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Buckeye Valley DAR selects Good Citizens

The Buckeye Valley Daughters of American Revolution selected two students from the Buckeye Union High School District for its 2010 Good Citizen award.

Shelby Fisher of Estrella Foothills High School was nominated by counselor Susan Karasek. Shelby is the daughter of Cindy and Tom Jenkins, and will graduate in the top 15 percent of her class this year. She plans to attend Southern Utah University to pursue a degree in design.

Lauren Keen of Buckeye Union High School was nominated by social studies teacher Daphne Eastman. Lauren is the daughter of Bill and Nancy Keen, and has a 3.7 grade point average. She will attend the University of Arizona and major in political science with a minor in Spanish.

ASU Business College offers free program for high school students

The W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University is offering a free program to help educate Arizona's high school students.

The Fleischer Scholars Program will be offered to underrepresented and economically disadvantaged students during the summer between their junior and senior years. The program, which will be held July 12-16 this year, is designed to help prepare participants to thrive in both business school and their careers.

During the four-day program, students stay with supervising mentors in Barrett, the honors college at Arizona State University's Tempe campus. They will work with current W.P. Carey School of Business students and faculty members, as well as business and industry representatives.

About 30 students will be chosen for this year's program. For information, e-mail wpcadmissions@asu.edu, call 480-965-8710 or watch a video at youtube.com/watch?v=w43zTYihWR4.

Foundation offers money for college textbooks

The Ortiz Family Foundation is supporting Arizona community college students through the "Words O.F.F. the Page Aid for Books" program.

Award recipients will receive a \$500 gift certificate to purchase textbooks and supplies at their college bookstore for two consecutive semesters.

The Ortiz Family Foundation invites graduating high school seniors planning to attend an Arizona community college in the fall, as well as

current Arizona community college students with a 3.0 grade point average or higher, to apply.

Students must be residents of the United States with valid Social Security numbers. The application is available at ortizfamilyfoundation.com.

All applications must be e-mailed to KellieGreen@ortizfamilyfoundation.com before June 28.

Additionally, a hard copy of the application, letters of recommendation and official transcripts must be mailed to:

The Ortiz Family Foundation, Attention: Kellie Green, PMB No. 216, 2702 E. University Dr., No. 103, Mesa, AZ 85213.

Applications must be postmarked no later than midnight Mountain Standard Time June 28. Late applications will not be considered. Award recipients will be announced Aug. 2.

Hosts needed for foreign exchange students

Volunteers are needed to house international high school exchange students for the 2010-11 fall semester or school year.

Students from more than 25 countries will arrive in August, and are in need of adults or families to provide a home and share the unique experience.

The host family will provide a bed and meals. Students are between the ages of 15 and 18, speak English, are covered by medical insurance and have spending money for their personal expenses.

They will attend the high school closest to their host family's home. Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel will best match their family.

For information, call 800-941-3738 or visit sharesouthwest.org.

Trinity Lutheran School has open enrollment

Trinity Lutheran School, at 830 E. Plaza Circle in Avondale, has opened enrollment for the 2010-11 school year and is accepting registration for pupils in preschool through eighth grade.

For information, call 623-935-4690, e-mail Donna Bloomstadt at dbloomstadt@TrinityLCS.org or visit www.TrinityLCS.org.

Community college offers Gifted Education Endorsement program

Estrella Mountain Community College is offering a Gifted Education Endorsement program.

In order to renew a teaching certificate, certified personnel are required to have a certain number of continuing education or professional development hours documented. The Gifted Education Endorsement program will allow educators to fulfill the requirement while earning an endorsement from the Arizona Department of Education.

EPD225, Foundations of Gifted Education and Identification of Gifted Learners, will be the first course offered and is a prerequisite to all other courses throughout the program.

Teachers, counselors, administrators and any other certified personnel in the K-12 education system are able to enroll now in the program. It will begin in fall 2010. The six-course program is the only Gifted Education Endorsement program available in the state of Arizona.

For information about the courses, visit www.estrellamountain.edu/ctl/teachedu/pdct.asp, or e-mail deborah.raffin@estrellamountain.edu.

To register for the program, call 623-935-8479.

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