# Education

## Ray & Ross Scholarship Finalists To Be Presented Awards

Sonya Aikles of Bonanza High School, James Splond and Sherral Bass of Eldorado High, have been selected as finalists for the annual Ray & Ross Transport scholarship These three awards. graduates will be given an opportunity to present their views on "How Could Education be Improved in the Clark County School District," which was the required essay subject for all applicants. All three will receive scholarships, with none being less than \$500.

The presentations will be made at the annual Ray & Ross black tie program, where a panel of judges will make the final decision on

the order of awards. This year's program "Puttin on the Ritz" will be held on July 28, 8:00 pm, at the Cashman Field Theater Complex.

In addition to the scholarship awards, the program will offer a variety of entertainment produced by B. Young Productions and an after-party with light supper buffet and no host bar. All community members are encouraged to attend this event. Ticket prices are: Golden Donor, \$50; Adults, \$35 advance, \$40 at door; Youth 18 & under, \$15 advance, \$20 at door. For ticket information call Ticketron, 800-992-2128.

### Upward Bound Commencement and Banquet to be held at UNLV Sat., July 29

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas Upward Bound Commencement and Banquet will be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29 in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom, UNLV.

A donation of \$10.00 is

requested for attendance.

Upward Bound's Commencement and Banquet is being sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha, Incorporated.

For further information call 739-3871.

### **CCCC Schedules Word Perfect Modules**

The Center for Business and Industry Training, Clark County Community College, has scheduled three modules of WordPerfect 5,0 beginning in late July. Module I, July 25, 1:00 p.m.--5:00 p.m., will address the function keys, how to create, edit, revise, save and print documents. Other features included will be Help menus, Spellcheck and Thesaurus. Module II on August 1, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, will cover page setup, codes, blocking,

printer control, and merge/sort. Module III will feature columns, headers, footnotes, marking text for redline and related functions as well as simple macros, and importing and exporting documents. It will be held August 1, 1:00 p.m.--5:00 p.m.

The cost is \$50 per module or \$120 for all three. Contact the Center for Business and Industry Training for more information, 643-6944.

#### English As A Second Language Conversation Classes

Day & Evening Classes Available
Days: Tuesday & Thursday
Dates: July 25 thru August 31
Times & Locations:
9:30-11:00 a.m.
Calvary Baptist Church
1600 Carter
North Las Vegas

6:30-8:00 p.m.
Reformation Lutheran Church
580 E. St. Louis
Las Vegas
Fee: \$20.00
For more information, call: 399-2899

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Using Summer School To Your Advantage



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While some students will be using the summer break for vacation or working and saving money for the fall, a high percentage of students will be attending summer schools.

It is a fact that today most high school and college students attend summer school at least one summer during their scholastic careers. And many of these are exceptionally bright students.

Going to summer school used to carry a negative stigma with it; it was thought that only those who failed classes during the regular year went.

First of all, failing a subject does not constitute a lack of ability; rather it indicates that some adjustments are needed in order to succeed in a particular area.

While many students attend summer school to catch up, make up or improve their class performance, more and more students are using the summer period to get ahead of the game.

Usually the courses available during the summer are offered at more than one school offered more than once and are plentiful enough that students will have several to choose from.

On the high school level, students can take courses in a much shorter time span that they would normally have to wait to take in the fall and for a longer time span. For some, four weeks of intensive Algebra or a language beats having to sit through months of the course during a semester.

Sometimes the difference in a high or average grade can be in the style of a teacher. Personalities are as important as the content often times and there is no denying that some instructors just know how to make some classes more exciting.

Some high school graduating seniors even use

the summer as a time to take a few freshman classes at the local community college, with the intention of transfering those credits to the school they will be attending in the fall.

There are also some very good community colleges that bright high school students have chosen to attend because of any number of reasons; location, cost, vocational/technical programs, senior college prep courses.

College students, likewise, are using summer sessions to establish advanced standing at their respective colleges. In fact, many colleges now have special graduation ceremonies during the summer.

The cost of attending summer sessions is nominal and in many instances, financial aid and student employment is available.

For many, the biggest advantage to summer school is the opportunity to take necessary classes for only a few weeks, usually four to six weeks per course. Still others like the challenge of taking courses with advanced students.

A little realized advantage that could become more pronounced later is the way prospective employers look at how a student utilizes his or her summer periods. Summer school represents activeness and motivation in

the opinion of some recruiters.

Some students have currently discovered that because of the short length of each summer session, it is possible to also work during the summer -- for the remainder of the summer.

The fact that you passed or failed a course, want to acquire additional credits or want the experience of studying in a more rigorous setting is really between you and your significant others (family, teachers, friends, counselors). Taking full advantage of summer school offerings, at the very least, keeps you on an academic straight course.

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