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HARVARD SURVEY FINDS COLLEGE STUDENTS A KEY DEMOGRAPHIC IN 2004 ELECTIONS

College students can be a potent political force in 2004, according to a national survey of undergraduates conducted by Harvard University's Institute of Politics. These "Campus Kids", the offspring of the Soccer Moms and Office Park Dads, are a persuadable group who are not yet slanted to one major political party or ideology. The Institute of Politics ("IOP") survey of 1,201 undergraduates across the United States was conducted between April 22 to 30, 2003 and carries a margin of error of +/- 2.8% at the 95% confidence level. The IOP conducts national polls twice each year to study college students' attitudes toward public service and government. They are designed and analyzed by a group of Harvard College undergraduates.

John DellaVolpe, a partner in the opinion research firm Schneider / DellaVolpe / Schulman, assisted the group, executed the telephone surveys, and prepared the report. The Institute of Politics was established in 1966 with an endowment from the John F. Kennedy Library Corporation to inspire undergraduate students to enter careers in politics and public service, and to promote greater understanding and cooperation between the academic community and the political world. The full report is available online at: www.iop.harvard.edu/2003survey.pdf. The top line data is available online at: www.iop.harvard.edu/2003toplines.pdf.

KIDS COUNT LATINO CHILDREN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN POCKET GUIDES NOW AVAILABLE

The Annie E. Casey Foundation has Latino children and African-American children pocket guides that provide statistics on economic, educational, and social well-being for minority children and highlights gaps that persist between minority kids and non-Hispanic white children in the US. Derived from the 2000 Census, these booklets contain a national overview, state-by-state data, and state rankings. To view the booklets, visit: www.aecf.org/kidscount/latino_pocketguide.pdf and www.aecf.org/kidscount/african_american_pocketguide.pdf.

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES CONDUCTS REGIONAL CONFERENCE

On Thursday, June 26, 2003 the White House and the Departments of Justice, Agriculture, Labor, Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban Development, and Education and the Agency for International Development will host a Conference in Portland, OR, to help faith-based and community organizations learn more about President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative. The Federal government is working to make sure that faith-based and community groups can compete on an equal footing for Federal dollars, receive greater private support, and face fewer bureaucratic barriers. The Conference is part of a series of regional Conferences that are being held around the country.

These Conferences will equip participants with information about Federal programs that are suited to their needs, the Federal funding process, and the legal requirements that may apply to recipients of Federal funds. It will also give them practical information on the grant-writing process and successful practices from other organizations, as well as an opportunity to network with Federal officials. The conference will offer several different tracks of workshops. When you pre-register, please indicate your preference for which workshop you would like to attend. Since workshops fill up, please mark a first and second choice.

The Conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. For registration information, visit: <http://www.dtiassociates.com/fbcior/> to register online. The deadline is June 13. For more information, please call 202-456-6718, send an email: to fbcior@dtihq.com, or visit www.fbcior.gov.

500 EFFECTIVE PRACTICES FROM THE NATIONAL SERVICE RESOURCE CENTER

The National Service Resource Center's Effective Practices database has reached 500 practices. Since launching the effective practices database in August 2000, they have remained a great online resource for sharing what works in national service and community volunteering, providing a way for members, volunteers, students, and service professionals to learn from each other and more effectively serve their communities. Effective practices in the database cover the topic areas of program management, environment, education, volunteer management, human needs and public safety. Practices can easily be searched by title, keyword or topic. The site collected, researched, wrote, and shared effective practices that cover the topic areas of program management, environment, education, volunteer management, human needs and public safety. To read the effective practices, visit: www.nationalservice.org/resources/epicenter.

IOWA GOVERNOR SIGNS SERVICE-LEARNING AND CHARACTER EDUCATION LAW

On April 11, 2003, Governor Thomas Vilsack of Iowa signed into law an act that allows public and private elementary and secondary schools to require a certain number of service-learning units in order to graduate. The act defines service-learning as, "a method of teaching and learning which engages students in solving problems and addressing issues in their school or greater community as part of the academic curriculum." It also includes a section to have schools consider recommendations to infuse character education into the educational program. The legislation passed unanimously in both the Iowa House and Senate.

TUTOR/MENTOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PROVIDES A BLUEPRINT FOR MENTORING YOUTH TO CAREERS AND REDUCING YOUTH VIOLENCE

On June 5th and 6th, 2003 over 300 leaders of tutoring, mentoring and school-to-work programs and the Chicago GEAR UP Alliance will come together for the 10th Annual Spring Tutor/Mentor Leadership Conference. The conference will be held at Northeastern Illinois University, Alumni Hall. The June 5th and 6th Leadership Conference is a partnership with the Chicago GEAR UP Alliance, the Cabrini Connections Tutor/Mentor Connection and New Concepts. It is a two-day event that encompasses workshops, exhibit booths, networking and keynote speakers. It will bring together leaders of tutoring/mentoring and youth development programs from Chicago, Illinois, and throughout the United States. During the event there will be a rich exchange of ideas, practical advice, and business cards, which arms participants with new resources they can put to work in their own programs. Conference workshop descriptions, registration material, and a detailed listing of workshops and speakers can be found at: www.tutormentorconference.bigstep.com.

YOUNG PEOPLE STEP UP TO KEEP AMERICA STRONG - STORIES OF EVERYDAY YOUNG HEROES

Kayla McCullough, 12, of Gruetli-Laager, TN, a sixth-grader at Swiss Memorial Elementary School, collects food and toiletry items for the Ronald McDonald House where she and her family stayed during

her infant brother's illness. When Kayla's brother, Brady, was being treated at a hospital 50 miles from their home, "the Ronald McDonald House provided us with a place to sleep, eat, and rest," she said. During her stay, Kayla realized that "if foods and toiletry items were donated, the people at Ronald McDonald House would have more money for other things."

When Brady died at 19 months old, Kayla decided to start a campaign. She got her school, church, and local senior groups involved in collecting canned food, soaps, lotions, and other toiletries for people staying at Ronald McDonald House. She also collected 26 gallons of soda can pop-tabs, which are helping to pay for children's Chemotherapy treatments. "I have learned that if I help others, I can learn to cope with the loss of my brother," Kayla said. Kayla was a recent winner of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Feinstein Institute, Providence College seeks a Service Learning Coordinator to act as liaison with community based organizations, faculty, staff, and students in implementing the mission of the Feinstein Institute at Providence College. This person will build, maintain, and assess relationships between campus and community constituencies. Send letter of application and resume to Human Resources, Harkins Hall, Room 407, Providence, RI 02918 or email your resume to hr@providence.edu and include the job position title on the subject line. For additional information contact Joe Cammarano, jpcammar@providence.edu.

Other job opportunity resources:

www.SERVE.net.org
www.accessjobs.org
www.idealists.org
www.opportunitynocs.org
www.independentsector.org/members/joblink.html

THE NATIONAL SERVICE CALENDAR

- CONFERENCES

June 5-8, 2003 The Community Leadership Association's 23rd Annual Leadership Conference in Saint Paul, MN - www.communityleadership.org
June 8, 2003 National and Community Service Conference in Baltimore, MD - www.pointsoflight.org
June 20-23, 2003 American Association of University Women's National Convention in Providence, RI - www.aauw.org
June 23-25 2003 National Peer Helpers Association Conference in Atlanta, GA - www.peerhelping.org
June 23-26, 2003 Summer Institute 2003: Teaching Voluntary Action For The Common Good - www.learningtogive.org or www.cwru.edu/mandelcenter/yps.
June 25-28, 2003 Youth To Youth International - National Youth Leadership Conference - www.y2yint.com
July 10-12, 2003 The 9th Annual Character Education Conference in St. Louis, MO - www.csd.org/staffdev/chared/Conf/cec.html
July 14-16, 2003 Yale University School For The 21st Century - Partners for Success: Linking Communities, Families, and Schools - www.yale.edu/21c
September 22-24, 2003 National Youth Court Center - Youth Courts: An Implementation Training Seminar - www.youthcourt.net
December 27-31, 2003 Intervarsity's 20th Student Mission Convention at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - www.urbana.org
March 28-31, 2004 The National Service-Learning Conference "Citizens Not Spectators: Fulfilling The Promise of Democracy" - www.nylc.org

- SEASONS OF SERVICE AND SPECIAL EVENTS

April 27 - July 22, 2003 The Great American Bake Sale - www.greatamericanbakesale.org
June 21, 2003 Join Hands Day - www.joinhandsday.org
October 19-25, 2003 Kids Care Week - www.kidscare.org
October 22, 2003 National Peer Helpers Day - www.peerhelping.org
October 25, 2003 Make A Difference Day - www.makeadifferenceday.com

November 22, 2003 National Family Volunteer Day - www.alliance1.org
December 5, 2003 International Volunteer Day (IVD) - www.worldvolunteerweb.org/events/ivd/index.htm
January 2004 2nd Annual National Mentoring Month - www.whomentoredyou.org
January 19, 2004 Martin Luther King Day of Service - www.mlkday.org
April 16-18, 2004 National Youth Service Day - www.ysa.org/nysd
April 18-24, 2004 National Volunteer Week - www.pointsoflight.org
May 1, 2004 Join Hands Day - www.joinhandsday.org
October 23, 2004 Make A Difference Day - www.makeadifferenceday.com
November 20, 2004 National Family Volunteer Day - www.alliance1.org

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Recognize your young volunteers with the President's Student Service Awards. Make them a part of every ceremony and special event! For more information on the President's Student Service Awards or the President's Student Service Scholarships, please visit: www.student-service-awards.org.

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