

Davenport Hosts Promise Forums

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The City of Davenport is hosting three public forums for the community to learn more about the work of the Promise Task Force and its recommendations to the city. The Davenport Promise program would provide college tuition, vocational training, or a post-military-service homestead grant to Davenport residents after high school. The forums are scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, in the Genesis East Adler Educational Center (inside the Heart Institute Building); 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, at the Davenport downtown library; and 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 8, at Central High School in Davenport. For more information, visit DavenportSchools.org and click on "Davenport Promise."

On November 13, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Scott County will host a Military Mental Health Conference aimed at providing support and education to people who have served our country and now suffer from a mental illness. The goal is to provide information about diagnosis, symptoms, and treatments they may need. The target audience includes active-duty military, veterans, family members, community service providers, and the public. It will be held at the St. Ambrose University Rogalski Center, 518 West Locust Street in Davenport, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration is free to all participants, but there is a \$25 fee for CEUs or CMEs. Lunch is provided. For more information, visit NAMIScottCounty.org

Michael Boyd, president of Boyd Group International, will be traveling to the Quad Cities to update the public on the aviation industry. Boyd Group International provides strategic planning and tactical solutions for aviation-related clients, including forecasting, research, and consulting. The lunch event is presented by the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, November 26, at the i wireless Center at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$15 for chamber members, and \$25 for the general public.

Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias and Chicago Bears quarterback Kyle Orton kicked off an effort to improve the money-management skills of Illinois youths this fall by distributing an educational DVD to every public high school in the state. Giannoulias mailed copies of Financial Football - an interactive money-management video game with an NFL theme - to more than 650 public high schools in Illinois at no cost to the state. The game and four lesson plans are also available for free at <http://www.treasurer.il.gov>

The Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences and its alumni association are selling tickets to a benefit production of *The Snow Queen*, performed by the River Point Ballet company, at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 5, at the Capitol Theater in Davenport.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$12 for seniors and children ages 12 and younger. Tickets benefit the Trinity College scholarship programs. Ticket-holders are invited to a complimentary wine-and-cheese reception prior to the ballet that includes a silent auction, holiday punch, and a visit from Santa Claus. Tickets may be purchased by calling (309) 779-7700 or visiting TrinityCollegeQC.edu

Washington Junior High, at 3300 18th Avenue in Rock Island, will be hosting "Celebrate Savings" from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, November 8. The event offers a morning of financial wisdom to straighten out your budget, take control of your spending, and save a few dollars at the grocery store. The event is free and open to the public. Child care is offered for children ages four through 11. Seminars will start every half hour. For more information, call (309) 732-2900.

November 19 is National Philanthropy Day. In the Quad Cities, it is celebrated every two years with an awards ceremony and luncheon organized by the Quad Cities chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Winners for the 2008 celebration will be honored at an awards ceremony and luncheon on November 19 at the i wireless Center in Moline. For more information, e-mail cmf@hdcmail.org, call (563) 391-4834, or visit AFPQuadCities.com. To purchase tickets for the luncheon, call Kellie Esters at (563) 332-0234.

The River Music Experience is looking for donations of used musical instruments and accessories (in good condition) to be made available to students who may not be able to afford a particular instrument of their own. Some of these instruments may also be made available for use by area performers on their community stage in Mojo's Café. All donated items can be dropped off in Mojo's at the River Music Experience - to the attention of Ellis Kell - Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 pm or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (563) 326-1333 extension 113 or e-mail ekell@rivermusicexperience.org