Join us for this month's Culture Corner



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



HPRSD Membership Meeting

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

FUNDING FOR COLLEGE

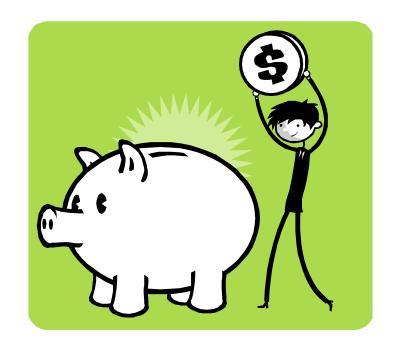
by **Jaime Diego Chavez**





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



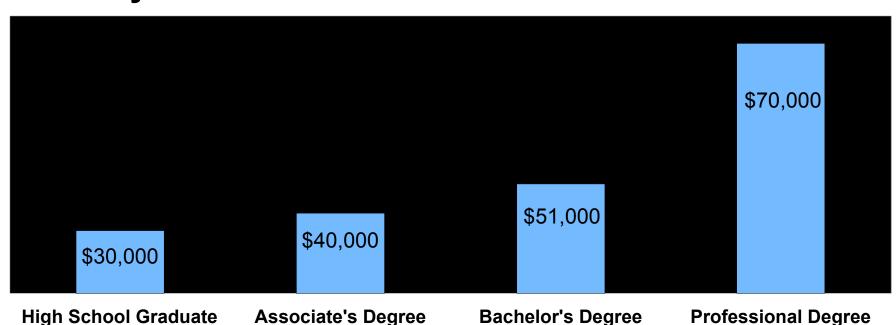
Why go to College?

- 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



- Peel 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 <u>www.fastweb.com</u>
- 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