEPPING STONES MUSEUM FREE ADMISSION!

Come for free Thursday evening from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, January 28, to Stepping Stones Museum and get an added bonus of free children's books from Norwalk Reads! Four free children's books for each child will be given out. If you need a ride contact Evelyn at the 20 West Avenue Learning Center at 203-852-1144.



Do You Have Experience as a Laborer?

Possible contractor work available for laborers! Contact Guillermo Bendana at 838-8471 ext. 135 for information.

Loitering in the Hallways Is A Lease Violation

NHA in conjunction with the Norwalk Police Department will be issuing trespassing or loitering tickets to persons found in the hallways! **Please inform all members of your household and guests that the hallways are not a place to gather or to hang out!** Persons who maybe your guests or members of your household and are issued tickets will be forwarded to NHA to begin legal action to terminate your lease.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS!

NORWALK HOUSING FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP is now available. Contact Carla Conway NHF Scholarship Coordinator for further information at 838-8471, ext. 176. This year scholarship applications will be emailed upon request. Remember: NHF Scholarships are only for public housing residents and their families whose names appear on the lease. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$7,000 per student, each year.

COLLEGE 101 FREE PIZZA NIGHT: for high school seniors, juniors and sophomores and their parents/guardians will be held on Tuesday, January 26 at Leroy Downs Community Room, 26 Monroe Street across from NHA's main office. Call Carla Conway to make reservations at: 203-838-8471, ext. 176 or email: cconwa@norwalkha.org.

Parenting Workshops

Join us for a Parenting Workshop Series Saturday mornings.

January 30th, February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

Time: 11:00am-12:30pm

Place: Norwalk Community College

(Transportation will be provided by NHA)

Childcare will be provided on site at the workshops.

Topics for Discussion: Child development and discipline, Relationship issues, Advocating for yourself and your children, Learning how to manage stress, Financial literacy, and Communication skills. **Contact Ann Prince to register for this wonderful opportunity at 203-838-8471 ext. 187.**

Public Housing Applications

Beginning February 1, 2010, NHA will **ONLY** accept public housing applications on Thursday's, from 9:00am to 4:30pm. Applications are available at the reception desk, Monday thru Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Applications are available on line at www.norwalkha.org.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)



The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable federal income tax credit for low to moderate income working individuals and families. To qualify, taxpayers must meet certain requirements and file a tax return, even if you do not earn enough money to be obligated to file a tax return. The EITC has no effect on certain welfare benefits. Call Vanessa Ocasio at NEON for more details and appointment information at 203-899-2420.

Your Money, Your Life!

The Connecticut Money School (CMS) believes that everyone should have the opportunity to become financially stable. One way to achieve financial stability & success is through a better understanding of how to manage your money & your assets. CMS will be providing **FREE FINANCIAL CLASSES** at the 20 West Ave. Learning Center in Norwalk. For more details and a copy of the schedule of classes, call Guillermo Bendana at 203-838-8471 ext. 135. FREE transportation is also available.



Reading Coach Linda Ferguson works with students at the Norwalk Reads! Literacy Center.

Women's Day Conference



This **FREE** conference will be held at Dolce Center, 32 Weed St., Norwalk on February 13, 2009 from 11:00am until 3:00pm. There will be guest speakers, prizes, free food and transportation. To attend this exciting event, you **MUST** RSVP by February 5, 2010. Seating is limited, so call NOW! Contact Yolanda Dancy at 203-919-3941 or Ella Dunlap at

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