

EDUCATION

Howard ranked first in enrolling National Achievement Scholars

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The National Merit Scholarship Corp. recently announced that Howard University this year recruited and enrolled 79 National Achievement Scholars in its freshman class, making it tops in the nation in recruiting the much sought-after scholars.

The Achievement Program honors outstanding high school students who are African-American. Almost 100,000 juniors from 9,000 high schools entered this year's competition. Of these, 1,567 were named semi-finalists, 1,322 students were qualified as finalists, and 850 were offered scholarship awards.

Howard President H. Patrick Swygert observed, "More and more of the top students in the country are attracted to Howard because of the excellence of the academic programs and the

overall environment here. They recognize Howard's uniqueness and traditional strengths of solid curricula and dedicated teachers, and they also see a renewed vigor and spirit that are evident on our campus, and among our faculty and students. Our theme of 'Leadership for America' resonates with our students. They want to enhance Howard's reputation for leadership and excellence."

Achievement scholars typically have outstanding high school scholastic records, rank in the top 10 percent of their classes, earn high grades and take heavy course loads. Their average SAT scores were 680 in verbal and 646 in mathematics (reported on the recentered scale). Their college choices included 149 U.S. colleges and universities.

Scholarship award amounts vary since the Achievement

Program grants several different awards up to \$10,000 per year. This year's freshman class

at Howard University established a number of benchmark achievements. The University

enrolled some 1,290 freshmen in its "Class of 2000," an increase of 243 students or about 23

percent over last year's class. The class has an average SAT score of 1,020.



The National Achievement Scholars pictured with Howard President H. Patrick Swygert (center-left). Photo special to LVS/Voice

The top 10 schools in the nation that attracted National Achievement Scholars this year are as follows:

1. Howard University	79
2. Brown University	14
3. Duke University	13
4. Emory University	13
5. Florida A&M University	51
6. Florida State University	13
7. Georgia Institute of Technology	10
8. Harvard/Radcliffe Colleges	69
9. Johns Hopkins University	10
10. Massachusetts Institute of Technology	18

Futures Expo to help students plan for life after high school

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Students can start laying the groundwork for life after high school with Futures Expo, a career awareness fair for all middle school and senior high students.

The fourth annual Futures Expo will be held Monday, January 27, and Tuesday,

January 28, at the Cashman Field Complex from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. both days. Admission and parking are free.

Futures Expo is geared to all students, whether they plan to attend college or enter the work world directly from high school. The idea is to promote early career awareness and

curriculum planning, and to show students that their classes today have an impact on their careers tomorrow.

Approximately 125 local businesses will have representatives at Futures Expo to discuss occupations and career opportunities with students. Businesses participating include utilities and banking, health occupations, higher education, science, transportation and more.

Special features during this year's Futures Expo include a job interview seminar, resume

writing seminar, middle school band performances every hour on the hour for 25 minutes, and middle school choir performances every hour on the half hour for 25 minutes.

Futures Expo has grown over the years, from approximately 2,500 students and parents the first year to about 9,000 students and parents last year. Business involvement also has grown, nearly double from the inaugural year.

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UNLV warns public about magazine scam

UNLV officials are warning the public to beware of scam artists purporting to sell magazine subscriptions on behalf of the Hank Greenspun School of Communication and its students. Gary Kreps, director of the Hank Greenspun School, said his office has received complaints from citizens who have been asked by young men to buy magazine subscriptions that they said would benefit the school. "We have no students out selling magazines on the school's behalf," Kreps said. "Our school has many wonderful supporters in the Southern Nevada community and we do not want to see them duped into this scheme."

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