



# Success Xpress

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## Your Child's Educational Portfolio

It's PCS time! When you have school age children the thought of moving to a new school is daunting. To help make the transition less stressful, it's a good idea to gather your child's academic records or begin creating an education portfolio. It will be a critical piece to your child's future if you're in the process of moving, planning to move or if you want to enroll your child in a special or private school.

When you are notified of your PCS contact your local School Liaison Office (SLO) to assist with the educational transfer. They can put you in touch with the SLO at your gaining installation to help with the district requirements.



Become familiar with the Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunities for Military Children. Visit [ww.mic3.net](http://ww.mic3.net) to learn more about it.

These are only a few ways to make the move...smooth.

Here is a sample of items that should be included in your child's Educational Portfolio:

### Legal Documents:

- Student's Birth Certificate (Original Certified Copy)
- Student's Social Security Number
- Student's Health Record (Immunization, physical, etc)
- Legal Documents as Needed
- Proof of Residency/Military Orders (utility bills, lease/escrow deed, housing contract)
- Student's Military ID Card (if applicable)

### Departing School Information:

- Address, Phone Numbers, Contact Information, Websites
- Course Descriptions/Grading Scale (if available for 6th grade and above)
- Copy of the Cover of Each Textbook or the Title Page/Table of Contents/Course Description
- School Profile/Handbook
- School Web Page (URL)

### School Records:

- Copy of Cumulative Folder/Transcripts (*only the copy mailed between schools is considered official*)
- Current Schedule
- Report Cards/Withdrawal Grades or Progress Reports

- Test Scores (Standardized or Special Program Testing, etc.)

### Special Programs Records as Appropriate:

- Individual Education Plan (IEP) Individual Accommodation Plan (504)/Gifted Program Description
- English as a Second Language (ESL) or Bilingual Education
- At-Risk or Other Action Plans for Classroom Modifications

### Other Documents/Examples:

- Writing Samples & Other Work Examples
- Activities Records (co-extracurricular)
- Community Service or Service Learning
- Other Work or Performance Examples



A Teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops. Henry Adams



# Homeschool Fair

Resources available for JBSA homeschoolers. Browse homeschool curriculum publishers, learning products, games, educational toys, curriculum swap and much more!

May 20, 2011  
9 am - noon  
Youth Center  
Bldg 8420

Call 671-2510 for more information  
[www.lacklandfss.com](http://www.lacklandfss.com)



The **2011 Joint Reserve Component Teen Leadership Summit** is open to 14-18 year old dependents of current military members serving in the Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve. Airfare, transportation while at the Summit, camp registration fees, meals, and lodging are covered by grant funding from the Extension-Military Partnership through funding from the Office of Secretary of Defense-Military Community and Family Policy and National Institute of Food and Agriculture/US Department of Agriculture. Application deadline is 20 May 2011.

Additional information, including instructions for teen applicants and adult volunteers, is available at <http://www.georgia4h.org/jointreservesummit>

The **Youth Employment Skills (YES) Program** is an on-base volunteer program for high school students and is offered at selected Air Force bases. This program, underwritten by the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS), is a joint effort between AFAS and Air Force Family Member Programs Flight to offer high school students an opportunity to learn valuable work skills, "bank" dollar credits toward their post-secondary education/training, and have a positive impact on their base community.

YES allows high school students to "bank" \$4 in grant funding for every hour volunteered in an on base function. Students may accumulate as much as 250 hours over all 4 years of high school combined, for a potential maximum of \$1,000 toward their future vocational-technical or academic endeavors. In addition, the base will be credited with \$2 for every volunteer hour, to be used in support of base youth program enhancements (up to \$10,000 per year). Interested students should contact the base Youth Director at the Youth Center for eligibility requirements and enrollment procedures.

**PCSing Overseas?** DoDEA has launched an Online Student Pre-Registration System for School Year 2011-2012, with the aim of reducing the time parents will have to wait at the school registration site. The new program will also allow school officials to better predict school enrollment for the upcoming year, make more informed decisions regarding teacher and staff requirements, and prepare in advance for special services, supplies, and other classroom needs. Parents can pre-register their children by visiting the website: <https://registration.dodea.edu/>

For more information please visit:

<http://www.dodea.edu/pressroom/releasesDisplay.cfm?prId=20110322>

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# Schools Out...What Now?

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/high-school/152330.html>

Summer is a great opportunity to do something that might interest and challenge you. You can volunteer, attend a summer school program or find a summer job.

When deciding what to do with your extra time, don't lose sight of your goals for the future. These easy steps can keep you at the top of your game, energized and ready to meet the demands you'll face in the fall.

## 1. Keep up with the news.

Reading is a key to academic success. It's the best way to build vocabulary, improve reading comprehension and gain skills in analyzing text. And reading newspapers and magazines — in print or online — has additional benefits: you'll learn about current events and become a more knowledgeable and well-rounded individual.

## 2. Take a class.

Consider exploring an area of interest that you don't have time for during the school year. It may mean learning something new to you, such as another language — or gaining in-depth knowledge in an area you're familiar with, like advanced chemistry. Either way, you'll be able to strengthen your organizational, homework and study skills as you delve into an exciting new area.

## 3. Join or form a book club.

Keep up with contemporary authors in addition to exploring the classics. Participating in a book club is a great way to become comfortable with sharing your thoughts in a group setting, a common activity in advanced-level classes. You can also hone your organizational and leadership skills if you're responsible for the club's reading selections, meetings and discussions.



## 4. Keep a journal.

The more you write, the easier writing becomes. Keep a diary or blog, and you'll boost your composition skills naturally. You'll learn about your own writing style as well as the rules of grammar and effective sentence structure. You'll also have an outlet for creative self-expression. As you compose tales about your vacation, work experiences and personal relationships, you may even find the perfect topic for one of your college-application essays.

## 5. Volunteer.

Volunteering gives you an opportunity to show what you're really made of. There's no shortage of organizations that can use a helping hand. Hospitals, nursing homes, animal shelters and food banks are just a few places that need energetic and caring volunteers. The benefits are mutual: while you help others, you can improve your interpersonal skills as well as practice good time management and scheduling. Learn more about volunteering.

# Grab Bag .... News You Can Use

**Scholarship Offered for Military Children:** The Ketia 4 Kidz Foundation has announced the Adrian & Corena Swanier Scholarship competition for the 2011–12 academic year. The scholarship was established in 2010 to recognize the contributions of and provide educational assistance to military children. The program will award five \$1,000 scholarships for use towards four-year degrees, or vocational or technical certificates. The Ketia 4 Kidz Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization created to motivate children of active duty, deployed, and severely injured military personnel to achieve their goals through excellence in academics, arts, and sports-related programs. The organization focuses on school-age children located on worldwide military installations. The scholarship is funded by a generous grant from the Armed Services Mutual Benefit Association (ASMBA) STAR Foundation, a voluntary association of persons dedicated to improving the quality of life for all military personnel, veterans, and their families. The funding for the foundation is provided by a yearly grant from ASMBA and by financial support from other nonprofit organizations and individuals, including the military community and the general public.

To learn more, visit [www.ketia4kidz.org/](http://www.ketia4kidz.org/).

**2011 Caring For People Forum** Looking for teens, civilians, spouses, children/adolescents, and retirees to take part in this forum.....please have them complete registration if interested! The Lackland AFB Integrated Service Delivery (IDS) team is planning the Lackland AFB 2011 Caring for People Forum, and we need you in order to make it a success. We're looking for military members, civilians, spouses, children/adolescents, and retirees to participate in discussion groups that will recommend ways for us to improve quality of life at Lackland AFB specifically, and in the Air Force generally. Please consider registering for the forum so that you can share your observations, concerns, and ideas with us!

WHEN: 10 MAY 2011, 0800-1630

WHERE: The Gateway Club

WHY: Identify quality of life issues impacting our Airmen and their families.

Contact Capt Dan Cassidy, [daniel.cassidy.1@us.af.mil](mailto:daniel.cassidy.1@us.af.mil) with questions, or to register.

## State Department Announces Foreign Language Scholarships

The Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition for the National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y). The NSLI-Y provides overseas foreign language instruction for American high school students and recent graduates interested in learning less-commonly studied foreign languages. Scholarships are offered to study seven languages: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Persian, Russian and Turkish. Applications for 2012–13 programs (for programs in summer 2012 and continuing through academic year 2012–13, fall 2012 and spring 2013) will be available in fall 2011.

For more information, visit <http://exchanges.state.gov/youth/programs/nsli.html>.



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# HERO On Duty

## TEEN SUMMIT *for Children of* MILITARY FAMILIES

May 18, 2011



## Summit Details

**Who can attend?** Juniors and Seniors in high school who are children of military parents. Hurry to register because space is limited to 150 attendees!! **No charge to school districts or attendees!! Lunch will be provided.**

**Presenter:** Mr. Arick Bostick, nationally known motivational speaker. Mr. Bostick is a dynamic, enthusiastic, and entertaining presenter to all audiences, while instilling a strong message of encouragement and motivation to succeed.

**HERO ON DUTY principles:** Hero is defined as any person admired for courage, nobility, and regarded as an ideal role model.

The **HERO on Duty principles** are:

- H**-onesty: Tells the truth even when it is not easy
- E**-mpathy: Understands the feelings of others
- R**-esponsibility: Ownership for actions, resists peer pressure, resolves conflict non-violently
- O**-ptimism: Excited about his or her personal future—"my life has a purpose"

This leadership training sends the message that leaders are made not born. Students will be inspired to start focusing on their personal goals and dreams and build their confidence by learning how to connect with their peers and the adults they interact with and ultimately become leaders on their campus and in their community.

**Location:** Education Service Center, Region 20

**Date:** May 18, 2011

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**To register students please contact:**

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