

# Project Achieve

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This newsletter is dedicated to the mission of Project Achieve, a federal TRIO Student Support Services Program, and the accomplishments of Project Achieve Students

**Four Quick Ways to Throw Away Your Money and Have a "Hold" Placed on Your Education**  
**This special edition is full of information that will keep you in school and out of situations that could dramatically affect your college career. Read and beware!**

**Parking** – If you get a parking ticket it is serious business. Always pay parking fines immediately. When fines add up a "hold" can be placed on your account and you will not be able to register for classes until fines are paid. Why would anyone have their education placed on hold because of a parking fine?

**Book Fine** - One of the great principles we learned as children was when someone loans you something, make sure you pay them back. If you have a book or books which should be returned to the library - return them now! The penalty for overdue books is \$5.60. If the book is overdue more than 28 days you are charged for the **book plus** a \$15.00 processing fee. Failure to return the book means (you guessed it) a "hold" is placed on your ability to register for classes. One book could cause you to lose a semester.

**Laptop Checkout** – Students are encouraged to check out technology as needed. If you are late returning a laptop you will be fined \$25.00 a day -- you heard me, \$25.00 a day -- for each day the laptop is overdue. Do you really want to throw away money? After one week a laptop fine adds up to \$125.00; if you don't want that money give it to me. Oh, by the way, if you don't pay your fine, (that's right) a "hold" will be placed on your ability to register for classes.

**Tuition** – If you don't pay, you don't stay! Make sure you carefully calculate how much you owe each semester and put aside the money you need to pay your bill. And by the way, your college loan is for paying your college bills and not for buying a new ipod.

## **Someone You Should Know**

**One of Project Achieve's newest members is Mr. Anthony Haynes. Anthony attended North High School and is a freshman majoring in Religion. Anthony is majoring in Religion because at the ripe old age of eight years old; he heard the prompting of God to become a preacher. Anthony noted that his mother believes God called him to the preaching ministry much earlier. This young man has a variety of hobbies and interests. He is active in the church choir, enjoys being with family, loves going to church, and is thrilled to meet new people. Anthony believes, "you can always learn something from the people you meet." It doesn't matter if they are a different race, religion or have a totally different point of view, Anthony believes people are very interesting.**

**One of Anthony's goals is to become an outstanding college student, and he recognizes that there is no shame in asking for help when you need it. Anthony told me, "though class work may sometimes be a struggle, you have to reach higher and set higher goals to be successful." I have found Anthony to be a**

great addition to our program and the staff of Project Achieve looks forward to working with him to become an outstanding college graduate and future minister.

### **PA Computer Lab Rules to Remember**

The computer lab is for Project Achieve students use only!

Talking on cell phones is not allowed; be considerate of others around you.

We share our lab with the disability services area. Make sure the computer you are working on is a PA one.

**DO NOT** – I repeat **do not** save documents to the desktop on these computers.

### **October Student Workshops**

Financial Aid

Grad School Admission

### **Darfur**

During the course of human events there are times when we are helpless and there is very little we can do. There are also times when complacency must give way to action. When it comes to Darfur, Sudan, individuals of conscience must do something. As you are aware, the genocide in Darfur has continued for more than a decade and this killing must end now.

What can one individual do? I would like to suggest the following:

1. Write or call the president (202) 456-1111 and encourage him to keep pressure on the UN to send peacekeeping troops to Sudan.
2. Call your congressperson and ask him/her to pressure the legislative officials to place United Nation troops in the area.
3. Get your community or social group to do something. PA students **Joseph Garang** and **Alier Mayola** have joined with other "Lost Boys" of Sudan to form a non-profit organization to aid Sudanese widows and orphans. This is a wonderful example of what can happen when concerned people act.
4. Keep informed by reading and visiting informative websites like [savedarfur.org](http://savedarfur.org)
5. "When good people stand by and do nothing, the innocent are slaughtered." Lem

### **Coming Attraction**

Next Month find out what Project Achieve Student has hung out with Gladys Knight and the Pips, driven around in a limo with.....and partied with.....

### **Sign Up Now**

For the Project Achieve team supporting the work of the National Council for Community and Justice at the NCCJ Walk on October 22<sup>nd</sup>!!! There will be t-shirts! Prizes!! Fun for all!!

### **HAPPENINGS!!!**

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Friday Film Festival 2006 which has started. It is held in Epley Auditorium on Friday evenings starting at 6pm – **FREE ADMISSION AND REFRESHMENTS!!!!** Just an example of some upcoming films: Five Heartbeats (9/22) North Country (9/29) Crash (10/13)

Check the flyer in the lab for a complete list of films with dates.

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