

# Belmont scholarship brings in community

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High school graduates who live in the area surrounding Belmont University could benefit from a new Community Outreach Scholarship that will pay 50 percent of a neighborhood student's tuition for up to eight consecutive semesters.

That equals to an \$8,180 scholarship for the 2005-06 academic year, according to Belmont Vice President and University Counsel Jason Rogers, and ranks in Belmont's top 10 scholarships in terms of monetary value.

One scholarship will be awarded every other year beginning with the fall 2006 semester. Students can begin applying Sept. 1 to beat the Dec. 1 deadline.

"We are looking at folks who have academic qualifications that are at or above the university average and who have demonstrated financial need," Rogers said.

The average student at Belmont this fall had an ACT of 25, GPA of

3.5 and SAT score of 1160.

"We are also looking for students who have a commitment to community service demonstrated through activities on what we refer to as their leadership resume," Rogers said. "That will be an important factor here."

Geographic boundaries for the scholarship are Interstate 440 south of the university, Interstate 65 to the east, 21st Avenue/Hillsboro Road to the west and the Broadway exit eastward toward I-65 to the north.

"I think this scholarship is a recognition by Belmont University of their unique link to the surrounding neighborhoods," said District 18 Councilmember Ginger Hausser, who represents the Belmont and Vanderbilt areas.

"Even the name recognizes an important link between the university and the community."

Applications can be secured online at Belmont.edu or by calling the Belmont Admissions Office at 460-6785. CP

## Students win MDHA awards



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Students receiving \$1,000 MDHA Residents Scholarship Awards include Norman K. McClain, left, a junior at UT-Knoxville; Conswala F. Fleming, a senior at TSU; Rolando Shannon, a freshman at Carson-Newman College; Lakesha Carroll, a sophomore at TSU; and Ebony Hockett, a freshman at Lipscomb University. Funds for the scholarships were raised by residents of Nashville public housing developments.

# Parents hope magnet seats open up

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Some parents with a child on a magnet school waiting list are holding out hope that a last-minute spot will open up at their school of choice.

All magnet schools still have students on a waiting list to get in, according to Magnet Schools Director Kaye Schneider, though some lists are longer than others.

Nashville parent Connie Chevalier said her daughter has gone from 49 on Hume-Fogg High School's waiting list to 29. She hopes parents who have decided to enroll their child elsewhere will remember to notify the district of their decision.

"From my conversations with

parents whose kids have gone to Hume-Fogg, right until the last minute people drop out," Chevalier said, noting that often the family has moved or chosen a different school.

In addition to families wanting to know where a child will attend school, teacher assignments are determined by enrollment.

Metro schools is projecting enrollment of 72,967 students district-wide this school year, an increase of 1,041 students compared to the October 2004 student count.

School-to-school enrollments, however, tend to fluctuate in the first weeks after school begins in late August.

Schneider said many parents like Chevalier are calling the magnet

schools office to check their child's status on the waiting lists.

Parents who need to notify the district that they are giving up their child's slot at a magnet or optional enrollment school should contact magnet school staff in the district's central office.

"Parents need to put in writing to the Magnet office that they will not be attending the magnet/optional school they have accepted," Schneider said.

The letter can be mailed or hand-delivered to Metropolitan Public Schools, attn: Magnet Office, 2601 Bransford Ave., Nashville, 37204.

The last day a child may be placed in a magnet or optional enrollment school is Aug. 12. CP

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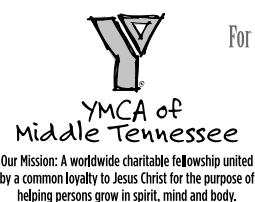
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