

Education

Education Is Power

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This is an open letter to my young friends, the high school and college students, who will graduate this spring.

Dear friends:

Perhaps you feel that now your days for study and learning are over, and that you can relax and enjoy life. Perhaps you feel that you can go forth and conquer the world in areas presently unknown to man. Or perhaps you feel that you should just take it easy for a while, settle down and get a job, raise a family, and live happily ever after.

All of the above are noble gestures that all of us have felt at one time or another. So you are not alone in your feelings.

But, before we go any further, let us take stock of our assets and/or liabilities. Does a high school diploma or a college degree certificate give us the privilege to work in the field of our choice without further training? We think not in all cases. Several questions need to be answered even before we go out to start looking for a job. Some of these might be: Am I fully trained for the kind of job I will feel comfortable in for the rest of my working life, or should I get further training? Is there a reasonable market for the skills I have? Where and how should I start looking for a job?

The more training one has for a particular kind of job, the greater are his/her chances of getting the desired job. So we would suggest that you prepare for returning to school at a later date and receiving more training. More training also means better pay.

Oops! I almost forgot. If you are Black, you must remember that your chances for getting a job is

CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Respiratory Therapy Program Expands

Allen Mason, Coordinator of the Respiratory Therapy Program at Clark County Community College (CCCC), Cheyenne Campus, 3200 E. Cheyenne Ave., N. Las Vegas, has announced that an admission test battery for the Fall 1983 Semester will be given at the CCCC Cheyenne Campus in Room 1104 June 1 at 3 p.m., June 2 at 1 p.m., and June 3 at 10 a.m. Fees \$3.

Mason states that due to curriculum changes and revisions, the prerequisite courses as stated in the 1982 course catalog have been eliminated. The changes and revisions will allow the addition of therapist level training to the existing technician

program through an integrated step-ladder approach.

Respiratory therapy, Mason explains, is a dynamic and rewarding allied health specialty involved in the treatment, care, and management of patients with heart-lung disorders. Therapy includes the use of medical gases, aerosols, medications, ventilatory support, respiratory disease management, and diagnostic testing. The career of respiratory therapy demands qualified personnel in all areas of the country in hospitals, clinics, research, home care, sales and education.

The CCCC Respiratory Therapy Program is approved by

the American Medical Association (AMA) Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation. Technician program graduates will receive a certificate of completion and will be eligible to take the national certification exam given by the National Board for Respiratory Care to become a certified Respiratory Therapy Technician (CRTT). Therapist program graduates may receive

an Associates of Applied Science degree and will be eligible to take the national registry exam to become a registered Respiratory Therapist.

Enrollment for the Respiratory Therapist Program at CCCC is limited to 25 students; therefore, interested persons should contact the Admissions Office or Autumn Keyes, counselor, for information regarding application and program admission policies.

First Scholarship Presentation To Be Held

On May 22, 6:00 P.M., at Second Baptist Church located at 500 Madison Ave., the First B-CON Scholarship Network Honors Convocation will be held. B-CON is The Black Community Organizational Network For Scholarship presently composed of ten Black organizations: fraternities, sororities, community service and cultural organizations. These organizations plan the first presentation of a combined community project to award scholarships from their organizations to Black Students they have selected for academic and extra-curricular activities achievement. A second feature of the Honors Convocation will be recognition of Black Students who have received outstanding scholarships and/or awards from other organizations and educational institutions.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Booker T. Guyton, chairman of the Board of Trustees for Stockton, California Unified School District. Rev. Guyton is an instructor at The San Joaquin Community College in Stockton and also pastor of The Bethel A.M.E. Church in Reno, Nevada.

B-CON members consist of AFRO-AMERICAN Cultural Services, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Black Fire

Fighters, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Les Femmes Douze, The Links, Desert Rose Grand Chapter-Order of Eastern Star, The National Assoc. of Black Social Workers and Phi Delta Kappa Sorority.

It is the desire of B-CON to combine their individual organizational scholarship efforts to demonstrate to Black students that community groups are working together for their future. This will also bring Black Community Organizations to the attention of Black Students, allowing them to see Black professionals working in community service. This example should encourage students to want to contribute to the community's growth.

Dr. Bernard Hamilton, Kappa Frat, serves as chairman of B-CON; Margaret Crawford, AKA Sorority, is secretary; Eva Simmons, Delta Sorority, is treasurer.

The community residents are invited to assist B-CON in becoming a shining "beacon" of united support of the youth of our community. Admission is free. There will be an Honors Convocation Reception immediately following the ceremony.

For more information please contact: Dr. Hamilton, 648-5755, 459-4023 and/or Margaret Crawford at 642-3288, 642-7143.

sometimes tempered by you ethnicity, which means that you will need to have proof of more and better training in order to receive a job sometimes filled by a majority person of lesser training. This should serve to make us more amenable to training efforts made by our teachers, our parents, and those who desire to help us. The more training we get, the greater will be our chances for achieving our desired objectives in life.

As Blacks, we must also be aware that although prejudices exist, there are those who have fought long and hard to achieve even the minor inroads already made, and that now it is our job to further those inroads.

We can do it! We know we can if we will! Remember, to paraphrase an old saying, "The best books have never been written, the best music has never been played, and the best work has never been done". Keep at it and you will come out on top.

Sincerely,
Your friends.

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