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Elementary School Wins 10th Annual National Competition

Xerox Corporation today announced prize winners in the 10th annual Home and School Institute's Megaskills program. 16 schools throughout the United States were chosen for their Megaskills. Created in 1988, the program is geared towards the involvement of students and teachers using the "inner engines of learning" compiling confidence, motivation, effort, responsibility, initiative, perseverance, caring, teamwork, common sense, problem solving and focus.

As a winner in this year's Home and School Institute's Megaskills program, the Witman Elementary School at 7326 SE Flavel St. in Portland, OR, will receive a Xerox Document HomeCentre. The Xerox Document HomeCentre is an all-in-one printer/scanner/copier with a comprehensive suite of software that students and faculty can utilize while putting their Megaskills to use.

Young Artist Project

Anna B. Crocker Program for children & Young Adults
Wentz Gallery Exhibition

Student in the Anna B. Crocker Program for Children & Young Adults will exhibit artwork produced Spring Semester at PNCA in the College's Wentz Gallery May 30 through June 30th.

An opening reception will be held Saturday, May 30th, from 11 am - 12:30 pm. The public is invited.

The Wentz Gallery is located in the College at 1219 SW Park Avenue, and is open daily from 9am to 8pm.

Pacific Northwest College of Art has provided visual arts education to the diverse population of children throughout the Portland metropolitan area since 1912. Scholarships are available for young people ages 4 through 16. Deadline for applications for Summer Semester is May 29.



Kendra Bailey, age 11

College Tuition Assistance

A conservative estimate of college costs for a full time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000! Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low income families, or the athletically inclined. A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

Though the majority of scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or need based, billions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply.

There are organizations that

have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance-College Bound is such an organization and supplies the public with over 700 different private scholarships sources. The scholarship list include the scholarship names, addresses, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied towards tuition, living expenses, and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4 year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self addressed stamped, business size, #10 envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL. 62269.

Good News for Students

"The passage of this Act demonstrates to me that Congress is finally beginning to pay serious attention to the enormous burden most students and their families face in paying for a college education," said Congressman Blumenauer, who voted in favor of the Act. "I hope we can make real progress in reducing the debt carried by many graduates, so they're not forced to start their professional lives with debts the size of most home mortgages."

Under the Act, which passed in the House, but still needs to be voted on in the Senate, students are provided with low cost loans, more scholarship opportunities, and programs that encourage partnerships among all levels of government and educational institutions.

Lower Interest Rates on Student Loans

Under H.R. 6 interest rates for college students have been reduced from 8.23% to 7.43%.

The Pell Grant Program-The new bill continues Pell Grants at a maximum level of \$4,500 for the 1999-2000 academic year. The bill also increases the maximum award by \$200 each year until the award reaches \$5,300 in the 2003-2004 academic year.

Perkins Loan Program-Borrowers under this program pay no interest while they are in school; repayment begins shortly after graduation at 5% interest. Undergraduates may borrow up to \$3,000 each year and graduates up to \$5,000 annually. A person may borrow no more than a total of \$30,000 for undergraduate and graduate study.

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Multnomah County Tobacco Prevention Coalition

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Roosevelt School Based Health Clinic
Smokeless States Project (TOICO)
Southwest Washington Health District
The Oregon Partnership Tobacco Free Clark County

FCC Chairman Addresses NAACP Board and Trustees

On May 15th, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman William Kennard addressed the NAACP National Board of Directors and the Special Contributions Fund Trustees at a NAACP Board luncheon where he announced that the FCC will seek reconsideration of the affirmative action decision in Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod v. FCC.

In Kennard's remarks, he praised the NAACP Economic Reciprocity Initiative that is currently reviewing the diversity record of the telecommunications industry.

One thrust of Kennard's remarks focused on the disparity in access to technology between low-income communities and affluent communities. "How do we make sure that this revolution in communications helps people not just in Montgomery County but in downtown Baltimore?" asked Kennard. he pointed out that 78% of schools in low-income areas have access. he stated that the percentage of white children with home computers is triple the percentage of black and Latino kids.

Kennard asked the NAACP for its continuing help in eliminating the disparities that currently exist.

President and CEO Kweisi Mfume expressed strong support for FCC Chairman William Kennard and his effort to halt the assault on EEO and affirmative action guidelines in the broadcasting industry. "I pledge to re-energize NAACP membership around the issues of access and deployment of advanced technology into our community, making it a priority of the NAACP economic empowerment agenda," said Mfume.

President Mfume joined Kennard in calling for the elimination of the "digital divide."



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Melody Grand Ballroom
615 SE Alder St.
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