



EOC February Newsletter

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Message from EOC

As we revamp and continue to provide service. We sent out a email asking our current EOC participants to update us with their current school standing. Are you still in school? If not did you graduate or stop for other reasons?

We are still committed to providing you with the best resources to help you achieve success in school. As always, we are only a call or email away if you need any help!

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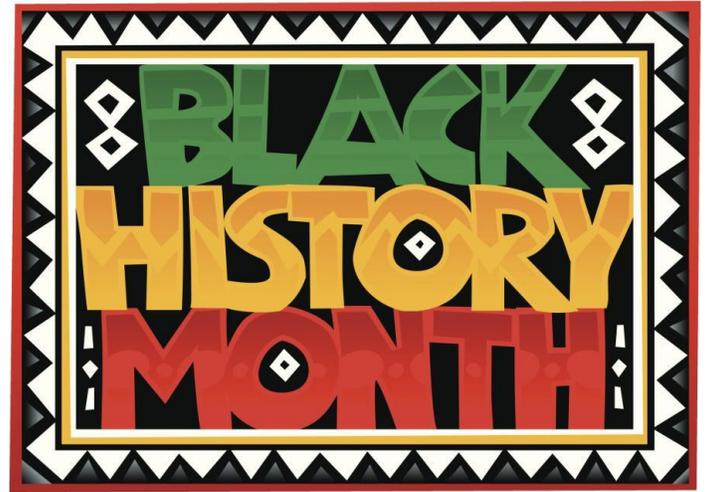
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Emergency Resources

Crisis Assistance Ministry helps with emergency financial assistance for rent and utilities, a free store offering clothing, shoes and household items, as well as furniture and appliances.

All is needed is to submit an application with the required documents.

[Emergency Financial Assistance: Curbside - Crisis Assistance Ministry](#)



“Challenges
make you
discover things
about yourself
that you never
really knew.”

-Cicely Tyson

Important Dates

- CPCC: Online – career services “It’s a “MAJOR” Decision workshop Feb. 2nd
- CPCC: 1st day for 2nd Spring 12-week session and 2nd 4-week session – Feb. 7
- CPCC: Spring Break begins March 7, classes resume on March 14
- Gaston: Last day to add 13-week classes Feb. 4
- Gaston: last day to petition for spring commencement ceremony for Summer Graduates – Feb 11
- Gaston: First day of 2nd 5-week classes



Private Student Loans

Private student loans are meant to supplement federal student loans, not replace them. It is highly advisable to work with financial aid offices at the schools you would like to attend for other sources of federal, states, and school aid. With financial aid being offered in the form of grants, scholarships, and public student loans, private student loans should **only be used as a last resort**. Private loans typically have finance charges which are higher due to the higher interest and fees that are levied to use the borrowed money. In addition to that, private lenders charge additional fees in the form of prepaid charges. You have the late charges, loan processing fees, deferment and forbearance fees. The thing about private student loans is that by them being private, all of these fees are not the same nor are they assessed. This is why it is important to read the fine print in the promissory note which outlines all the details of the loan. Also, more interest is added called compounding interest as a student stays in school in order to delay repayment until they leave school. The more the lender adds interest to the principal loan balance, the more the borrower will pay.

Finding support in School

- Make friends with student services
- Know that a counselor is a call/email away
- Get involved with peer study groups
- Reach out to professors, many times they are eagerly waiting for a student to come see them for help

Tips for Job Interview

- Research your potential employer
- Align your skills with those in the job description
- Test yourself with informational and mock interviews (some campuses have this resource for you)
- Pay attention to your body language
- Follow up with a thank you