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MONMOUTH COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL MERIT AND YOUNG LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP

Monmouth College in Illinois is a premier, private liberal arts college with a focus on business and education, in addition to core disciplines in the sciences, humanities, social sciences and arts. Within those subjects is an interdisciplinary emphasis on business and science, and we recently broke ground on a $40 million Center for Science and Business. We provide an outstanding undergraduate education to well-prepared, ambitious students, and we have a tradition of commitment to diversity with an international scope.

Monmouth College now offers two scholarships specifically for degree-seeking international students, the MC International Merit Scholarship (top limit of $17,000), which will be awarded to as many as 50 students each year, and the MC International Young Leaders Scholarship (top limit of $25,000), which will be awarded to 5 students each year, that are renewable for up to three years.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/w2Ehw6
SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Located on an Oceanside campus in the historic city of Newport, Rhode Island, Salve Regina University is a Catholic coeducational university of liberal arts, sciences, and professional studies. With an enrollment of 2,100 undergraduate students, the university offers over 40 undergraduate programs ranging from Business Administration, Psychology, Education, Cultural and Historic Preservation, Political Science, and Administration of Justice.

Salve Regina University is pleased to offer International Merit Scholarships to qualified applicants. Undergraduate students applying to the university are automatically considered for International Merit Scholarship awards, and the amount of the scholarship is based on the academic strength of the student applying. We look forward to hearing from you!

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/vvgi1H

NEXXT SCHOLARS FOR UNDERGRADUATE WOMEN IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH

NeXXt Scholars is an initiative to increase opportunities for young women to pursue undergraduate degrees in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields at U.S. women’s colleges. Benefits of this initiative include:

- Five-year membership to the New York Academy of Sciences (four years during undergraduate studies + one year post-graduation)
- Individual STEM Mentor and networking opportunities provided by the NYAS
- Access to internship & research opportunities
- Incredible science, technology, engineering and math education environment with high-tech equipment and hands-on learning
- A STEM-Sister NeXXt Scholar (An entering American STEM peer is nominated by your college to also receive the NYAS benefits; to discover and navigate your STEM educations together)
- Act as an ambassador for your country!

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/uPbXVE
FARLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The largest private university in New Jersey, Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) is a not-for-profit, nonsectarian, multicampus institution. The University offers over 100 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including doctoral programs in nursing practice, clinical psychology and school psychology; and an AACSB-accredited business school.

The FDU International Scholarship awards $1,000 to $13,500 per year to qualified, first-time undergraduate freshmen. Consideration for this award is based on academic merit and demonstrated financial need. The SAT/ACT is not required and the award is renewable for up to four years. The FDU International Graduate Scholarship awards $1,000 to $10,000 per year and is also based on academic merit and demonstrated financial need.  
For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/tbavTN

MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY IN-STATE TUITION FOR NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

Minot State University in North Dakota makes it affordable for any student in the world to receive a top-notch education from one of the premiere universities in the Great Plains. No matter where you are from, you will pay the North Dakota in-state tuition rate when you enroll in on-campus courses.

Also, Minot State University allows you to enroll in up to 18 credits for the same price as 12 credits! So, for no extra cost per semester, you can potentially save over $10,000 by completing your degree in four years. This option also allows you the freedom to branch out and take courses outside of your degree area, if you choose.  
For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/Avn5KJ

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THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
APPLICATION FEE WAIVER

From studying new ways to cure disease to experimental theatre, from leading edge business studies to state of the art computer science, the learning community at Evergreen engages students, faculty and staff across campus.

The Master of Environmental Studies Program at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington is currently accepting applications for Fall 2012. Evergreen will waive the $50 application fee for all international student applicants. The priority deadline for applications is February 15, 2012.
For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/v7WF9

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MORITZ COLLEGE OF LAW MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program is designed for foreign lawyers who wish to advance their legal education in a stimulating academic environment. The College offers the dual advantages of a highly-regarded law curriculum at a major U.S. university and an LL.M. program of limited size that allows for individualized attention and support.

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law LL.M. program is happy to announce a new merit scholarship program. Several scholarships of $7500 will be awarded to exceptional applicants beginning in the current application cycle. International students are encouraged to apply!
For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/uS1ONZ
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Education at the Earth Institute, Columbia University, covers an array of opportunities, from undergraduate to graduate options of study and student programs. Currently there are over 24 academic programs affiliated with the Earth Institute that represent one of the largest collections of environmental education programs in the world.

The January 15 early application deadline for fellowship consideration is fast approaching for the Master of Public Administration in Environmental Science and Policy program. Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs will be awarding Environmental Sustainability Fellows for the first time for the academic year 2012-2013. Environmental Sustainability Fellows accepted to the MPA ESP program will receive $20,000 each toward their tuition. In order to be considered for a Fellow appointment, we invite candidates to apply by January 15, 2012.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/x99knt

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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY WINS NATIONAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE EDUCATION

Eastern Illinois University (EIU) Graduate School is proud to announce that it has been selected as the recipient of the Council of Graduate Schools/Education Testing Services "Award for Innovation in Graduate Education." This national award had impressive competition from many larger universities around the United States.

The award recognizes promising, innovative proposals to enhance student success and degree completion at the master's or doctoral level, while promoting inclusiveness. The winning institution is selected based on the strength of its proposal to meet the award’s goals and to serve as a model for other schools; it receives a two-year, $20,000 matching grant.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/uuZ8lo
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA TO OFFER NEW SUSTAINABILITY DEGREE

A new major, offered by the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of South Dakota, will help students prepare for a future committed to developing renewable energy and preserving ecological resources.

Beginning in the fall of 2012, the University of South Dakota will offer a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability. This degree program will contribute to the development of the South Dakota workforce in industries such as wind energy, hydroelectric power, geothermal energy technologies, biofuels and “green” construction practices.

“The demand for experts in sustainability is growing across the country,” stated Matthew Moen, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. “Graduates of our program will ultimately be prepared for exciting careers in industries that the state has identified as crucial to South Dakota’s future.”

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/uUyh17

WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE TO OFFER NEW BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) will launch a new interdisciplinary program leading to the bachelor of science degree in architectural engineering in the fall of 2012. It will be one of just 17 such programs nationwide, the first program in New England, and only the second in the Northeast. WPI's program has been designed to prepare students to help address the growing challenges of sustainability, energy conservation, and safety in the built environment.

Nine new undergraduate courses will be added to the curriculum to support the program. They will focus on such topics as architectural design, principles of HVAC design for buildings, building fire safety system design, and building electrical and lighting systems. As part of WPI's project-based undergraduate program, the architectural engineering program will be project-centered. For example, during the junior year, majors will be involved in an integrated design experience, undertaking the architectural design of a building that will be progressively engineered during junior-year courses in structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/tuiSyi
MISSION POSSIBLE! EDUCATIONUSA & THE U.S. STUDENT VISA PROCESS

Think you can't get a U.S. student visa? Think again! In FY11, almost 86% of student visa applicants worldwide were approved!

Follow the link below and check out this Mission Possible video that takes a lighter look at the steps required to obtain a U.S. student visa!

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/tfsxai

REGISTER NOW! EDUSA CONNECTS WEBINARS ON FINANCING YOUR STUDIES

Did you know that the cost of living and studying varies across the United States? With the right amount of planning and research, it can be made affordable with high returns on your investment. In addition, many international students receive financial assistance toward their studies. In fact, international students studying in the U.S. during the 2010-11 academic year received a total of $7.7 billion in financial assistance!

Join us online this coming January and February where experts from the U.S. higher education community will offer invaluable insight on financing your studies. Session topics include lowering costs, financial aid, sports scholarships, planning a budget, managing personal expenses, and campus employment in the U.S. for international students.

Participation is free – don’t miss this unique opportunity!
For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/yDrh1G
With their families thousands of miles away, the winter holidays offer a chance to travel around the United States for many foreign students who can't get home.

Wajihuddin Mohammad tells The Daily Leader that he's been home to India only twice since coming to the United States in 2007. He's a doctoral student in microsystems engineering at Louisiana Tech, and said he was going to Florida to see a friend.

"Christmas is celebrated in India, and is a big shopping day," Mohammed said. "It will be fun spending this year's holiday break with my friends as we travel around Florida."

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/yGwY5s

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