

# Education



## Education Is Power

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The power of an adequate education cannot be overestimated. During these severe economically depressed times, any person without an adequate education has a most difficult time coping with life and providing even the barest essentials for a good life. A Black person without an education has an even more difficult time than those members of the majority race.

This is not the time for dropouts. This is not the time for our young Blacks to consider that they can quit school and find a job. Jobs are not as easily available as they were several years ago. Therefore we would do well to get all of the education we can in order to better prepare ourselves for what lies ahead.

Jobs in computer science, engineering, medicine, and mathematics are available, but very few of our young Blacks have the necessary qualifications to step into any of these jobs. Additional preparation beyond the high school level is usually necessary in order for one to be able to fill these jobs.

The problem seems to center around the fact

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Important Programs Offered At CCCC

#### Developmental Program

The Developmental Program at CCCC is designed primarily for students who possess the ability but lack the depth of background preparation to successfully complete college level programs. The emphasis of the Program is to assist these students in overcoming deficiency areas that may block the educational opportunities that CCCC can offer them. Developmental Studies provide the student wanted or needed work in building educational skills at basic levels in reading, writing, spelling, vocabulary, and study abilities. By taking advantage of developmental courses, any student who enters the community college environment lacking the necessary background is given the opportunity to build his/her educational deficiencies to the

that to prepare oneself for one of the jobs mentioned above costs more than most of us can afford.

We feel that now is the time for our community, which includes our churches, our fraternal, social and services organizations, to step forward and assist our young Blacks in securing the training necessary to fill the jobs that are available.

Several training programs are available, but only a minimum amount of our young Blacks are taking advantage of these programs. The causes for the lack of Black participants are many and varied. One cause may be that they have not been informed of the programs. Another may be that they have been kept from the programs for political reasons. Whatever the reason or reasons, we as Black adults must see to it that our young Blacks receive the opportunity for proper training in order for them to be able to receive and hold a job.

Never in the history of our nation has it been so necessary for Blacks to stick together for survival. Never has it been so important for our young people to receive the training necessary for survival.

The struggle is a long hard one. However, the time has come for us as Blacks to prove to this nation that we can and will, with God's help, survive even the harsh economic times that exist in our nation today. One way to prove this is by getting an education that will prepare us for holding down the kinds of jobs that are available.

required levels.

In addition to the reading/communication/study skills courses, the Developmental Program also offers English as a Second Language -- a multi-leveled course of study designed for students from all parts of the world who have one common goal -- that of improving their English proficiency. Seven course levels of ESL are offered, ranging from beginning to advanced. Students are placed into the appropriate level of study through diagnostic testing. Emphasis is placed on the development of all the language skills -- listening, speaking, reading and writing.

The Developmental Program provides instruction in many of its course offerings via the open-lab and the traditional classroom. In this way an effort is made to offer students their preference in method of instruction.

The Developmental Program offers

#### Summer Telecourses Offered

Clark County Community College (CCCC) and Channel 10 will continue their cooperative effort and offer Telecourses during the summer for an eight week session beginning June 6.

Courses to be offered are: ENGLISH 101--three credits--Writing for a Reason, Monday and Wednesday 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and SOCIOLOGY 101--three credits--Focus on Society, Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Telecourses are composed of video programs, textbook readings, interaction with expert faculty, and tests designed to measure and expand understanding of the material.

preparation for the GED exam by providing three separate, self-paced courses in the areas of grammar, reading, and math. Free pre-tests are given to find out which courses (if any) are needed. The student is given the results of this test immediately and advised of the appropriate action to take.

#### Adult Basic Education

Adult Basic Education is a program separate but co-existent with the Developmental Program especially designed to assist adults to acquire or improve their basic educational and living skills. Instruction is provided in reading, mathematics, and pre GED studies. The program also includes English as a Second Language instruction for all adults with limited and non-English speaking skills. Classes are free of charge and are conducted at a variety of locations throughout Clark County

Students may register in person, by mail, or by telephone. Fee: \$17.00 per credit hour. Payment may be made with VISA or MASTERCARD. To register by telephone, call 643-0830 Monday through Thursday between the hours 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. To register by mail, send to Clark County Community College, 3200 E. Cheyenne Ave., N. Las Vegas, NV 89030. To register in person at CCCC, the hours are: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration continues through June 6.

For additional information pertaining to the Telecourses, call CCCC 643-5524 or 643-6060 ext. 250.

as well as at the Cheyenne Campus of the Community College. Job Seeking Skills training is also available for persons wishing to improve these essential skills, and tutoring services can be arranged on an individual basis depending upon the availability of trained tutors.

The Developmental Program maintains a referral learning assistance program as a service to the other academic areas of the College. It is designed to help students with minor reading, writing, study skills and reasoning problems who have been recognized and referred by their instructors. As a result a general verbal ability test administered to determine the extent of deficiency, the student will be assigned appropriate remedial work or advised to enroll in a regular developmental program. Test scores, completed work and progress reports will be furnished to the instructor at his/her request.

#### Day Care Graduation Exercises Announced

The Zion Methodist Day Care Center, 2108 North Revere Street, North Las Vegas, will hold its "graduation" exercises on Sunday, May 15, 1983, at 4:00 P.M., at the Zion Methodist Church. The public is invited.