

Bulletin Update - Florida Mentoring

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Annual Black History Month Essay Contest

Governor Jeb Bush has invited Florida K-12 students to participate in the Governor's annual Black History Month "Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Future" essay contest. Essays must be written on the topic, "What Impact has an African American Educator from Florida Had on My Life." The contest is open to all Florida K-12 students. A panel of educators, community and business leaders from around the state will serve as judges and select the winning essays. One winner will be selected from each of the three grade-level categories, elementary (grades K-5), middle (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12). Winners will receive a trip to Tallahassee to attend the annual Black History Month Reception at the Governor's Mansion and a full 4-year tuition scholarship to a state college or university of their choice, provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation. Entries must be e-mailed to blackhistoryessay@myflorida.com, or mailed to the Governor's Press Office, 206 the Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399, by 5:00 P.M. Friday, January 7, 2005.

http://www.myflorida.com/myflorida/governorsoffice/black_history/essay.html

GMI - Award of Excellence

Nominations are being accepted to recognize and honor mentors who have demonstrated exemplary service. The award categories are as follows:

- * School or Community-Based Mentoring
- * Corporate Mentoring
- * Faith-Based Mentoring
- * Municipal Mentoring
- * School Volunteer Coordinator
- * State Agency Mentoring

Each selected mentor will receive a vacation cruise for two donated by Carnival Cruise Lines. The word document nomination form for the Governor's Mentoring Initiative Award of Excellence is attached to this e-mail. The form is also available to download under announcements at: <http://www.volunteerfloridafoundation.org>

National Mentoring Month - January 2005

Plans are underway to celebrate National Mentoring Month in Florida. Please let us know if your mentoring program has an event, campaign, or special initiative celebrating National Mentoring Month that you would like us to share.

Teen Trendsetters™ Reading Mentors

Congratulations to Grant Zabriskie who will be honored with a Governor's Point of Light Award on December 7, 2004, at Seminole Community College. Grant, a student at the Florida Virtual High School, is being recognized for his exemplary service as a Teen Trendsetters Reading Mentor (TTRM) at Longwood Elementary School. He has also served as a TTRM Ambassador and assisted with training new teens entering this specialized one-to-one reading mentoring initiative for high school students matched with third grade students.

For more information visit Florida Trend's NEXT at: www.floridanext.com

Please forgive any cross-posting and advise us at FLAmentoring@aol.com if you would like names added or deleted from the Bulletin Update - Florida Mentoring. For prior issues, please visit the Governor's Mentoring Initiative, under Monthly Mentoring Update at: <http://www.volunteerfloridafoundation.org>

Be a mentor. Be a big help.

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