

ACT-SO COMPETITION TO BE A HIGHLIGHT OF THE 1992 NAACP CONVENTION

More than 1,000 African-American students from across the nation will showcase their talents as they compete for gold, silver and bronze medals and more than \$300,000 in scholarship prizes during final Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) competitions at the NAACP's 83rd Annual Convention, July 11-16.

ACT-SO is regarded as one of the nation's most innovative and productive programs for young people in the country, and the student finalists in Nashville will display their talents in 24 categories ranging from architecture to physics.

This year's convention, whose theme is "Honoring Our Past, Fulfilling Our Present, Preparing for Our Future," is expected to draw more than 20,000 attendees.

The ACT-SO Program was conceived in 1978 by nationally syndicated columnist Vernon Jarrett and is designed to foster and encourage African-American students in grades nine through 12 to achieve academic excellence.

Selected as finalists after competition in their home cities, the students reflect the depth of the academic and cultural talent that exists in the African-American community, according to Dr.

Benjamin L. Hooks, NAACP, Executive Director/CEO.

Following the competitions, which take place at the Stouffers Hotel and the Nashville Convention Center, the winners of first, second and third place prizes in the 24 categories, which include poetry, physics/energy, painting and vocal classical music, will be recognized at an awards ceremony held in their honor on Monday, July 13, at 1 p.m. in the Andrew Jackson Theatre of the Tennessee Performing Arts Center from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Among the noted persons who have made appearances at the ACT-SO competitions is world renowned and celebrated singer/songwriter Stevie Wonder who made a surprise appearance at the 1990 competitions in Los Angeles, where he offered words of encouragement to the contestants.

"Being the ones who are going to be the keepers of the world for the next generation gives you a serious responsibility," he told the crowd.

"You will be ridding the world of apartheid, homelessness, illiteracy and other major problems we're facing," he added.

Other convention highlights will include Executive Director/CEO Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks delivering his final keynote address as the NAACP's Executive Director; a first-ever NAACP Health Care Summit designed to examine the critical health issues facing the African-American community — including health care, cost access and prevention — which will feature the Honorable Louis Sullivan, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services; an address by Marion Wright Edelman, President of the Children's Defense Fund; a gala musical spectacular in the Tennessee

Performing Arts Center featuring recording artists Regina Bell and Keith Washington; the Eighth Annual NAACP Lawyers Continuing Education Legal Seminar; and an address by William Gray, former Congressman and U.S. House of Representatives Majority Whip (the third highest post in the House), and now President of The United Negro College Fund.

There will also be a special plenary session featuring an address by the Honorable Jack Kemp, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development on Thursday at 10 a.m.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO CHILDREN OF HUMANA EMPLOYEES

Marlon Stewart and Jennifer Moore, both from Las Vegas, were two of the 150 recipients of academic scholarships awarded by the Humana Foundation, Inc.

They were selected from 1,194 applicants based on academic achievement, leadership

and character. Allan Stipe, executive director of Humana Hospital-Sunrise, presented the students with their scholarships at a recent ceremony held at the hospital.

Marlon Stewart, is currently attending Chaparral High

School.

His mother, Merle Stewart, is a registered nurse at Humana Hospital-Sunrise.

The other Las Vegas recipient, Jennifer Moore, is the daughter of Georgia Moore, who is also a registered nurse at Hu-

mana Hospital-Sunrise. She graduated from Trinity Christian High School this June.

Since the program began two years ago, the Humana Scholarship Program has awarded 250 children of Humana employees college scholarships.

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FREE LIFE SKILLS CLASSES TO BEGIN FOR THE TEENS

Basic life skills can be difficult to obtain for many teenagers, leaving them at a disadvantage as they struggle to survive on their own. Nevada Homes for Youth is attempting to change that. This non-profit organization is offering free Independent Living/Life Skills Classes beginning July 6 and ending August 14.

The classes will run Monday through Friday, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Beam Hall, Room 217, on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus. Participants must be 15 to 21 years of age. High school students can earn credit towards graduation by completing the classes. Successful living requires many different skills so these classes cover a variety of topics.

These include completing job applications, interview skills, education and career opportunities, budgeting and finances, hous-

ing, transportation, goal setting, making responsible choices, drug and gang awareness and prevention, dating and family life, and use of leisure time. Another series of classes will begin September 1st meeting twice a week, for youth who are unable to attend this summer.

To register for the classes or to obtain more information, call Nevada Homes for Youth at 256-9200. Interested teens are encouraged to register early because class size is limited.

Nevada Homes for Youth, a private, non-profit organization, provides education and residential living for older adolescents who must learn to live independently. The organization has offered Independent Living Classes since 1990 and now operates three residential sites, as well.

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