Highlights for May 28-31, 2013

Summer Jobs & Scholarships

The Maisin Scholar Award initiative will celebrate 75 San SFUSD graduating seniors with college scholarships. Maisin Scholars have faced extreme challenges in their lives, yet have persevered to graduate high school and be accepted to college. They also show a dedication to making a positive impact in their communities. The Maisin Scholar Award is a multi-year scholarship designed to support the needs of economically disadvantaged students in SFUSD whose unwavering commitment to future goals have brought them success in school.

When: Thursday, May 30 / 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Where: Lowell High School / 1101 Eucalyptus Dr.

This past year twenty-five SFUSD schools cut $136,000 from their utility bills and received a share of the money saved. The winning schools’ green teams say that routine efforts, such as making sure doors were closed on really cold days, as well as bigger undertakings like installing a drip irrigation system, made all the difference. These schools are part of SFUSD’s Shared Savings program, which encourages schools to conserve energy. Although district budgets, not school site budgets, pay for utilities, the district splits the cost savings with any school that reduces its overall utility use by five percent.

Call for details.

Three graduating high school students who previously interned at commercial office buildings around the city are receiving scholarships from the Transportation Management Association of San Francisco (TMASF) Connects scholarship program. TMASF Connects is an association of 62 San Francisco commercial office buildings working together to help commuters explore trip options, promote and enhance the city’s workforce, and identify quality daycare services. This same organization has been partnering with SFUSD for two years to provide paid internships to students in Career Technical Education programs. This year TMASF aims to place 18 more students in internships around the city and is looking for businesses that can provide valuable on-the-job experience for motivated high schoolers.

Call for interviews with students.

Applying to colleges and paying for tuition is a challenging process for a lot of SFUSD students. Every year SFUSD counselors help students apply for financial aid and scholarships. One tool to find money for college is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form -- and for undocumented students, the Dream Act Application -- but both can be complicated processes. This year, SF Promise and SFUSD trained high school counselors, conducted workshops, and posted critical deadline information for FAFSA and Dream Act process, and as a result 75 percent of SFUSD graduating seniors completed the form on time -- a far better rate than many surrounding school districts. Statistics show that 90 percent of students who receive some form of financial aid will enroll in college.

Call for details.

NOTE: Friday, May 31, is the last day of school for SFUSD students.
The first day of school for 2013-14 is Monday, August 19, 2013.