

Take Stock in Children FUTURES Foundation Volusia County Schools

September 2010

WELCOME BACK!

2010-2011 Calendar



Scholarships,
Mentors
and HOPE.

Take Stock in Children is a project of FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools.

Take Stock provides college tuition scholarships and adult mentors to deserving students who qualify.

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September—Mentors and students begin meeting at Volusia area schools

October 14th—Daytona State College Deland Campus Tour, west side students, parents & mentors, 4:00 pm.

October 21—Leadership Council Meeting, Thursday @ Olson, 8:00am

October 26—First Quarter Report Card Distribution, Tuesday

October 28—Financial Aid Seminar & Volusia County Schools College Expo Mainland High School Multi-Purpose Room TSIC Junior/Senior students, parents & mentors 5:30—8:30.

November—Ongoing Student Advocate/student meetings at area High Schools.

December 16th—Leadership Council Meeting, Thursday @Olson, 8:00 am.

December 17th—Winter Break begins.

January 3rd—School resumes

January 11th—Second Quarter Report Card Distribution.

January 17th—No School—TSIC Winter Celebration at Daytona Ice Rink, 1-3:30 All TSIC students & mentors (students

receive free skating passes and drinks)

January 26th—Mentor Appreciation Luncheon @ Outback Steakhouse, NSB 12:00 pm

January 31—New Student Applications due from Guidance Counselors

February 2nd—Senior Scholarship Paperwork due to TSIC/FPP

February 17th—Leadership Council Meeting @Olson, 8:00am

March—TBD New Student Selection

March 11—18 Spring Break

March 22nd—Third Quarter Report Card Distribution

April—TBD New Student Orientation @ Olson Facilities

April 21st—Leadership Council Meeting @FLCB, Thursday, 8:00am

May—Senior Awards Ceremonies at Volusia High Schools.

May 14th—New student Contract signing and Senior Recognition Ceremony, 10-2pm. Location TBA

May 27th Last Day of School for Students.

June 2nd—Leadership Council Meeting @Olson, Thursday, 8:00 am

June 13th—Fourth Quarter Report Card Distribution

Attendance at TSIC events for students are MANDATORY as noted. Parents and Mentors are always welcome and encouraged to attend with their student. Please no children or siblings as space is limited.

TSIC events are always free to students but may require a small fee for mentors and parents. Please check with Pam Martin for questions regarding this.

If a student does not attend a required event without prior notice, the student will receive a required visit at school from the Student Advocate .



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
WEST SIDE STUDENTS!
(DHS, UHS, TMHS & Deltona HS)**
For TSIC's DSC Deland Campus Tour
Thursday, October 14 (no school Friday)
4:00pm (Meet at Bldg. 7)

FROM THE DESK OF SHEILA REES



*New Take Stock in Children
Mentor Coordinator/Fundraiser*

"Hello!" First, I would like to thank all of you for such a warm welcome to my new position. I'm so excited to be a part of the Take Stock in Children program and can't wait to meet each and every one of you face to face. As I'm settling into my new position I would like to open the door for any questions or concerns, so please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm looking forward to a great year!

Stay Connected!

Scholars, mentors, parents...let us know what's happening for our Newsletter! We would love to hear your stories and share them with others.

**Contact us at: srees@volusia.k12.fl.us
or pemartin@volusia.k12.fl.us**



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ATTENTION:

TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN HAS
A NEW LINK!
www.FuturesVolusia.org

Just click on Programs and scroll down to Take Stock In Children to see program info, apply as a mentor or view our event calendar.



Welcome back to school!

We trust that each scholar will have a great year.....

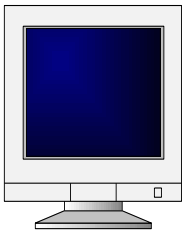
You know these things already, but we couldn't resist a quick reminder. So, please remember to:

- ◆ **plan ahead of time to attend Take Stock events, and RSVP, RSVP, RSVP!!**
- ◆ **make your mentor meetings a PRIORITY!**
- ◆ **if you can't meet your mentor for some reason call him/her the night before. Mentors are volunteers, and meetings are mandatory, not optional.**
- ◆ **start community service hours early in your high school career.**
- ◆ **resist peer pressure.**
- ◆ **don't skip school.**
- ◆ **find a creative way to express yourself.**
- ◆ **leave time to rest and relax...avoid burnout.**

Corner

From the Desk of Your Student Advocate, Pamela Martin LCSW

Student



Florida Bright Futures Awards.... Unlock The Mystery!!

Getting a handle on your financial aid is bad enough without having to figure out all those changes to Bright Futures! Recently, a summary of these changes was emailed out to current recipients of the award. Here is the lowdown, in layman's terms, of what to expect and how to interpret what it all means:

- ♦ The award amounts are the same-75% (or 90 college credit hours) or 100% (up to 120 credit hours) of your *tuition* paid. NOTE: the amount paid each semester varies depending on the state's average tuition rates *per credit hour*. Example: If you register for 12 hours in the fall semester, and the average tuition rate is \$100 per credit hour, then the award will pay \$1200 towards fall tuition at 100%, or \$900 of tuition at 75%.
- ♦ If you earned the 100% award and already have some college credit, you may use the remainder of your award for graduate school. If you graduate with your Bachelor's Degree a semester early (using under 120 credit hours of Bright Futures tuition), you will be eligible to use the amount remaining of the award toward one semester only of graduate courses.
- ♦ If you lose your Bright Futures award during your first year in college due to a low GPA, you will be permitted to a one-time restoration opportunity: after one year this is not an option. www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/ssfad/bf/restorepg.htm for more info.
- ♦ *Current Seniors apply in December 2010 for the Bright Futures (Florida Medallion) Award. See your Guidance Counselor for an application.*

CHECK OUT PARENT MAGAZINE FOR FUTURES AND TSIC INFORMATION

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER
23rd IS NATIONAL MAKE
A DIFFERENCE DAY**

COLLEGES ARE LOOKING FOR STUDENTS ACTIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

VOLUNTEER!!

Each monthly issue of VOLUSIA PARENT Magazine, found in all Publix Supermarkets and other locations throughout Volusia, will contain a feature article on FUTURES/TSIC programs. The June & August issues both discussed students in the Take Stock In Children Program. Check it out!!



MENTOR CORNER

*Thanks to our mentors for caring,
and for the gift of time.*

NEW TSIC MENTORS THIS SCHOOL YEAR ARE:

Josh Aronovitch
Serena Bseuden
K. Don Cameron
Robert Christian
Tom Collins
Steve Crump
Josh Eddy
Ana Marie Feurerbacher
Anthony Hart
Bridget Hayden
Kristen Holland
Dave Hochstetler
James Kenney
Joyce Pepin
Roxanne Schenone
Regina Spatcher
Sheryl Summers

THANK YOU MENTORS!

Take Stock In Children Mentors,
please mark your calendars for our
second annual Mentor Appreciation
Luncheon at Outback Steakhouse in
New Smyrna Beach on Wednesday,
January 26, 2010 at 12:00.
RSVP to Sheila or Pam by Jan. 7.
We hope to see you there!

Mentors, please turn in your contact hours to Pam at the end of every month for DOE reporting purposes. DOE uses this information to evaluate whether state funded mentoring programs are effective or not, so please take a few minutes a month to help us prove that you and the time that you give is valuable!

Contact hours include the total number of hours or minutes you have had face-to-face, telephone or email contact with your mentee each month. A TSIC Contact Log is available (on the FUTURES website or from Pam) for your convenience, but not necessary to use. Contact hours can be telephoned, emailed or faxed in to Pam at 386-947-5845. -MAHALO!

THE NEXT VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS REQUIRED TRAINING FOR NEW MENTORS IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th FROM 3-5 PM AT THE VCS FACILITIES BLDG., LOCATED AT 3750 OLSON DRIVE.

Coming Soon!

“Lunch and Learn” training sessions that will take place via statewide TSIC teleconference calls with great Q and A sessions.

JUST FOR PARENTS.....

PINNACLE GRADEBOOK



FORGET PARENT PORTAL.....PINNACLE IS HERE!!

Parents, if you are in the habit of logging onto VCS Parent Portal or signed a Parent Portal login permission form for TSIC, it's time to start fresh. Volusia County Schools has just launched it's new web-based electronic gradebook available on each high school's and VCS's website called PINNACLE.

PINNACLE allows parents, mentors and students to login, view individual class assignments and current grades, check graduation requirements, see student's daily attendance and discipline records and email teachers directly from the program.

Students were given login info for PINNACLE the second week of September. If you do not know your student's login info, please ask your student for this. If you are a parent you may contact your child's school. Go to www.blackboard.volusia.k12.fl.us and click on your school's website for more info.

Parents, please share your child's PINNACLE login info with Pam and your child's mentor. This is valuable information that he/she should have in order to help you and TSIC make sure your student stays on track!

TSIC JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Please make sure that you attend **TSIC's Financial Aid Seminar and Volusia County Schools Annual College Expo at Mainland High School on Thursday October 28, 5:30-7:30 pm. RSVP to Mrs. Martin by October 22.**

Get a jump on what you have to do to apply for Bright Futures, apply to colleges and scholarships, and how and when to complete the FASFA (Federal Application for Financial Student Aid).

A representative from the Office of Financial Aid in Tallahassee is coming just to answer YOUR questions! Parents and Mentors welcome. Meet in the Multi-Purpose Room at 5:30, then we'll join the Expo at 7:00pm. College representatives from all over Florida will be on hand at the Expo to talk to **YOU!**

Make the most of it- compile a list of the top 3 schools you want to talk to or get information from, and questions that you have for each.



SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS:

Are you looking for opportunities to develop your leadership skills and enhance your college and scholarship applications?



Well, look no further....Two programs, FUTURES' TOMORROW'S LEADERS and One Voice Volusia's ENGAGING YOUTH INITIATIVE both offer students excellent opportunities to excel in personal leadership skills and make a positive effect on the community.

ONE VOICE FOR VOLUSIA's ENGAGING YOUTH INITIATIVE is a brand new, state grant funded program in which selected students will create and implement an initiative to engage teen leaders in the work of positive community change.

Only three to five 16 –17 year old youths throughout Volusia County will be selected to lead this project. In cooperation with One Voice, selected students will attend a training/environmental scan in Tampa, FL (all travel expenses paid) on October 15-17, 2010 and receive a \$150 stipend per month for 12 months.

HURRY, Applications are due by September 23, 2010 and can be obtained by either contacting Pam Martin, TSIC Student Advocate, or directly to:

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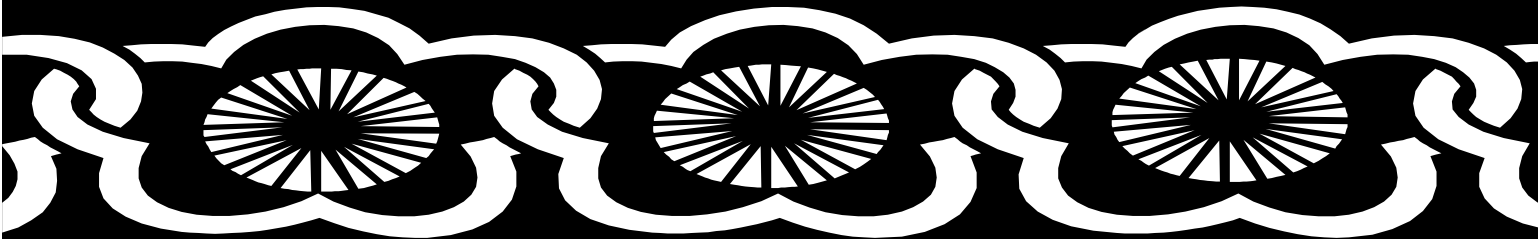
Eligible youth participants would:

- ♦ Be 16 or 17 years old (Sophomore or Junior in high school) and have own transportation
- ♦ Commit to the project from October 2010 through September 2011
- ♦ Fully complete application, including two required letters of recommendation (Mrs. Martin will write one)
- ♦ Be comfortable speaking with/to adults and possibly in front of larger groups
- ♦ Have leadership skills and/or would like to expand their leadership skills
- ♦ Attend and participate in all monthly meetings (location TBD upon students selected)
- ♦ Actively participate in all cited trainings
- ♦ If Selected, the participating youth must sign the "Code of Conduct" and the youth's parent(s) must sign the "Consent Form".

Be A Leader in Your Community!



Arthur Heinrichson, SCHS
May 15, 2010



Tomorrow's Leaders

FUTURES Foundation Leadership Training Program

The Purpose:

Tomorrow's Leaders is a leadership training opportunity for high school juniors. Through a five-month program of highly structured activities, participants become familiar with current issues, community resources, and other factors influencing the direction of Volusia County's future. Participation in TOMORROW'S LEADERS prepares students for constructive leadership and responsible participation in the affairs of Volusia County.

Criteria for Selection:

- ◆ Must be a high school junior in Volusia County public schools
- ◆ Must be academically sound since program requires some absence from school
- ◆ Must demonstrate leadership ability—may include non-traditional initiatives
- ◆ Must be self reliant
- ◆ Must agree to program commitment
- ◆ Must have parental permission
- ◆ Must have transportation to and from seminars

The Participants:

Approximately 40-42 Volusia County high school juniors will be selected each year to participate. Student nominations must be approved by high school principals before being selected by a community-based committee.

The Program:

The program begins in October with an orientation for student and their parents.



HURRY!!
**Applications can be obtained from
Guidance Counselors during Sept and
must be submitted to FUTURES by
your Guidance Counselor by Sept
23rd.**

Our hats are off to the following sponsors for their financial contribution to Take Stock in Children. Their generosity is the gift of a lifetime. Scholarships, mentors and hope equal the passport for students facing challenges to a better life through education. All contributions are MATCHED and help provide college tuition scholarships for Volusia County Public School students with the ambition and proven potential to succeed.

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