

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, LOFT INSTITUTE, THURGOOD MARSHALL COLLEGE FUND, AND ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND PROVIDE FREE LEADERSHIP TRAINING TO STUDENTS

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Washington, DC – The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), in partnership with the Hispanic Heritage Foundation's (HHF) LOFT (Latinos On Fast Track) Institute, Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf) and Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF), will host a free, one-day *Leadership Training* for area high school, college, and graduate students on Saturday, June 4, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at SEC Headquarters, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC.

The Leadership Training will provide emerging young leaders with an actionable framework for leadership in the community, classroom and workforce. The effort will help the students *find, define* and *refine* their inner leader and then have it *shine* by making a positive impact throughout their lives. In addition, the students will learn from, and network with, SEC professionals and community leaders, as well as receive financial literacy information. Topics will include:

1. The meaning of "leadership," leadership traits, and developing leadership skills to benefit themselves, their families, their communities, and America;
2. Careers in the financial services and securities industries, and careers at the SEC; and
3. Ten important tips on saving and investing their hard-earned money as students and beyond.

Students can RSVP by completing a brief form found at <http://bit.ly/l6ZUbY> and emailing their resume to resume@loftinstitute.org .

Attendees will receive an event confirmation via email. Space is limited.

"The SEC is wholly committed to developing a diverse talent pipeline, not only for our own hiring needs, but for the securities and financial services industry as a whole," said Alta Rodriguez, Director of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity at the SEC. "We are implementing several initiatives for youth and young adults, particularly for those from traditionally underserved communities, to expose them to the wide-ranging career paths in the securities industry and to increase their financial awareness. The SEC is proud to partner with LOFT, the Hispanic Heritage Foundation, the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, and the Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund on this Leadership Training program, and we are committed to establishing and fostering partnerships with similar organizations on an ongoing basis. Through events such as this, we hope to connect with students at a critical point in their lives, where developing both their leadership skills and their financial knowledge will have a meaningful impact on their life decisions, such as paying for college, saving and investing, and choosing a career."

The Leadership Training curriculum was developed by LOFT Chairman Emanuel Pleitez sourcing literature from McKinsey and Co., Stanford MBA Jullien Gordon and the New Leaders Council. Beyond the training, the students will

continue to be tracked, engaged and positioned as leaders through platforms, networking and opportunities to lead in their schools, communities and workforce. The students will also be provided with mentoring and speaking opportunities and be eligible for internships, fellowships and full-time positions through the LOFT Workforce program.

Hispanic Heritage Foundation

Established in 1987, HHF identifies, inspires, prepares and positions Latino leaders in the classroom, community and workforce through their year-round programs. With the motto to help one Latino youth help 100 more instead of one at a time, HHF has a network of more than 50,000 vetted and prepped emerging Latino leaders aged 18-28 making an impact. Visit www.HispanicHeritage.org for more information and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1UUfAjgbmw> for a brief video.

Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund

Based in Washington, D.C., the APIASF is the nation's largest non-profit organization devoted solely to providing college scholarships for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI). Since 2003, APIASF has provided a critical bridge to higher education for APIA students across the country by distributing more than \$40 million in scholarships to students. APIASF manages two scholarship programs: APIASF's general scholarship and the Gates Millennium Scholars/Asian Pacific Islander Americans funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Thurgood Marshall College Fund

The mission of the TMCF is three-fold: Partner with our member schools to increase access, retention and graduation rates of students attending their schools; Identify and prepare member schools' students who have significant leadership potential; and, Create for employers a pipeline of highly-qualified member-schools' students and alumni. And the vision is to change the world one leader at a time.

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission The United States Congress established the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in 1934, during the Great Depression that followed the stock market crash of 1929. The mission of the SEC is to protect investors, maintain fair, orderly, and efficient markets, and facilitate capital formation. The responsibilities of the SEC include interpreting and enforcing federal securities laws and coordinating securities regulation with federal, state, and foreign authorities. The laws and rules that govern the securities industry in the United States derive from a simple and straightforward concept: all investors, whether large institutions or private individuals, should have access to certain basic facts about an investment prior to buying it, and so long as they hold it. For more information about the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, please visit www.sec.gov.

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