

UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND ANNOUNCES \$5 MILLION GRANT IN AN UNPRECEDENTED FUND-RAISING DRIVE TO KEEP AMERICA COMPETITIVE

New York, NY — The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) recently announced that the New York-based Starr Foundation has made an extraordinary \$5 million award to support a major educational initiative to keep America competitive in a new global marketplace. This pledge to UNCF's CAMPAIGN 2000: An Investment in America's Future, UNCF's largest, most ambitious fund-raising drive, will help the organization's 41 member colleges produce a critical mass of students ready to work in the sophisticated and diverse economy of the 21st century.

"This remarkable gift will help historically Black colleges, to create a new generation of knowledgeable, skilled and competent minority workers for our country," said UNCF President and CEO William H. Gray, III. "The Starr Foundation well understands that education is crucial to America's success in an increasingly international economy. And this drive (CAMPAIGN 2000) is especially important since one-third of all new American workers by the year 2000 will be minorities," added Mr. Gray.

By backing CAMPAIGN 2000, The Starr Foundation, which primarily supports higher education in the United States, will help UNCF colleges to create innovative new programs in scientific and international disciplines, renovate buildings and create state-of-the-art facilities, improve scholarship and general endowments, develop fac-

Extraordinary Pledge from New York's Starr Foundation To Help Bring New Skills, Understanding to Future Decision-Makers

ulty and increase administrative efficiency.

Thirty percent of all UNCF students currently major in business at colleges that continue to produce the lion's share of educated Black America. UNCF's 41 historically Black colleges also produce a quarter of all black B.A.'s in physics and chemistry, one fifth of all those in mathematics, and more than 17

percent of those in biology.

UNCF colleges have been singled out for their pioneering programs in Japanese language studies, foreign exchange ventures, and new missions to learn from and to form better relations with other cultures. Recently a delegation of seven UNCF college presidents traveled to Israel to visit with their college counterparts and to build under-

standing between Black Americans and Jews. By supporting CAMPAIGN 2000, The Starr Foundation will help create more programs like these.

CAMPAIGN 2000 is UNCF's \$250 million nationwide effort to address the highest priority needs at its 41 historically Black colleges. The campaign was officially launched in 1990 and is scheduled to run for three years. As of November 30, 1992, this nationwide effort had secured more than \$153 million in cash and pledges from leading corporations, foundations and individual philanthropists.

SUNSET HIGH SCHOOL 4TH QUARTER REGISTRATION

Clark County residents under the age of 21 years who wish to peruse a traditional high school diploma are encouraged to register at Sunset High School at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, 1993. Registration will be held at the Sunset High School Cafeteria, 950 Hinson St. near the intersection of Valley View and West Charleston Blvd.

Persons registering should bring a transcript of grades and credits earned at schools previously

attended. Individuals enrolling in the Clark County School District for the first time must also present immunization and identification documents.

Sunset High School classes meet from 2:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Information about satellite locations will be made available at the time of registration.

Call during office hours 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. at 799-4160 for additional details.

CCSN MARCH & APRIL NON-CREDIT CLASSES

The Community College of Southern Nevada's Division of Community Education has scheduled a variety of community interest courses for March and April.

Upcoming cooking classes include "Chinese Cooking II." This hands-on class will give you the opportunity to make and sample such delicacies as Sweet Sour Pork, Moo Goo Gai Pan,

Egg Foo Yung, and much more. The class meets Tuesday, March 9-30, from 6 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$62. "A Trio of Tastes" features dishes from a three exotic cuisines...Oriental, German, and Indian. Come prepared at sample Thai Chicken Mint, Potato Dumplings, and a full Indian buffet, including Chutney. This 3-session extravaganza meets Tuesday, April 13-27, from 6 to 9

p.m. and costs \$54.

"Make Your Own Drapes and Valances" will help you discover how to save money on window treatments by making them yourself. In this lecture/demonstration class, learn how to make traditional pleated drapes, cafe curtains, and valances. The session meets Saturday, March 20, from 9 a.m. to Noon. The fee is \$30.

"Success Without Stress" will give you practical information on how to become more confident and successful. Learn how to handle difficult people, advance career-wise, and maximize your time and energy in this dynamic workshop. The 2-session class meets Saturday, March 20-27, from 9 a.m. to Noon and costs \$29.

Two workshops are offered for writers and aspiring authors. "Getting Published-A Beginner's Guide" will guide you through the steps necessary to get your work published. The class meets Saturday, March 27 from Noon to 2:30 p.m. and costs \$35. "Writer's Rights" will inform you about copyrights, plagiarism, and how to protect your written work and yourself. This 2-hour seminar meets Monday, April 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and costs \$25.

For more information on location and registration for any of these courses, call the Division of Community Education at 643-6060, Ext. 200.

EDUCATION

COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN LITERACY EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

A symposium focusing on the role literacy education plays in rehabilitating criminal offenders, will take place March 10-12 on the campus of The University of Nevada, Reno Campus. The three-day conference is titled "A Partnership for Safe Communities: Courts, Education and Literacy."

Panel members include judges, probation officers, community leaders and educators from 17 states who are banding together to develop a plan for teaching literacy skills to functionally illiterate people in community correctional settings. The group will study five successful models currently in place in five states and adopt a plan for Nevada.

"We're calling for a linkage between education and rehabilitation," said Mike Metty, executive director of community education at The Community College of Southern Nevada. "The first step in changing the behavior of these offenders is to arm them with the simple skills of reading and writing," he added.

The Correctional Education Association, a national group of which studies the relationship between corrections and education, estimates that up to 75 percent of those incarcerated and under the supervision of the educational system are functionally illiterate.

Eight out of 10 incarcerated adults lack a high school diploma, and 20 to 40 percent have handicaps that limit their educational development.

Opening Address will be by Dr. James Duffy, National Spokesperson for Project Literacy U.S.

The program is sponsored by the National Judicial College, the American Bar Association, the U.S. Department of Education, Division of Adult Education and Literacy, the Community College of Southern Nevada, the Nevada State Department of Education, the Arizona State Department of Education, Maricopa County Adult Probation, the Correctional Education Association, IBM, Jostens Learning, and Paramount Publishing.

For more information, call Jacquelyn Power, symposium coordinator at (310) 821-1770.

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OF AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

How many times have you driven out of a drive-thru with your lunch or dinner only to find out that you didn't get all you asked for? How many times have you bought an article of clothing or a pair of shoes and because they your size you didn't bother to try them on, but when you got home you found they didn't fit?

These things can and usually do anger a person. But just whose fault is it? You can't blame the sales clerk can you? The fault is with none other than the consumer. It is the responsibility of the men with the purchasing power to inspect his merchandise to ensure he got what he paid for. The same holds true for the social programs and "bread crumbs" that are placed in your community.

Recently the Bank of America opened a branch on the Westside. All the dignitaries were there and the community is so ecstatic. But have you really examined the "merchandise" to ensure your getting what you "paid" for. It's no secret that the man and his system are experts to tricknology and when we look into this bank situation we'll see that we've been short changed, again.

The Westside Credit Union has been in existence for 42 years and you Afrikans have yet to take full advantage of it. All the service that the B of A offers could be provided by your credit union if you'd invest in it. Now you have a bank and like the pair of shoes, you'll take it for granted that it fits. I challenge you Afrikans to be weary and critical of any community improvement program they may have in store for us. I'm sure you'll find it's not what it's cracked up to be, because as Fredrick Douglass said, "Men may not get all they pay for in this world, but they must certainly pay for all they get." And what a price we'll pay!

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