

*Join us for this month's
Culture Corner*



*Past HPRSD Casilda Pagan
Scholarship Recipients
(there are many more...)*



HPRSD Membership Meeting

Saturday, May 4, 2013
3-6 pm
Hall of Nations, Balboa Park



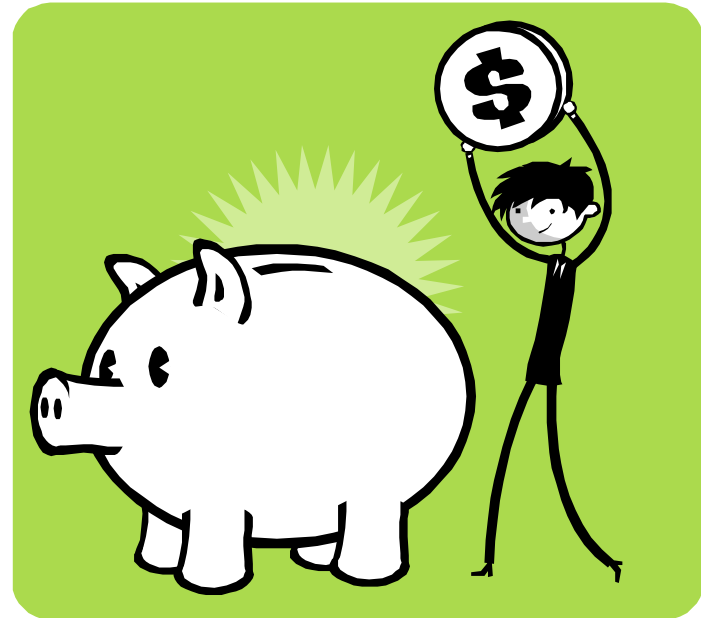
FUNDING FOR COLLEGE

by Jaime Diego Chavez



Funding for College!

- Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- Casilda Pagan Scholarship



Why go to College?



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- Easier to find a job
- More secure future
- Improve confidence
- Increase understanding of society, politics, economics, and the world



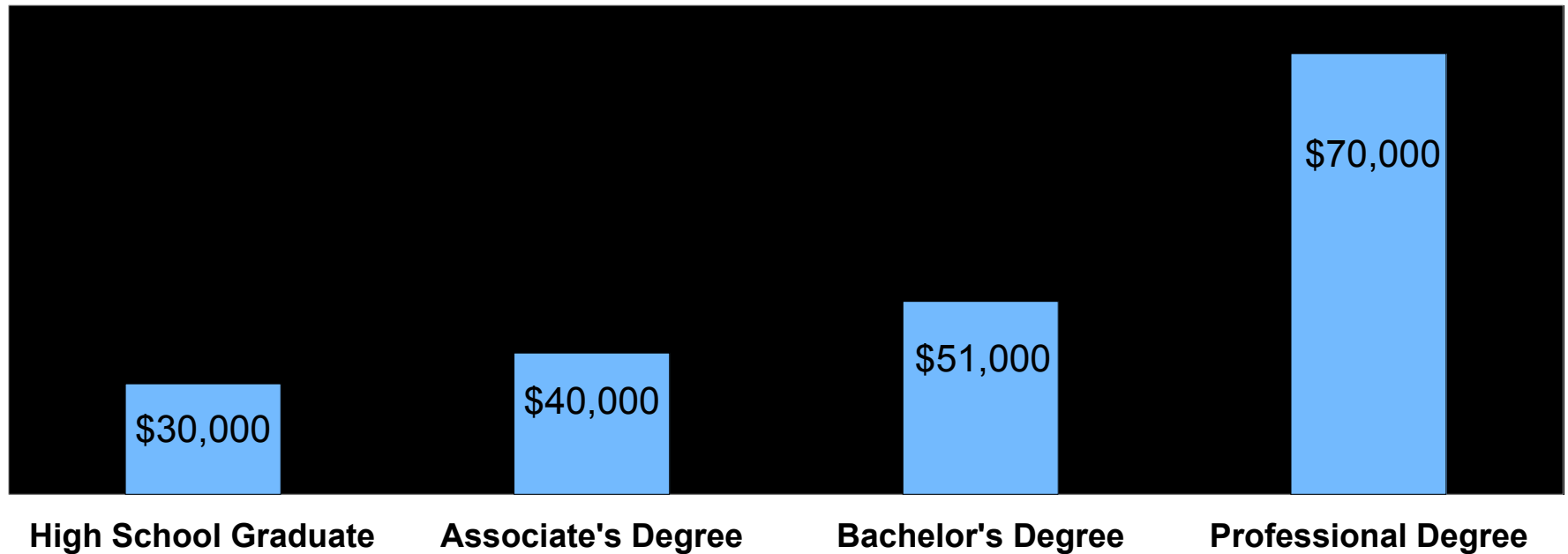
Why go to College?

- More options later in life
- Prepare for a career
- Make more money!
- College graduates make more money than those who do not graduate from college. (U.S. Census Bureau)



Earning Potential for Different College Degrees

Yearly Gross Incomes

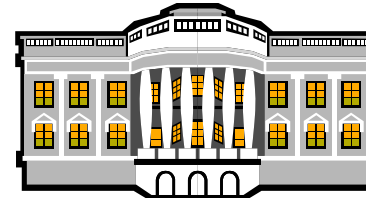


Financial Aid



◆ Federal Financial Aid based on financial need

- No GPA requirement
- Must fill out FAFSA
- Pell Grants and Loans



◆ California Financial Aid (Cal Grants) are based on financial need and GPA

- Meet GPA requirements
- Must fill out FAFSA and return CAL GRANT AUTHORIZATION FORM (GPA Verification Form)

Financial Aid Websites

For federal financial aid, complete the FAFSA application by **March 2**,
@ www.fafsa.ed.gov

In California, please go to
www.calgrants.org for California
financial aid and complete by
March 2

Types of Financial Aid

(Federal and State \$)

✓ Grants



- ❖ Free Money!
- ❖ Pell Grants (Fed)
- ❖ Cal Grants (CA)
- ❖ Smart Grant (CA)
(Science, math)

✓ "WORK STUDY"

- ❖ Employment



✓ Loans

- ❖ Pay back 6 months after leaving college

Scholarships- FREE \$

Based on:

- ❖ GPA
- ❖ Financial Need
- ❖ Community service
- ❖ Ethnicity/Religion
- ❖ Athletic ability
- ❖ Club involvement
- ❖ Essays or contests
- ❖ Other
- ❖ **Check out**
www.fastweb.com



Scholarship Checklist

Review Weekly Scholarships on internet

- ✓ Apply for Free scholarship searches at www.fastweb.com
- ✓ Put together a personal scholarship folder (Letters of recommendation, resume, transcript, personal essay)
- ✓ KEEP APPLYING!

HPRSD CASILDA PAGAN SCHOLARSHIP

- **The House of Puerto Rico San Diego sponsors the Casilda Pagán Educational/ Vocational Scholarship.**
- This scholarship is being offered to high school seniors/ graduates or college/post-graduate students.
- The applicant must be a current active member of the House of Puerto Rico San Diego or a San Diego County resident of Puerto Rican descent, who has contributed at least 10 hours of community service through HPRSD within the last year.



HPRSD CASILDA PAGAN SCHOLARSHIP

- Personal Essay (250 word minimum) including the following information:
 - Your educational /vocational goals
 - Your financial needs
 - Describe how you will contribute community service through the House of Puerto Rico.
 - Describe Prior History of community service
- Proof of current enrollment in an educational or vocational institution

HPRSD CASILDA PAGAN SCHOLARSHIP

- Transcripts reflecting most recent academic achievement.
 - Those already attending a college/vocational program should submit a transcript showing all courses/grades completed to date.
 - High school seniors should submit most recent transcripts)
- Three letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, employers, or community leaders
- Completed application form
- Any additional materials which you believe may enhance your application (i.e., awards, community service, etc.)

Community Service through HPRSD

- Contribute at least 10 hours of community service through HPRSD within the last year.
- Upcoming volunteer opportunities include:
 - Ethnic Food Fair
 - Día de San Juan
 - Host on Sundays at the Casita
 - Youth Committee
 - other events

Thank you for attending!

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- Join the HPRSD Youth Committee!
- Volunteer with the House of Puerto Rico!
- Get more information at www.houseofpuertorico.com
- Casilda Pagan Scholarship deadline :
July 31, 2013