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SUMMER CLASSES

School’s Out, But the Brain Remains
Eight reasons a teen might voluntarily get out of bed.

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Summer TEC-LAB Camp
Young entrepreneurs, commence! If you have a desire to start your own business and improve your leadership skills, this is the place for you. Meet real-life business owners and participate in team-building exercises and games while developing skills needed to become a leader at home, in school, in the community and in business. $75. June 24-June 28 and July 22-July 26. 10am to 3pm. 215.895.4071. theenterprise-center.com

Talk It Out: An Introduction to Comedy Storytelling
This class at the Free Library’s City Institute branch will help teach basic story structure to captivate an audience, whether you plan to deliver from the stage or in front of your friends in the cafeteria. Jaime Fountaine, writer, performer and host of the monthly comedy storytelling show Second Stories, will help you hone your inner comedian. Free. June 18-25. 3:30pm to 4:30pm. 215.685.6621. freelibrary.org

Teen Triple Threat: Musical Theater
This three-session class is designed for busy teens. Mix and match the seminars to suit your needs and interests, then perform in a final showcase after all three sessions are complete. $100-$250. June 29, July 6 and July 13. 10am to noon. 215.574.3550. walnut-streettheatre.org

Personal Development for Teen Girls
A new housing award-winning, eight-week workshop at Peirce College, free for qualifying participants, focuses on boosting self-esteem, positive decision-making, teaching financial literacy and making effective career choices. July 9-Aug. 29, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am to 1pm. 215.592.8988. Apply by July 5 by emailing info@evolverhouse.com.

Teen Fashion Week
Award-winning fashion designer and educator Danny Noble will teach a workshop focusing on fashion design, repurposing garments and exploring the creative process. Participate in a fashion show to present your designs. No experience required! $350-$365. Aug. 12-16, 9am to 3pm. 610.566.1713. communityartscenter.org

Rock to the Future
Rock to the Future offers free music lessons to underserved children and teens in Philadelphia. This summer’s programs include “Guitar Star,” which covers both acoustic and electric guitar, and “Rock-A-Delphia,” a week of learning how to play music, write songs and collaborate with other would-be rockers aged 9 to 17. $250. July 15-19, 8am to 5pm. rocktothefuturephilly.org

Perfect Your Cooking Techniques
The renowned professionals and chefs at Sur La Table’s King of Prussia store have two tasty five-day cooking camps on tap for epicurious teens aged 13 to 17 (there are separate ones for the younger set) titled “The Science of Cooking” and “Desserts and Treats Around the World,” both of which promise to result in great memories and equally memorable meals. Various dates and times throughout the summer. $250. Sur La Table, 690 W. DeKalb Pike, King Of Prussia. surtable.com

South-Asian Young Writers’ Collective
South-Asian American girls are invited to explore their heritage and exercise their writing skills this summer. This program, which takes place three days a week, will feature Pakistani writer Bushra Rehman, PW contributor Kishwer Vikaas, who is also co-founder of the South Asian news site The Aerogram, and other guests. The girls will take field trips and have a safe space to examine their culture—and themselves.
Free. July 8-Aug. 21, 11am-2:30pm. Apply by June 21 by emailing sywc13@gmail.com.

Bushra Rehman
The Right Tools For Girls Right NOW—Recruits Career-Minded Teen Girls

Psychologists report that teenagers have at least as many things to worry about as adults. And it comes as no surprise that girls worry far more than boys, which automatically makes it tougher for girls. During the teenage years, doubt can manifest in many ways: depression, eating disorders, drugs, casual sex and poor self-esteem.

This July, Philadelphia-area girls will learn how to embrace success with the 2013 launch of the acclaimed Evolver Personal Development Summer Workshop for Teen Girls. Through Evolver House’s signature award-winning 8-week Personal Development Workshop, girls are given techniques, insights, training and a platform for discussion. The program meets girls where they are, acknowledging the reality and pressures facing so many of today’s girls. The FREE program runs from July 9, 2013 through August 29, 2013 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the historic Peirce College, 1420 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa 19102.

Since 2004, Evolver House has served nearly 800 girls from the city of Philadelphia and Delaware Valley region in its researched-based multi-week Personal Development and Workforce Development programs. Evolver House programs boast a 100% high school graduation rate—a success that was recently led Black Enterprise magazine to proclaim program The Evolver House an “everyday hero” (along side the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls).

“What we are doing is shaping our community’s bright future because when girls are empowered, they contribute to the health and productivity of their families, communities and countries, creating a ripple effect that benefits everyone,” said Evolver House Founder Cheryl Ann Waddington. “Every one of the over 700 girls that have gone through our programs have graduated high school, and many have gone on to advanced college degrees.”

The 2013 Evolver Personal Development Workshop is taught by youth development and education professionals that focus on etiquette, self-esteem, values-based decision-making, exploring career paths, financial literacy, time management and interviewing skills.

The Evolver Personal Development Workshop will be held July 9, 2013 through August 29, 2013 at the historic Peirce College, 1420 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa 19102 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Evolver Personal Development Workshop is free for those whose qualify; others pay a small fee. Sign up now because space is limited. Application deadline: July 5, 2013. To register, call (215) 592-8988 or email: info@evolverhouse.org.

This program is funded in part by the generous contributions of Peirce College and Evolver House supporters. Presented by: The Evolver House - Motivating girls for character and excellence - www.evolverhouse.org.
Andrew Vincent Epstein earned his Bachelor of Sciences degree magna cum laude in Information Technology with a concentration in Programming and Application Development from Peirce College. He was granted the Outstanding Student Award at commencement and inducted into Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Andrew is the son of Barry Epstein and Debra Valenti-Epstein, godson of Blaise and Susan Syrnick, and grandson of the late Paul and Mary Valenti, of Roxborough. He is currently an intern with the City of Philadelphia Office of Innovation and Technology.
Prestigious seventeen are heads of the class

Family. Parents graduate from a specialized program at Peirce College.

Peirce College, which focuses on teaching non-traditional students with busy work schedules, has just raised the bar.

Actually, the bar rose three years ago and was met this month when the first graduating class of the special three-year Parent University Program attended commencement.

Seventeen students graduated with their Associate’s Degrees this month, and many plan on continuing their education.

The Parent University Program began enrollment in 2010. In order to attend, applicants needed to be working parents with children in the Philadelphia School District. The initiative is geared toward getting local parents to go back to school and earn a degree while still being able to juggle a career and family.

“I knew it was going to be hard work,” says graduate and police officer Jennifer Boone. “But I’m proud to be one of the first to experience this, it’s really cool.”

Boone says that she wants to get her bachelor’s degree in early education, proving that at no point is it too late to pursue a new career goal.

Carla Bell is also one of the prestigious 17 to complete the specialized program.

“I feel like this class is the role model for other parents,” says Bell. “It feels really good. It just shows that you can go back to school and work and get yourself to a better place.”

Bell says that she will also continue learning and will work toward being a small business owner.

Both women spoke about the support that they received from their families. Boone told us that her 19-year-old daughter, a Penn State student, has been a great support.

“She has been very helpful,” says Boone. “She’s been helpful with knowing how to apply for things, and I’ve helped her with the study process.”

Bell has not only received encouragement from her family, she’s also inspired her son and her sister to attend Peirce.
How to succeed

Advice for students of the Parent University Program

“Make school a priority – set some time aside for you and school,” Bell says.

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Jennifer Boone
Part of the first graduating class of the special three-year Parent University Program at Peirce College
A n Edmonds Community College (Wash.) director has secured a prestigious Fulbright Award, allowing her to travel to Japan and learn more about the country's culture and education system. As part of the Fulbright International Education Administrators Program, sponsored by the Japan-U.S. Educational Commission and both the U.S. and Japanese governments, Amanda Fletcher will spend an intensive two weeks on the island nation. Fletcher is associate director of the Northwest Community College Initiative at Edmonds CC, where she manages grants from the U.S. Department of State for three partner colleges: Edmonds CC, Whatcom CC and Pierce College. She created and oversees a year-long orientation program that introduces students to U.S. culture and lets them share information about their own cultures while also attending school and getting professional training. Edmonds CC recently received an award of $1.87 million from the U.S. Department of State to administer the Community College Initiative program to provide professional training and degrees to students from South Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Near East. The 2013-14 academic year is the fifth year of the NWCCI program. In Japan, Fletcher will visit schools, participate in cultural activities, and meet with government officials and Japanese international education professionals. Fletcher is originally from North Carolina, where she received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Meredith College in Raleigh. She earned a master's degree in International Education from the SIT Graduate Institute (formerly the School for International Training) in Brattleboro, Vt.