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## A GUEST EDITORIAL

# DON'T MISS THOSE FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES

A popular issue that we wrote on recently was Financial Aid Deadlines. In these two articles, "Is Your College Choice Listed here?" and "Financial Aid: Don't Wait Too Late", we drew upon the research of various sources including Money Guide's 1994 Edition - Best College Buys Now.

The following timely comments are by Ms. Georgette DeVeres, Associate Dean of Admissions and Director of Financial Aid at Claremont McKenna College, California.

Ms. DeVeres is also the past president of CASFAA - the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administration and an active member of NASFAA. She has appeared on radio talk shows and has published various articles on the issues of financial aid for "under-represented" students.

As I start to reflect on next

year's admissions and financial aid application cycle, I immediately think about deadlines. During the last several years in which I have given workshop presentations, one of the things that I heavily stress is the importance of meeting deadlines.

I usually begin my presentations by stating... "If you miss an admission and financial aid deadline, it may cost you money!"

Each year as I review applications, it is without failure that a significant number of our African American and latino students (now referred to as "under-represented" students in educational circles) will file their applications late.

The problem is two-fold. The obvious is that they would receive little or no financial aid grant dollars because the available funds have been depleted by the time they have completed

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their applications. In addition, the failure to meet an admission application deadline could result in not being admitted to an institution.

Many schools anticipate that a certain number of "under-represented" students will file their applications late; therefore, they are still able to accommodate and process their applications. However, this is not the case for a majority of schools.

As the financial aid pot of money from federal, state, private, and institutional sources continues to fall short of meeting escalating educational costs, many of our students will find that they will miss out on grant dollars. This ultimately increases the reliance and dependence on student loans.

This does mean that student loans are not a welcomed player in the financial aid package or offer the only source of funds available for some educational programs. However, most financial aid offices attempt to first award the available grant funds before processing loans.

Hence, if you or a family member are planning to enter the admission and financial process, I urge you to first research the deadlines. It doesn't hurt to be early! Don't be discouraged by the forms and required information.

If you need help, do not hesitate to ask for it. Many admission and financial aid offices have people available to answer your questions. Many

high school and local colleges also will offer free workshops at the beginning of the year. Let them help you and remember to

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# EDUCATION

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Dr. Samuel Myers (center) (President, National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education) the national spokesperson for the Kraft General Foods Historically Black College Fair greets Chuck Reid (at left) (Director of Diversity, Kraft General Foods) and Dr. Nathanael Pollard (at right) (President, Bowie State University). College fairs were recently held in St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Newark (NJ), Washington, DC and Baltimore. Photo Credit: Monroe S. Frederick.

## UNR OFFERS CULTURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION AND LAW COURSE

The University of Nevada, Reno is offering "Cultural Resource Protection and The Law" (HP 699) in Reno.

The course will be held Feb. 28-March 2, Monday through Wednesday, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (8:30 a.m. - noon on the last day), at the Midby-Bryon Center, 1041 N. Virginia St., on the university campus. The seminar fee is \$350. One optional graduate-level credit is available for an additional \$77.50. Preregistration is due Jan. 31.

The Archaeological Resource Protection Act and the Native American Grave Protection And Repatriation Act have added to the opportunities to use the law to protect resources. New laws in the formative stages also add to the responsibilities of land managing agencies. Additionally, the exposure of land

managers to input from the courts in traditional land-managing decisions is increasing. This course will focus on the use of the laws to protect resources and the impact the law will have on future land-management decisions. It will also recommend ways to enhance responsible planning. The substance of the laws and the potential impact of litigation will also be covered. This course is designed for land-managing officials responsible for making and interpreting policy.

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## SNVTC TO ACCEPT NINTH GRADERS

For the first time in its 28-year history, Southern Nevada Vocational Technical Center will accept ninth graders, beginning

August 1994. SNVTC, located at 5710 Mountain Vista in the southeastern part of the Las Vegas Valley, will be a four-year comprehensive high school offering a high school diploma, vocational diploma and college preparatory classes. SNVTC previously offered only three years of high school classes.

The school's admissions counselor and student ambassadors will conduct recruitment presentations at all middle and senior high schools in the metropolitan area during late January and February.

More information about programs available at SNVTC is available by calling 799-7544.

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