

MULTICULTURAL SERVICES AND STUDENT PROGRAMS

"Working Together, Appreciating Difference"



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Class of 2010!!
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Upcoming Events

March 14th - April 25th

Snite Museum of Art
Yin Yu Tang: A Chinese Home
A photo exhibition

April

- **Asian Heritage Month**
 - 27th 4-7 p.m. Asian style meal in the Dining Hall
 - 28th 5:30-7 p.m. Yoga workshop in the Student lounge
- **Women's History Month**

April 30th - May 1st

[River Bend Film Festival](#)
Century Center

May 1st

- Multicultural Recognition Ceremony
 - 5-7 p.m. Stapleton Lounge
- St. Adalberts Cinco de Mayo Celebration
 - 10am- 630 p.m Howard Park, Downtown South Bend
- American Stories: African American Life and Roots
 - 3:00p.m. St. Joseph County Public Library

May 2nd

Department Hooding Ceremonies & Honors Convocation

May 15th

Commencement Ceremony

Scholarships, Conferences, & Programs

Listed below are recommended websites that you can look at over the summer.

They have great scholarship, career and financial resources.

Good luck and have a great Summer!

- <http://www.careersandcolleges.com/>
- <http://www.aie.org/>
- <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>
- <http://www.coca-cola.com/index.jsp>
- <http://www.collegenet.com/elect/app/app>
- <http://www.embark.com/Pages/default.aspx>
- <http://www.fastweb.com/>
- <http://www.finaid.org/>
- <http://www.kodak.com>
- <http://www.kfc.com/>
- <http://www.ourfamilyforfamiliesfirst.org/>
- <http://scholarshipamerica.org/>

Diversity in Biotechnology: Building Partnerships and Sharing Best Practices

The summit takes place on May 3 and is free of charge. It will take place at McCormick Place in Chicago. The event's keynote speaker will be U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Regina Benjamin <<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/about/biographies/biosg.html>>.

If you would like more information about the event in Chicago you can visit the event website.



21st Century Leaders Internship

The 21st Century Leaders Summer Internship Program of the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute is a ten (10) week program that promotes grassroots community organizing and leadership development in key impact areas. The 21st Century Leaders Internship will provide students with an opportunity to observe the dynamics of social change by working with community leaders and elected officials in their respective areas to register voters and attend public policy seminars presented by local, county, state and federal officials. The student dedicates ten weeks to reaching his/her goal of registering 1000 new or restored, primarily Latino, voters. **The internship requires a mandatory training in Chicago, Illinois, May 28-30, 2010.** The internship program will officially begin May 31, 2010 and ends August 6, 2010. Applicants must be high school graduates or college students enrolled for fall of 2010 at an accredited 2 or 4-year College or University, be in good academic standing, and demonstrate involvement in either campus and/or community organizations.

Interns will receive a \$2,500 stipend for the ten (10) week program. Interns will be paid \$500 every two weeks.

A more detailed description has been attached, along with the [official application](#) data form. The complete application must be **postmarked by May 07, 2010**. Mail all requirements listed to: USHLI, 431 S. Dearborn St, Suite 1203, Chicago, IL 60605. Or send to the attention of Ricardo Lopez by fax to 312-427-5183 or emailed to rlopez@ushli.org.

10 Tips for College Students

Looking for a Job in a Tough Market

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1. **Know what it takes.** Different fields have different application requirements, and you need to know what those are for the field you are interested in. You also need to know what these materials look like in your field and which skills and experiences you need to emphasize.
2. **Perfect your application materials.** Always have your application materials reviewed by someone who is a better editor than you are.
3. **Activate your network.** Tell everyone you know what type of job you are looking for. There is no sin in looking for employment, so you need to get everyone in your network working for you. Follow up every lead you are given; you never know who knows the person who can get you the job you want.
4. **Join a professional organization.** Most occupations, from restaurant professionals to engineers, have professional associations. Join one. Attend meetings, go to seminars, and read the materials.
5. **Be patient and persistent.** Set aside time every week to check for job postings, to do research on employers in your field, and to send out a manageable number of applications. It is probably not realistic to try to send out 20, letter-perfect, individually tailored applications in a weekend, so pace yourself. It is better to send five high-quality applications than 20 generic ones. Treat the job search as a marathon rather than a sprint. www.job-hunt.org, www.wetfeet.com, and www.careerjournal.com are three of the many websites that will help you in your job search.
6. **Don't treat an interview as an interrogation.** If you are fortunate enough to land an interview, treat it as an opportunity to establish a professional relationship with the interviewer. Know the employer, and be prepared to ask intelligent questions. Engage with the interviewer, and do not be shy in letting the interviewer know how much you know about the employer and how much you want to work there. Be enthusiastic, not desperate.
7. **Practice out loud.** Try to anticipate the types of questions you will be asked, and practice your responses. If you lack experience or feel uncomfortable in interviews, find someone to do a mock interview with. Like any other skills, communication skills get better with practice.
8. **Be "on" from the start.** In this age of security cameras, you may be recorded from the moment you hit the employer's parking lot. Act as if the employer is watching you from the outset. Dress the part. Be friendly and respectful to everyone you meet.
9. **Make that first impression count.** With everyone you meet at the employer, but especially with the interviewer, you want to make your first impression count. Stand up straight. Look the interviewer in the eye. Smile, and extend your hand for a firm, but not knuckle-crushing, handshake.
10. **Be positive.** Stay upbeat throughout the interview. Smile—it will register in your voice. Do not let the interviewer's facial expressions or tone of voice throw you off your game. Do not assume that a particular answer is "wrong" or that you have "blown it." Stay confident. If asked about a perceived negative, do not make excuses or provide elaborate explanations. Give it one sentence, and move on. Remember that there is no "perfect" candidate; just be the best you can be.