

# Steppingstone FLASH NEWS

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## Upcoming Events

Save the date: Tomorrow, March 17!

\*\*\* This is a vacation day for Boston Public Schools and many independent schools.

We will visit:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Tufts University

Lesley College

It's going to be an action-packed day! Please contact Ms. Sheff to RSVP and get a permission slip! You can call her at 617-423-6300 ext. 256, or email her at [nsheff@tsf.org](mailto:nsheff@tsf.org)

This tour is open to all high-school Scholars. Make the most of your free time by getting a jumpstart on your future! We will also have lunch provided by Tufts and the chance to speak to a Steppingstone Alum!

### Independent School Scholars

Looking for something to do on your spring break? Join Steppingstone on **March 24** on a trip to the ICA (Institute of Contemporary Art). We will meet at the downtown office at 12:15 and walk to the ICA. We will return to the Steppingstone office at 3:30.

It's going to be an exciting time! Please contact Ms. Greenberg to RSVP and get a permission slip! You can call her at 617-423-6300 ext. 249, or email her at [jgreenberg@tsf.org](mailto:jgreenberg@tsf.org)

### College Family Forum for Juniors

Please join us on **Saturday, March 20** from **12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at **Boston Latin Academy** for a College 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 for how to cope, with others who are experiencing similar situations. This Family Forum will focus on the college process, financial aid concerns, Scholars leaving home to attend college and finding the best college fit.

Facilitated by Nina Sheff, we hope to provide you with some guidance and tips to help you successfully navigate the upcoming college application process. This time will also give you the opportunity to share common concerns and thoughts with each other.

RSVP's not necessary but helpful - 617-423-6300 x 256 or [nsheff@tsf.org](mailto:nsheff@tsf.org)

### The Greater Boston Foodbank

Need community service hours? Don't know where to look? Please join Steppingstone on **Wednesday, April 21** as we volunteer our time at the **Greater Boston Food Bank**. On December 18, Ms. Mederos and Mr. Nguyen presented them with 47 pounds of canned food that created about 36 meals for those in need. We wanted to do more with the organization and will be volunteering our time.

If you are 16+ and are interested in joining Steppingstone at the Greater Boston Food Bank please email Ms. Mederos at [lmederos@tsf.org](mailto:lmederos@tsf.org). Spots are limited!

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Greater Boston Food Bank

## 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

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!
- **If you have not yet completed your FAFSA, do not wait another day to start! There are still walk-in hours at the ACCESS center on St. James Street!**

## 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 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)

### **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)

**ABCD Summerworks:** ABCD Summerworks is accepting applications through the rest of the school year at their neighborhood ABCD offices. Youth must be Boston residents, income eligible and between the ages of 14-21. For a list of neighborhood offices and more info, visit [www.summerworks.net](http://www.summerworks.net)

**2010-11 Mayor's Youth Council:** Are you a high school sophomore or junior and Boston resident who want to make a difference in your community? Do you want to take an active role in government? Then apply for the MYC. Each year, teens from all over the city are selected to outreach to peers, advocate for youth issues, and meet with city officials. Applications available at [www.bostonyouthzone.com/myc](http://www.bostonyouthzone.com/myc). Deadline: April 15. 617-635-2240, [youthcouncil@cityofboston.gov](mailto:youthcouncil@cityofboston.gov)

## SUMMER PREVIEW

**BCYF's Summer Guide is Here!:** Check out all the summer programs that community centers are offering during the summer of 2010. This guide includes important information about a variety of summer camps, sports leagues and more. [www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf](http://www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf)

**Summer Stuff- The 2010 Edition is Coming Soon!:** Find things to do in the summer for youth of all ages! This annual newspaper highlights all of the great programs and opportunities for Boston Students in the summer.

**Harbor Discoveries Camp:** Get the opportunity to explore the fascinating world of water with the City of Boston and the New England Aquarium. Programs include behind-the-scenes activities, excursions to Boston Harbor Islands, daily trips to north and south shore habitats and an overnight experience. A limited number of scholarships are available for Boston residents entering grades 4-7. Deadline: April 2. 617-973-0253 for general camp information, 617-635-4165 for scholarship information. [www.cityofboston.gov/environment/harbordiscoveries.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/environment/harbordiscoveries.asp)

**Connections2College:** Be a part of a six-week residential program at Suffolk University that

combines academic courses and part-time employment at the State House or Suffolk University. Must have a 2.5 GPA or better and be a rising Junior or Senior. The program will run from July 11-August 20, Sunday evenings through Friday Nights. For more information call 617-282-6110 x12.

**Gotcha Youth Job Fair:** Learn about youth job opportunities in the City of Boston on Mar 17, 4:00-7:00 pm at the Bird Street Community Center, 500 Columbia Rd, Dorchester. Make sure you register with the HOPELINE by Mar 16. [www.gotchayouthjobs.org](http://www.gotchayouthjobs.org)

## 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)

## 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)

**Boston Scholarship Guide:** Information about local scholarships available to help you pay for college! [http://www.bostonyouthzone.com/resources/college\\_guide/](http://www.bostonyouthzone.com/resources/college_guide/)

**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?

President Kennedy was the fastest random speaker in the world with upwards of 350 words per minute.

Or...

Rhode Island is the smallest state with the longest name. The official name, used on all state documents, is "Rhode Island and Providence Plantations."