

# Steppingstone FLASH NEWS

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## Upcoming Events

### **Spring Support Services Conference!**

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Boston Latin Academy

### Family Forum

Please join us on **Saturday, January 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** at **Boston Latin Academy** for a Family Forum open to all adult family members of high school Scholars. This will be an open forum for you to share your challenges, successes, and suggestions on how to cope with others who are experiencing similar situations.

Co-facilitated by Luz Mederos (a Support Services Advisor) and Angela Bouchard (Director of Counseling Services), we hope to provide you with some guidance, tips, and feedback to help you successfully navigate the remainder of the academic year.

RSVPs not necessary but helpful - 617-423-6300 x 248 or abouchard@tsf.org

## Facebook

Steppingstone has joined Facebook! We have a fan site dedicated to you, Support Services Scholars. Join our fan site to stay up to date on new events, college tour dates, discussions on great books, or just to say hello to your Advisor.

Please copy and paste:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Official-Steppingstone-Academy-BOSTON/122905903510?ref=nf>

# College Reminders

## Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors:

**College tour info:** Freshman, sophomores and juniors please be on the lookout for tours this spring! There will be tours in both March and April so that we can serve independent school and exam school Scholars!

Reminder: If you are interested in attending, RSVP as early as possible because they will fill up!

## Juniors:

**Kaplan:** You should have received both an email and a hard copy of new instructions that will guide you in finding a Kaplan course.

If you are going to take the SAT this spring, put your best foot forward and start preparing now!

## Seniors:

**College acceptances:** Steppingstone not only wants to know where you will be going to college, but also where you were accepted, denied, and waitlisted. This is important information for future Scholars so please take two minutes out of your day and email or call your Advisor!

# Summer Opportunities and Funding

## **Summer Opportunities Fund**

The objective of this funding program is to help Steppingstone Scholars secure funding to participate in summer opportunities that will strengthen their candidacy as applicants to four-year colleges.

### **Application Requirements**

High school Scholars who are eligible for Support Services may apply for funding through Steppingstone. Scholars may apply more than once, **but may receive funds for only one summer program during their tenure as a Scholar. Scholars may receive funding of up to \$2,000 or 75% of the cost of the program (whichever is the lesser amount).** Since this process is selective and funds are limited, we encourage early applications. The remaining deadlines for this year are February 20, March 20, and April 17. A committee of Steppingstone staff will review applications and make recommendations for fund allocations to selected Scholars.

For applications please visit [http://www.tsf.org/documents/Application\\_10.pdf](http://www.tsf.org/documents/Application_10.pdf) or contact your advisor.

### **Hopeline Summer 2010 Job Registration- Save The Date And Tell a Friend!**

Mark your calendar and do not forget to register with the Hopeline to work for the Boston Youth Fund during the summer of 2010! All applicants must be residents of Boston and be between the ages of 15 and 17 years old. You must turn 15 on or before July 5, 2010 and cannot turn 18 on or before August 13, 2010. Call 617-635-HOPE (4673) on February 16, 17, 18 & 19 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Or, you can register online 24 hours a day from February 16 at 10:00 am until March 15 at 11:59 pm. Registering with the HOPELINE does **NOT** guarantee a summer job. Please call the Boston Youth Fund with any questions, 617-635-4202. Check out a list sites that offered HOPELINE jobs last summer.

[www.bostonyouthzone.com/teenzone/employment/byf](http://www.bostonyouthzone.com/teenzone/employment/byf)

### **BOSTONavigator!**

Now, search BOSTONavigator for After-School programs for youth ages 5-18 with new and better search capabilities! You can now search by a combination of age, activity, keyword and location. You can see all programs at a certain location and even e-mail the results of your search to yourself or a friend. If you have feedback for BOSTONavigator, email [feedback@bostonnavigator.org](mailto:feedback@bostonnavigator.org) Check out [www.BOSTONavigator.org](http://www.BOSTONavigator.org) today!

### **The Food Project**

The Food Project's mission is to create a thoughtful and productive community of youth and adults from diverse backgrounds who work together to build a sustainable food system. Each year, nearly 100 youth, ages 14-17, enter The Food Project's Summer Youth Program and work to grow and distribute thousands of pounds of organic produce for people in need. During the summer program, youth farm on both urban and suburban land, sell produce at farmers' markets, and prepare and serve lunches in local soup kitchens and homeless shelters. Youth workers are paid \$200/week, make new friends from a diverse group of extraordinary youth and take on new challenges that improve leadership and teamwork skills. Steppingstone Scholars have participated in this program in the past and had a great time!

Application Deadline: Friday, March 19, 2010

[Thefoodproject.org/syp](http://Thefoodproject.org/syp)

(781)259-8621 X23

## [Boston Youth Zone](#)

Here are some great resources from the Boston Youth Zone Email that get sent out each month. We suggest that you subscribe to this email to hear about great opportunities each

month! To subscribe to this and other e-newsletters from the City of Boston, visit:  
[www.cityofboston.gov/subscribe](http://www.cityofboston.gov/subscribe)

## SCHOOL DAYS

**Boston Public Library Homework Help:** In the Homework Assistance Program, students in grades 3-12 can get free after-school homework help at any library branch. There is also free one-on-one tutoring online with your library card until 10pm each night. 617-859-2212, [www.bpl.org/homework/](http://www.bpl.org/homework/)

**Parent University:** Take part in Parent University on January 30, 8:30 am-3:00 pm at Northeastern University. Learn how parents can act as teachers, advocates, leaders and learners throughout their role as a parent in numerous workshops. For more information and to register, [www.bostonpublicschools.org/parentuniversity](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/parentuniversity)

## WINTER PROGRAMS

**Dorchester Youth Council is Recruiting:** If you are between the ages of 12-18 and want to become a positive agent of change within your own community, join the Dorchester Youth Council! Keith, [kpernell@scidorchester.org](mailto:kpernell@scidorchester.org)

**Boston Centers for Youth and Families After School Programs:** Check out your local community center to find out about after school programs and winter activities. 617-635-4920, [www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf](http://www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf)

## JOBS & VOLUNTEERS

**Job Tips for Teens:** If you are looking for a job, check out Job Tips for Teens. [www.bostonyouthzone.com/afterschool/employment/tips.pdf](http://www.bostonyouthzone.com/afterschool/employment/tips.pdf)

**MathPOWER:** Afterschool program, "Math\*STARS", located at Sportsmen's Tennis Club and Yawkey Boys & Girls Club, is looking for volunteer tutors. The program is for Boston youth in grades 6-9. Support students through one-on-one tutoring and mentoring. Erin, 617-373-6550, [mathpowerafterschool@gmail.com](mailto:mathpowerafterschool@gmail.com)

**Boston Private Industry Council (PIC):** Learn about jobs, internships, resume writing and much more. Visit a Career Specialist at your BPS high school. [www.bostonpic.org](http://www.bostonpic.org)

**Teens In Print:** Want to see your name in print? Teens in Print, a citywide newspaper for teens by teens, is looking for articles, reviews, essays, letters, pictures, poems, art, photos, and stories from BPS high school students. Email original work with your name and age to [ric.kahn,jcs@cityofboston.gov](mailto:ric.kahn,jcs@cityofboston.gov). 617-541-2651, [www.bostontip.com](http://www.bostontip.com)

## ATHLETICS

**BCYF Youth Swim League:** A developmental swim league for boys & girls ages 6-15 who can swim at least 1 length of the pool. No prior swim team experience needed. Teams are now forming at many BCYF Centers around the city. Tony Rosario, 617-635-4920 x2150, [www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf](http://www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf)

**Franklin Park Tennis Association:** Free tennis lessons for kids on Sundays from 3:00 -5:00 pm. from December to May at Sportsmen's Tennis Club, 950 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester. [www.franklinparktennis.org/index\\_files/Page727.htm](http://www.franklinparktennis.org/index_files/Page727.htm)

## AMERICAN RED CROSS

**Red Cross Health and Safety Trainings:** These First Aid and CPR programs are available for any age group and are designed to enhance understanding and increase participants' confidence and skill retention. [www.bostonredcross.org](http://www.bostonredcross.org)

**American Red Cross of Mass Bay:** Get involved with the American Red Cross of Mass Bay through your Red Cross High School Club. If you are interested in volunteering with the Red Cross or starting a Red Cross club at your high school, contact Amelia, 617-274-5320, [aubourga@usa.redcross.org](mailto:aubourga@usa.redcross.org)

**Babysitting Training with the American Red Cross:** This course is designed for students in grades 6-9, ages 11-15, interested in becoming responsible babysitters. Students receive a certification in Infant & Child CPR, Babysitter's handbook and a babysitter's bag complete with a flashlight, mini first aid kit and family interview forms. 617-274-5200, [www.bostonredcross.org](http://www.bostonredcross.org)

## FOR GIRLS ONLY

**Science Club for Girls:** Young women in grades 7-12 can apply to work after school as a Junior Mentor for the Science Club for Girls. Provide support for an after school program while serving as a role model for elementary girls. Learn about leadership, science, and how to teach younger girls! Erika, 617-953-2293, [cobannon@scienceclubforgirls.org](mailto:cobannon@scienceclubforgirls.org)

## APPLY NOW

**Bank of America Student Leader Program:** This program is designed to recognize juniors and seniors in high school with a passion for improving their community. Student Leaders will participate in an eight-week paid internship at a local charitable organization and a week-long Student Leadership Summit in Washington, DC to gain valuable civic, social and business leadership skills. Deadline: February 17. [www.bankofamerica.com/neistudentleaders](http://www.bankofamerica.com/neistudentleaders)

## COLLEGE PLANNING

**City of Boston Scholarship:** If you are a resident of the City of Boston, have a High School Diploma or GED, and plan to pursue a post-secondary institution in Massachusetts, apply to receive the City Of Boston Scholarship. Deadline: April 2.

[http://www.bostonyouthzone.com/resources/college\\_guide/schol.asp](http://www.bostonyouthzone.com/resources/college_guide/schol.asp)

**ACCESS Center for College Affordability:** Since 1985, ACCESS has provided free financial aid advising to nearly 40,000 Boston students. From advice on filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to tips on applying for scholarships, you can get answers to all your college affordability questions. Advisors are located at BPS High Schools and at their new St. James Street offices. 617-778-7195, [www.accessboston.org](http://www.accessboston.org)

**Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University (AIB) Pre-College Program:** College courses for high school students interested in the visual arts will be offered during the Winter 2010 session. Courses will focus on the areas of Artistry, Technology and the Professions. Saturdays, February 20-April 10. Grades 9-12. Cost: \$75-100 plus \$30 registration fee. 617-585-6724, [www.aiboston.edu/precollege](http://www.aiboston.edu/precollege)

## Did You Know?

The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.

Or...

A car that shifts manually gets 2 miles more per gallon of gas than a car with automatic shift.