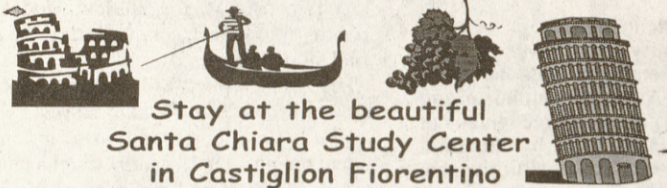


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MEDALS reaches out to students

Conference encourages high schoolers to examine opportunities

BY RICHARD BRAY
The Battalion

A life of low-paying, menial labor may seem a bleak reality for millions of disadvantaged high school students, but Minority Enrichment and Development through Academic and Leadership Skills (MEDALS) is trying to show some of these students that there is a ray of hope in higher education.

MEDALS is holding a conference Friday and Saturday in the Memorial Student Center with the aim of encouraging high school students to explore their career opportunities after graduation.

"MEDALS is all about getting [high school students] to do something positive after high school — whether it is college, or military, or anything like that," Katuska Quintero, the executive director of the conference and a senior bilingual education major, said.

Quintero said the conference will include a college fair with representatives from universities, technical schools

and military organizations.

The conference will also feature motivational speakers, financial aid information and various workshops on topics such as how to choose a career and how to prepare for the SAT.

Quintero said MEDALS will also be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships and two \$500 scholarships at the conference.

Sandra Medina, coordinator of Communications and Outreach at the Department of Multicultural Services, said the conference is targeted at ethnic minorities but is open to all students.

"We try to reach the high schools that are socio-economically disadvantaged and have higher ethnic populations," she said. "But it is open to all students from all backgrounds."

Medina said the Department of Multicultural Services has been involved in the conference since it was founded 10 years ago.

"It started in 1990 as a component of the Southwestern Black Leadership Conference, but it got to be too big so they created [MEDALS]," she said.

News in Brief

Contestants compete for scholarship, title

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will hold its 15th annual Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant Saturday at 7 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

The pageant will feature eight contestants competing in modeling, question and answer, talent and introduction portions.

Van Johnson, Alpha Phi Alpha chapter president and senior chemistry major, said the scholarship pageant is a national event held as a celebration of womanhood and scholastic achievement.

The pageant winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and the opportunity to compete at the state pageant in Lubbock.

The first and second runners-up will receive \$500 and \$300, respectively.

In the past, the chapter has had four national contestants and two national queens.

Japanese ambassador to visit Bush Library

The Hon. Shunji Yanai, Japanese ambassador to the United States, will visit Texas A&M this Saturday, Jan. 29.

Yanai's arrival at the Presidential Conference Center at 11:15 a.m. will include a sword arch performed by the Ross Volunteers of the Corps of Cadets.

Yanai will tour the Bush Presidential Library and meet with Emily Ashworth, assistant provost for International Programs. Executive Vice President and Provost Ronald G. Douglas will host a luncheon in the Board of Regents' conference room for Yanai.

Yanai's wife, Toshiko and the Hon. Masami Former Navy Retired Navy Cmdr. Norman Bond has been named deputy commandant for the

SEAL joins TAMUG's Maritime Academy

Retired Navy Cmdr. Norman Bond has been named deputy commandant for the Texas State Maritime Academy by Capt. Richard Lukens, superintendent of the academy.

His assignment will be to assist Commandant Karl Haupt in directing the 186-member Corps of Cadets, the Texas Clipper training programs and annual cruise.

Bond, a former Navy SEAL with 30 years service, brings a wide range of operational and administrative expertise to the Academy.

Bond rose through the ranks from seaman to lieutenant commander and developed strong leadership, operational and communication skills as a Naval deep-sea diver, surface warfare officer and master explosive ordnance disposal technician.

Among his many accomplishments, he supervised and participated in safe removal of an unexploded EXOCET warhead from the USS Stark after being fired on by an Iraqi warplane.

Campus Calendar

Monday

Study Abroad Programs: There will be an informational meeting in 358 Bizzell Hall West at 1:30 p.m. about study abroad opportunities to the tropical island of Dominica. Graduate and undergraduate students can earn TAMU credit. Contact 845-0544 for details, or on the web at <http://recsports.tamu.edu/waterski>.

Brazos Greenway Council: The public is invited to a presentation about conservation easements at 6 p.m. at the College Station Conference Center on George Bush Drive.

Texas A&M Women's Rugby: All are welcome and no experience is necessary — this is a great way to meet new people and get in shape Monday through Thursday at the Polo Fields from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please contact Jen at 731-8093 or Megan at 696-4292 for details.

Tuesday

Water Ski Club: There will be informational meetings every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in room 281 of the Student Recreation Center. Contact Gaylon at 260-4115 for more information.

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American Advertising Federation: There will be a general meeting in 136 Wehner at 7:30 p.m. Contact Marie at 847-0686 for more information.

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Executive Council of Health Organizations: There will be a UT - Southwestern medical school meeting in MSC 206 at 7 p.m. Contact Anne Blum at 847-8938 for details.

Aggie Toastmasters: Learn public speaking and interviewing skills with possible certification. Will be in Rudder at 8:30 p.m. check blue screen. For more information please contact Laura at 695-2833.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship: Liturgy at All Faiths Chapel at 5:30 p.m. For more information call Susan at 696-3112.

Wednesday

English Language and Literature Society: There will be an informational meeting for new members at the MSC Forsyth Galleries at 7 p.m.

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Traditions will change the adding all the amenities of a golf resort for former A&M and golf lovers throughout the

The course will be developed by ClubCorp, who has developed a number of top-quality destinations throughout Texas and the nation.

The 800-acre project, around the exclusive course, features a clubhouse, 180,000 sq. foot conference center, an estimated 1,000 homes.

At its completion, Traditions valued at an estimated \$275 million.

"In most small markets you don't see a signature-designed course by anybody, much less Jack Nicklaus," Kasten said.

For the project to be economically feasible, ClubCorp will rely on A&M's former students and other clubs, while keeping it comparable to other Brazos Valley projects.

Bryan mayor, Lonnie Stabler, the project offers the opportunity for more tourism dollars while linking back to its roots with the University.

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"We're proud on a lot of levels — from a historical perspective to a future perspective and a perspective that A&M has a role to play here," Stabler said.

"Now, truly we can say, A&M, Bryan and College Station are all partners in one of the great universities in the world."

The site for Traditions Golf Club is in Bryan, just south of Maria and west of Highway 281, said that location offers unique amenities for Nicklaus and his son, their signature touches on the course.

Not only does the location offer some of the more dramatic changes in the region with rises in excess of 70 feet, it features existing trees, waterways that according to Nicklaus will give the course a "natural" upon opening.

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