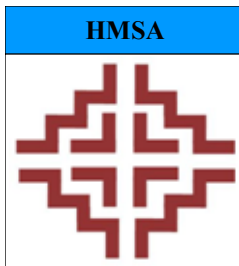


# HMSA DIGEST



## Introducing Your 2011-2012 HMSA Board Members

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### Who is HMSA?

HMSA is the Hmong Minnesota Student Association at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. HMSA is established to promote and preserve the Hmong culture and heritage. We help our members develop new skills and to provide and/or direct academic assistance.

### What is the HMSA Digest?

The HMSA Digest is a bi-weekly newsletter that we send out to our subscribers. What you may find in here is HMSA related information on our meeting dates along with events and activities we are having. A few other things you may find are: what's the scoop on a few other organizations, job opportunities, volunteer opportunities, scholarship opportunities, and news in general.

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## HMSA Membership

HMSA Membership is open to all students and alumni members at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and non-students without regard to race, gender, marital status, public status, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age or sexual orientation.

**Returning Members** – You must re-sign/turn in a membership form in order to become a general member.

**New Members** – All new students/members who wish to become members must also sign/turn in a membership form.

**Voting Member** – All members who wish to become a voting member must attend three general meetings and/or workshops and participate at one volunteer event.

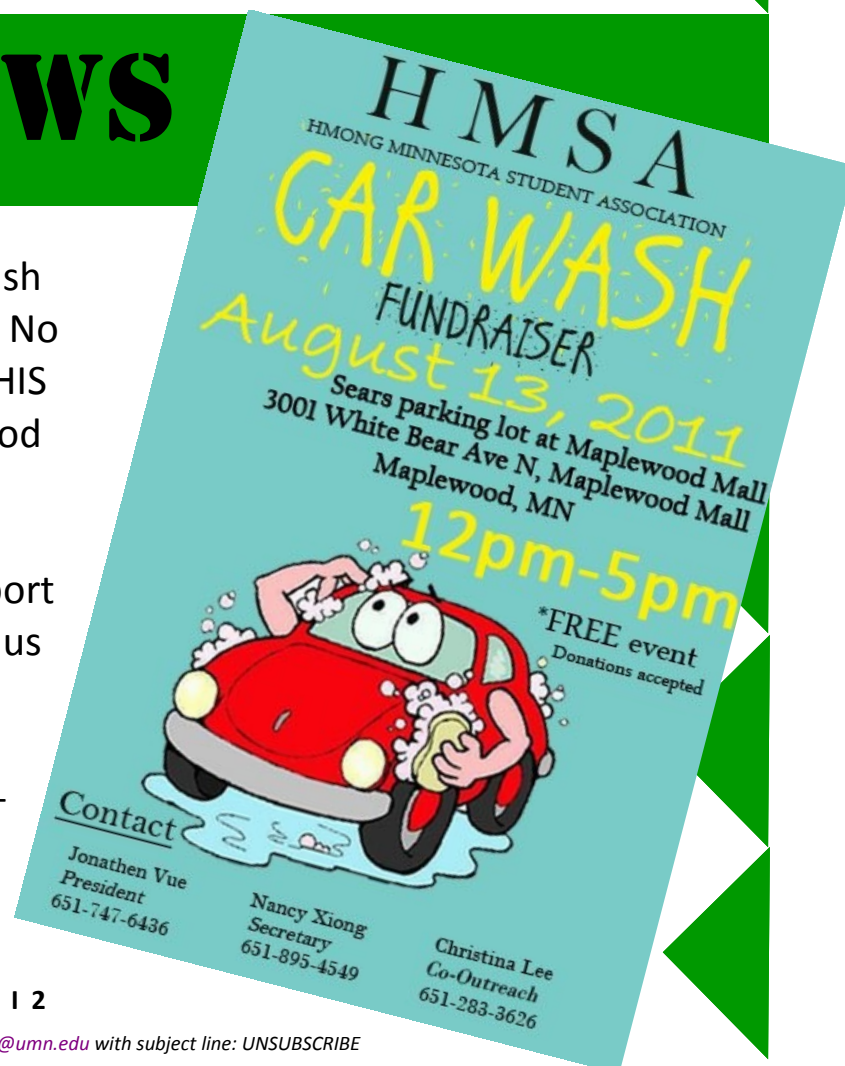
*\*\*\*Be sure to sign in at all workshops and general meetings, as this is the only way for us to ensure your attendance in calculating your voting status. If you have any questions regarding your membership attendance, contact Nancy Xiong (xiong535@umn.edu).*

# HMSA NEWS

Regret not going to our first carwash this summer? Then shame on you. No more regrets! There's a carwash THIS weekend at Sears at the Maplewood Mall from 12PM-5PM.

Come show us some love and support by bringing your dirty cars or help us wash those dirty cars.

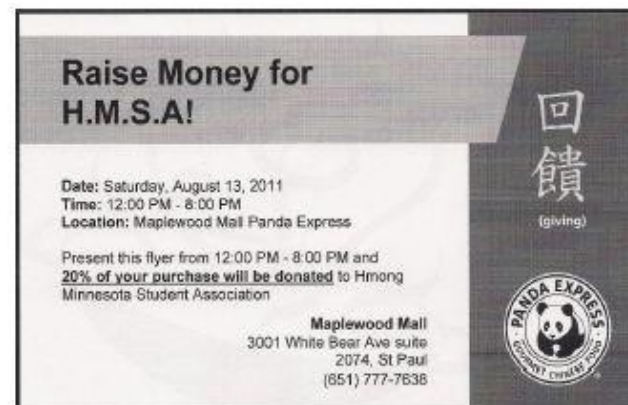
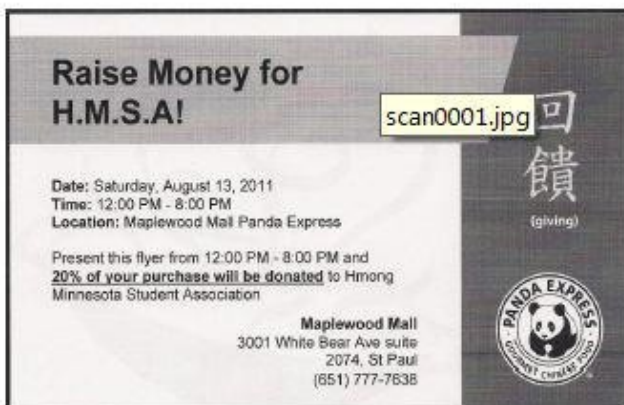
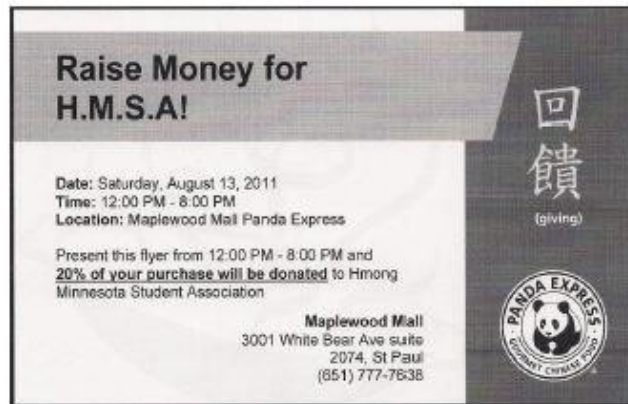
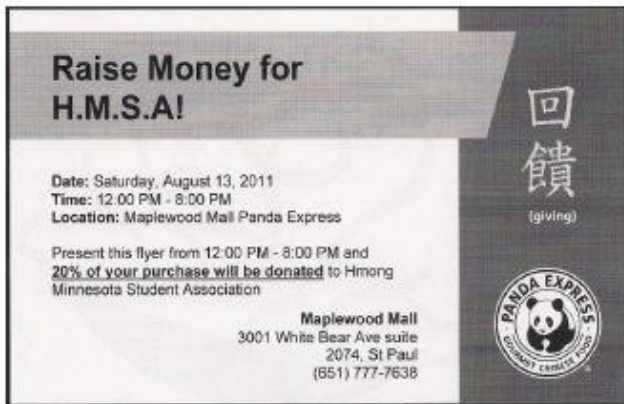
Come and meet the new board because we're all pretty classy guys and dolls.



## Panda Express Fundraiser

If you don't plan to come to wash cars this Saturday with us, but to just drop if off for us to wash while you shop, we don't mind at all as long as you visit our 2nd fundraiser for the day.

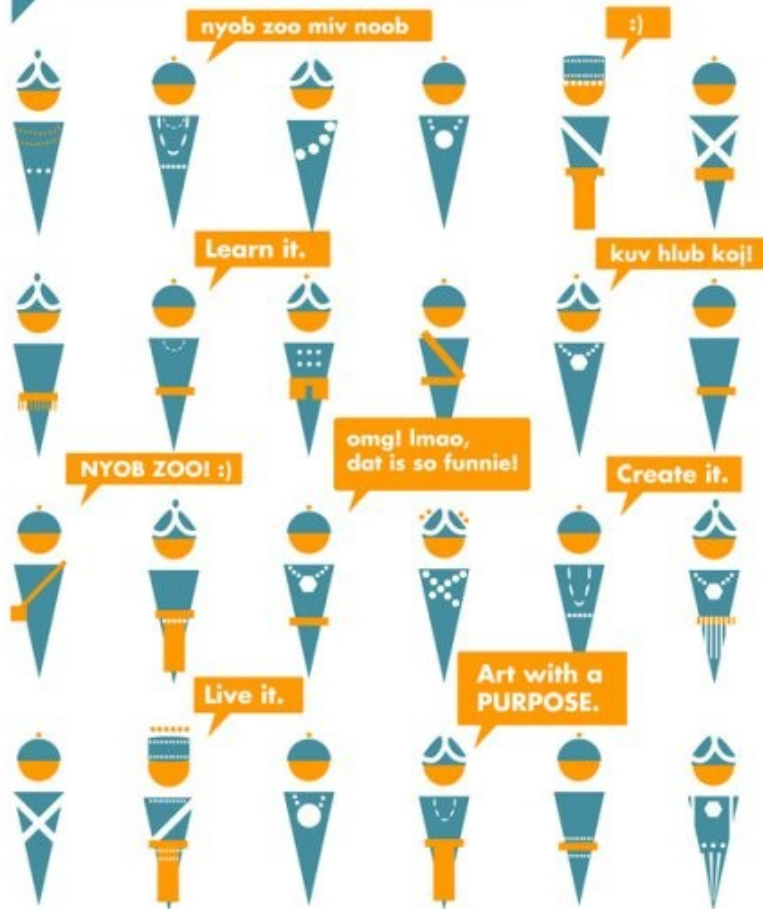
Just print out this flyer and hand it to them as you purchase your tasty meal from Panda. Some of your purchase will go back as a donation to HMSA and we couldn't be happier if you were as sweet as a cuppycake.



CHAT is quickly approaching everyone. Please keep an eye out for an e-mail from us or either from CHAT themselves. We are extremely sorry that we have not given much information since we asked for volunteers, but please be patient with us as we have been with them to figure out assignments. Until then, be prepared for a day of culture on August 20th.

SATURDAY - AUGUST 20, 2011 11AM - 8PM  
**10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HMONG ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL**

# STATUS UPDATE



## FREE FUN FOR ALL AGES!

LIVE MUSIC! VISUAL ART! FOOD! GAMES AND ACTIVITIES!

**WESTERN SCULPTURE PARK (MARION STREET BY SEARS)**  
 SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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# U OF MN COMMUNITY NEWS

# AND OPPORTUNITIES



Flag football has been a traditional component of Homecoming for several years. Students compete in a tournament-style competition and games occur in two rounds: prelims and finals. The games are about an hour long with 7 players on the field, at least 3 girls have to be on the field at all times. Each team must supply an official NCAA size football. Each tournament will be single elimination. Flag Football finals will be played on Thursday, October 20th at TCF Bank Stadium.

For more information, please follow this link:  
<http://homecoming.umn.edu/>

Heading Home Hennepin Refugee Housing Work Group is looking for focus group participants and am wondering if any of your parents can participate. They are also helping a colleague (Ph.D.student) with her research project.(See is also assisting)

We are looking for participants who are willing to share stories about living in the U.S., especially regarding housing experiences and cultural adjustment. Attached to the digest is a flyer. Please share with family and friends if you know anyone else interested.

Interested in graduate school but scared of the competition? Continue your graduate school exploration by registering for a 1 credit course being offered this Fall 2011 entitled, "Grad & Prof School: Strategies Prep". The course is being taught by Professor Starr Sage and Ah Vang-Lo and will span one half or 8 weeks of the semester from 9/6/11-10/24/11.

This course is especially important for those of you who will be juniors and seniors this year. You do not want to reach the point of graduation and have to wait a year to apply to grad or professional school because you do not have a competitive application ready to submit. Look at the attachment for more information. You can find the registration information for this course under:

CFAN 3480 Topics in CFANS

\*Grad & Prof School: Strategies Prep\*

#27290 Section 1

3:35-4:25, Tu

STSS Rm 121

1 credit

Sign up for this class quickly to prepare yourself for after college if you don't want to join the "real world" just yet.



# INTERNSHIPS | JOBS

# COMMUNITY SERVICE | SCHOLARSHIPS

**Community University Health Care Center (CUHCC)** is located in South Minneapolis and serves the Phillips Neighborhood. We are part of The University of Minnesota and have been providing services for over 40 years.

We are interested in a volunteer (preferably someone interested in healthcare or mental health) to conduct some surveys in Hmong.

Since they are with patients that have experienced domestic violence, a female volunteer would also be preferred.

Please have any interested parties contact me for more information.

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**Project Footsteps** is a non-profit organization located in Minneapolis who work with the youth to help inspire and empower them to be change agents and social leaders in today's changing society. We do that by hiring facilitators (college students) to lead those group of youth to become the change they want to see in their lives.

On August 23-25, we are holding a recruitment event for facilitators called Making the Team, which will be taking place at the St. Paul Episcopal Church in Minneapolis on August 23-25 from 5pm-9pm.

We also have internship opportunities available for the Fall 2011 season at Project Footsteps for students who are in need of an internship for credit. We are looking for a team of 10-15 interns doing 15-20 hours a week, working on collaborative projects as well as split into factions working on areas accord-

ing to area of interest and skill-set. The internships available has positions available in Human Resource, Community Relations, Program Relations, Program Outreach, Program Operations, and Program Assistant – ImGettingBullied. To apply, please send your resume and cover letter to

[jobs@projectfootsteps.org](mailto:jobs@projectfootsteps.org) or go to our web-

site [www.projectfootsteps.org](http://www.projectfootsteps.org) and fill out the involvement application and someone from the project footsteps staff will get to you shortly.

First Round Interviews: August 23, 24, 25

Second Round Interview: August 30, 31, September 1

Training: September 7-10

If you have any questions or require more information, please feel free to call the Project Footsteps office at 612-353-6927 or e-mail Ge Pao Moua at [ge@projectfootsteps.org](mailto:ge@projectfootsteps.org).

In partnership with One Economy, the **Comcast Digital Connectors program** recognize not only the natural affinity for technology among young people, but also their potential for spreading technology knowledge and creating a culture of use in their neighborhoods. The program identifies talented young people, immerses them in technology training, and helps them build their leadership and workplace skills to enter the 21st century economy.

Participants, ages 14-21, will learn how to network computer labs, connect wireless access points, design computer training modules and create social media projects prompting them to put broadband and Internet technology to the greatest use in their communities. Additionally, participants will learn about financial management, entrepreneurship and civic engagement.

In addition to hands-on learning, Comcast Digital Connectors also learn about career opportunities through site visits to technology companies, job shadowing experiences, and campus tours. Participating youths will receive a graduation gift upon successful completion of the program.

**PROGRAM DATES:** September 20, 2011 – June 7, 2012

## ELIGIBILITY

- Be Hmong
- Be between the ages of 14 to 21
- Be a resident of the city of Saint Paul (preference for East Side residents)
- Have a valid social security number and other documentation allowing him/her to work in the United States

The **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Ally (GLBTA) Programs Office** is currently hiring paid Student Interns for 2011-12. The responsibilities of these fun, flexible positions include communications, outreach, clerical duties, and assistance with planning & delivery of programs, trainings and events.

Requirements include being a current U of MN undergraduate student (work-study funds preferred), the ability to work 8-12 hours /week, strong communication and multi-tasking skills, and a commitment to working on GLBTA issues within a social, racial and economic justice framework.

A full position description and promotional flyer are attached to this message, or can be downloaded from the GLBTA Programs Office homepage at:

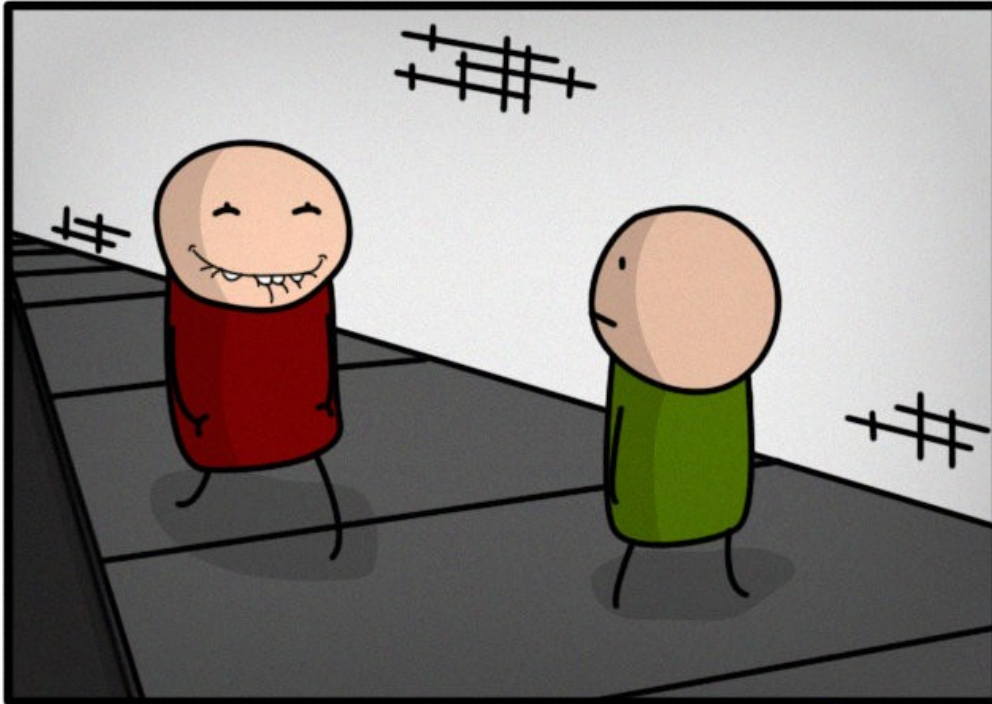
<http://www.glbta.umn.edu>

If interested, please send the following to Ross Neely by email at [neely010@umn.edu](mailto:neely010@umn.edu) or mail/deliver to 46 Appleby Hall, 128 Pleasant St SE, Minneapolis MN 55455:

- 1) cover letter expressing your interest in the office and position
- 2) current resume
- 3) your fall semester 2011 work availability

Please direct questions about the position to Ross Neely, Assistant Director, at [neely010@umn.edu](mailto:neely010@umn.edu) or [612-626-8086](tel:612-626-8086). Interviews will begin immediately and continue until the positions are filled. Thank you!

That moment when you are walking on the street, remember something very funny and you just can't stop smiling like a retard.



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Till next time, thanks for reading!

Love Hmsa