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**Parents, Will Your Sons
Or Daughters Be In
Summer School?**



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This is a summer school informational column for parents and guardians. Each year many high school and college students are so anxious to finish their spring terms that they don't think about the value of attending summer school.

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 wisely attending summer schools. We highly encourage parents and advisors to discuss this option with student.

In fact this writer speaks first hand about the advantages of going to summer school. I have regularly attended summer school: from my "ancient" high school days through doctoral studies.

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 students are using the summer period to get ahead of the game.

On the high school level, students can take courses in a shorter time span than they would normally have to wait to take in the longer fall term.

For some, four weeks of intensive Algebra or a language beats having to sit through months of the course during the fall semester.

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 applying those credits to the school they will be attending in the fall.

Also, there are some very good community colleges that bright high school students have chosen to attend because of any number of reasons: location, cost, vocational/technical program, 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 sum-

mer.

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. The point of all of this is that taking full advantage of summer offerings, at the very least, keeps students on an academic straight course.

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DIRECTORY OF MINORITY SCHOLARSHIPS TARGETS AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS

William A. Tinsley, president of Tinsley Communications, Inc. and publisher of *Right Choices*—a college and career planning magazine for African-American youth, announced the availability of a comprehensive directory listing sources of financial aid and scholarships for college.

The directory, *1991 Minority*

Guide to Scholarship and Financial Aid, lists more than 200 sources compiled over an eight year period by staffers at the publishing company. The listing is updated annually to ensure that the information provided is current. Each listing contains the source, who's eligibility criteria and a point of contact (includ-

ing names and telephone numbers when available.)

"The cost of going to college keeps going up. To ease the burden on students and their families, millions of dollars in scholarships, grants, awards and prizes are awarded every year. This directory was developed to make certain that few of those

dollars go unclaimed" stated Tinsley.

To order the directory, send a check or money order for \$4.50 (including shipping and handling) to: Tinsley Communication, Inc., 100 Bridge Street, Suite A-3, Hampton, Va 23669. (Discounts available on orders of 100 or more.)

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATES 90% OF BLACK SENIORS

Statistics recently released by the Clark County School District reveal that 90 percent of local African American seniors actually graduated with a high school diploma in June 1991.

Out of a total of 797 Black seniors, 714 were conferred diplomas.

"This demonstrates conclusively that the school system is responding to the needs of our African-American students to the best of our ability," commented School Trustee Yvonne Atkinson Gates upon learning of the statistics.

Atkinson Gates, who is the elected school board member

representing the predominantly Black community, said while she is pleased with the results, there

C. C. SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PRESENT PARTICIPATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Clark County School District will hold their second annual Participative Leadership Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, July 11 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The two-hour ceremony will be held at the St. Tropez Hotel in the Monte Carlo Room.

Approximately 36 awards will be presented to students, teachers, support staff and commu-

nity-business leaders to recog-

nize exemplary performance in applying Participative Leadership Techniques.

School Board Member Yvonne Atkinson Gates will be the keynote speaker.

The awards ceremony was created as part of the school district's Strategic Plan that states: "We will implement participatory management with all Clark County School District personnel."

The Las Vegas Area Council (LVAC) PTA is sponsoring a free series of workshops for PTA unit officers and members on Friday, June 28, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Woodbury Junior High School, 3875 East Harmon Avenue. Principal speaker at the 9 a.m. opening session will be Clark County Commissioner Thalia Dondero. Dondero is a former President of Nevada PTA.

PTA SPONSORS FREE WORKSHOPS

The session feature as many as 15 different workshops designed to enhance PTA leadership skills and help members be more effective.

Workshop topics include: Executive Board Know-How, Producing a Quality Newsletter and Smooth Public Relations, Parliamentary Procedures and By-laws Made Simple, Secretary Savvy/Hysteria/Award Details, Drug Awareness: Helping Students to be Drug Free, and Reflections: A Contest with Class. Additional workshop topics include: Program Ideas, Membership Drive, Fundraising without Selling, Recycling and Ecology, Everything a New Unit Needs to Know and Then Some, Principals with Pizzazz (or is that Pizza?), and many more. The LVAC PTA is an area-wide umbrella group which is comprised of some 70 individual school PTAs. The LVAC PTA has an estimated 18,000 members. There are approximately 32,000 PTA members statewide.

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