

# FLOSSMOOR NEWS

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# village officials

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# village numbers

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# village meetings

**Village Board Meeting**  
1st & 3rd Mondays of the Month at 7:30 pm

**Plan Commission Meeting**  
3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:30 pm

**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
4th Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 pm

**Public Art Commission Meeting**  
2nd Monday of the Month at 7:00 pm

**Community Relations Commission Meeting**  
4th Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 pm

**Green Committee Meeting**  
3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 pm

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# calendar

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## Wednesday, April 9

*Kindergarten Registration for SD 161 Schools*  
Registration will be held at the elementary school your child will attend in the fall on Thursday, April 9 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, April 15

*Vehicle Stickers and Animal Tags Deadline*

## Saturday, April 25

*Flossmoor Baseball and Softball Opening Day*  
Parade line-up is at 8:30 a.m. in the Parker Junior High parking lot. Parade ends on Bronco Field with a kick-off ceremony.

## Saturday, May 3

*Park Pride Day*  
Park work begins at 8:30 a.m. at all HF parks with lunch served at 11 a.m. at Irwin Park in Homewood. Join in the fun! Visit HFPARKS.com for registration information.

## May 15 – September 15

*Lawn Sprinkling Ban*  
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# THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME...

## Families looking forward to a FBBSB summer tradition

All over Flossmoor, families are getting ready for the hallmark of a great summer: Flossmoor Baseball and Softball. The annual tradition, which began more than five decades ago, continues to draw young players, their siblings, parents and even the family dog to parks all over town for an evening of America's favorite pastime.

"It's not about winning, it's about families being together," said Tom Dobrez, a board member of the Flossmoor Baseball and Softball

organization, who played Flossmoor baseball as a boy and whose children all enjoyed years in the league. "The kids learn the game. They learn sportsmanship and really get a sense of the community coming together and bonding."

Many former players are now parents, even grandparents, of players. About 300 Flossmoor youth ages 4 to 18 will take to the fields this summer in a league that hasn't changed much in more than 50 years, with the exception of adding girls' softball teams about 30 years ago.

The games are played for fun; winning is secondary, Dobrez said. "Individuals with exceptional skills move on to other programs, and we're very proud of them," he said.

Children still get full uniforms that identify them as members of a major league baseball team. "We pay extra and give them

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very professional-looking jerseys," Dobrez said. "It's their day in the sun. And the kids have to wear them. We're sticklers for it. It's important to have a history and tradition."

Other traditions include nickel-priced candy at the concession stand, which Dobrez said is "the greatest hang-out," and lots of brothers and sisters running around the park. "It's like a scene by Norman Rockwell," he said. "It's a real throw-back. It's one of the things that show how strong this community is."

*For more information about Flossmoor Baseball and Softball visit [flossmoorbbsb.com](http://flossmoorbbsb.com)*



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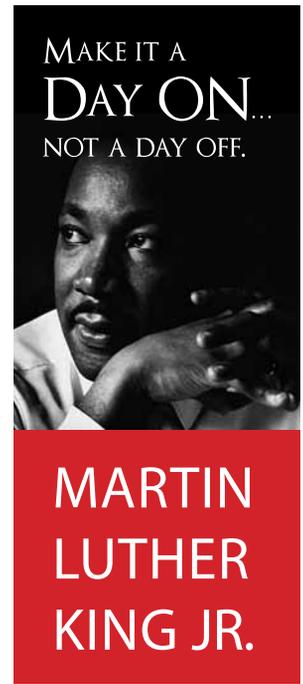
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# A GOOD DAY “ON”

## True community spirit shines on first MLK service day

Over 200 Flossmoor residents and businesses offered a helping hand to the community during the Village’s first Martin Luther King Day of Service in January, turning a federal holiday into a day that touched lives young and old within Flossmoor and neighboring communities. Initiated by the Flossmoor Community Relations Commission, the day offered three projects, each one sharing in the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

At the Village Hall, children made cards for senior citizens while residents donated food for Respond Now in Chicago Heights. “I saw many walk-ins that day including a number of fathers with their young children,” said commissioner Laura Brennan-Levy. We were able to fill a truck with food donations thanks in part to Flossmoor School District 161 food drive the week before the event. We ended up seeing over 70 volunteers come through the door that day, well surpassing the 30 who registered. H-F High School student Hannah Levy, who helped organize the village hall project, is now working on a quarterly electronic newsletter that will share specific volunteer opportunities at local charities.

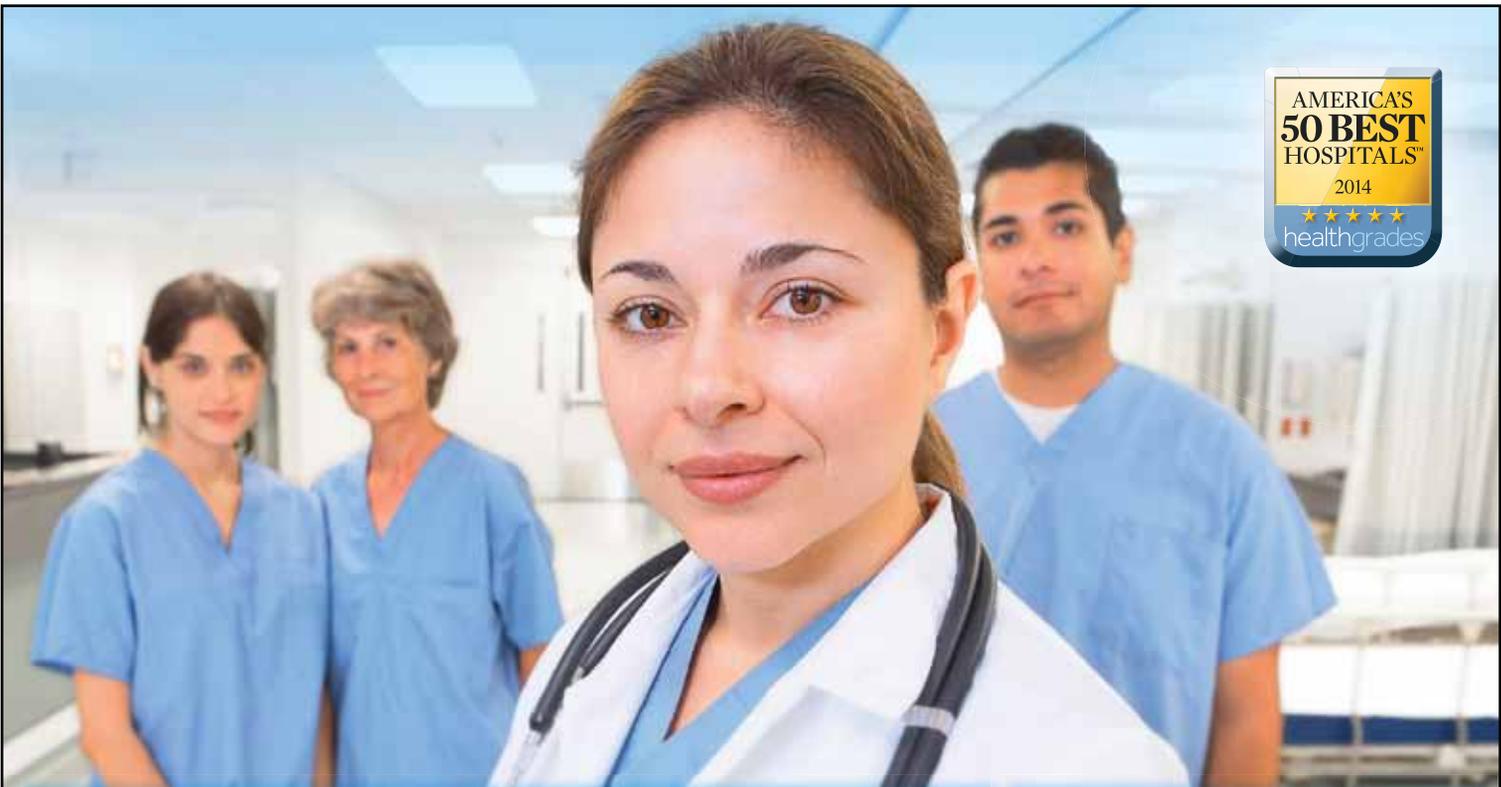
A group of 40 volunteers served a homemade breakfast to 40 children at the Jones Community

Center in Chicago Heights. After breakfast, all the students colored MLK bookmarks, made crafts and decorated “pay it forward” bags they filled with healthy foods to share. “Children from the Jones Center went home with a new book, a bag of items to share and, hopefully, a feeling that people care,” said Maggie Bachus, Community Relations Commissioner.

Nearly 100 people helped the area’s homeless during the Flossmoor Community Church’s PADS project from 5 am to 6 pm, working shifts throughout the day. Besides serving breakfast and lunch, activities included a “free” store for clients, haircuts from a professional barber, and live entertainment. Volunteers of all ages were just caring individuals from the community, said Commissioner Margaret Epperson.

A special thank you to all families and students that made MLK Day a Day On, not a Day Off, especially School District 161, Girl Scout Troop 60495, Brownie Troop 10194, Parker National Junior Honor Society, Harold’s Chicken of Homewood, Korean United Methodist Church, H-F Park District, Flossmoor Community Church, Flossmoor Police Department, and Flossmoor Fire Department.

Turning a day off into a day “ON,” more than 200 Flossmoor residents and businesses participated in the Village’s first MLK Day of Service on January 19.



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# NEWS TO USE!

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## Vehicle Sticker and Dog Tag

The 2015 vehicle stickers must be purchased and displayed by Wednesday, April 15. For all vehicles registered to a Flossmoor address, including leased vehicles, company cars and vehicles kept outside of the Village, you are required to purchase and display a current Flossmoor vehicle sticker.

Dog tags also must be purchased by April 15. Applications are included with the vehicle sticker renewal form sent to all households. For more information, please visit [www.flossmoor.org](http://www.flossmoor.org) or call (708) 798-2300.

## Village Launches Flossmoor Connect Service Request App

The Villages announces a new customer service request system called Flossmoor Connect, powered by SeeClickFix, which allow residents to report issues directly to the village via online ([www.flossmoor.org](http://www.flossmoor.org)) or by mobile applications (iPhone or Android). Your request will immediately be forwarded to the appropriate department within the Village for follow-up. When an email is included with the request, the requestor will be notified of activity to resolve the issue. You may also track the status of your request at any time using the tracking number provided by the system.



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## e-Newsletter

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## FSL 60th Annual HouseWalk

The Flossmoor Service League invites you to attend the Annual HouseWalk on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. The HouseWalk will take place between 10am and 3pm. Tickets are \$25 for the walk and \$25 for the luncheon.

Flossmoor Service League is a volunteer organization whose mission is to assist others in need, particularly in helping to provide basic human services through not-for-profit organizations based in the south suburbs of Chicago.

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## BAG THE HABIT

### Parker's plastic bag project promises to make an impact

A single plastic grocery bag may not seem like much of an environmental hazard, but what about 600 of them, all crunched up in a big pile? That kind of volume makes a real impact, according to Traci LeBlanc, a science and language arts teacher at Parker Junior High School. Two years ago, students began bringing in bags as part of a sixth grade Earth Day project. "We wanted them to learn about their carbon footprint, to learn to reduce, reuse and recycle," LeBlanc said. The Flossmoor Community Relations Green Committee supported the effort and encouraged the children to bring in as many as they could.

"Pretty soon, we were bursting at the seams," LeBlanc said. Last year, the project expanded to include both sixth and seventh graders. "The amount of bags they collected was monstrous! The Green Committee members came in three times to take them all away. It made a huge impact."

The collection, called "Start a Bag Habit" is one of eight projects sixth graders at Parker must complete to earn credit for their science class. In previous years, some students worked with Homewood-Flossmoor High School students to make a video on the "life" of a plastic bag, which LeBlanc now shows annually. The lessons in protecting the environment clearly have taken root. LeBlanc said about 25 students are members of the Parker Green Team, and recycling bins in every classroom are often more full than trash cans.

The "Start a Bag Habit" project, like all the Earth Day projects, "incorporates the community and connects the students to the environment," LeBlanc said. This year's collection, likely to draw participation from seventh and eighth graders as well, could be huge. "Everybody has that drawer of bags," she said.



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## GO NATIVE! Adding native plants to local landscape can make a 'greener' Flossmoor

With its lush lawns, tall trees and artfully landscaped homes, how could Flossmoor be greener? The answer may lie in adding more native plants, according to Tyler Thompson. The owner of Bent Oak Landscaping and Design, Thompson has nearly 20 years experience as well as a degree in architecture and a naturally green thumb. "I got involved in the 'green industry' when I was in third grade and my dad bought his first nursery in Missouri," he said.

While working as an architect in Chicago in the 1990s, Thompson began doing landscape architecture projects on the side. He found himself pulled back to the land full-time and

has spent the past 18 years helping clients develop everything from a small butterfly garden to a 100-acre organic farm, where he designed wind breaks, helped restore native prairie plantings and selected additional native plants.

With residential clients, he is happy to create patios and design water features. But Thompson's heart clearly lies in restoring native trees and shrubs to the suburban area – and helping clients understand the value. "If a landscape is beyond its maturity, some things can always be saved," he said of existing yards. "Then you figure out what the site can handle. What's important is choosing the right plant for the right space." Many people

are interested, he said. "There's a lot of information out there now. There are a lot of options, too."





## WEEDS BE GONE

Repurpose that paper and rejoice...

**OLD news is GOOD news!** when you want to make weeds disappear. Did you know that newspaper applied in thick layers will smother weeds for an entire season. The paper will also keep any buried weed seeds from germinating.

Above, Jaiden Gillenwater a sixth grader at Parker Junior High, demonstrates “newspaper mulching” while beautifying Flossmoor Art Park. Begin by laying newspaper over the weeds. Be sure to apply it thickly!

Do not worry about black-print versus colored-print as all newspaper contain all non-toxic pigments. Keep the pages from blowing out of place by spraying them with water. Lastly cover the newspaper with 2-3 inches of mulch. Newspaper makes a better weed-suppressant than regular mulch alone as the paper blocks out the light plants need for photosynthesis. Water can soak through the paper, so worms and natural happenings are not compromised.

Plant right away in a bed that’s been newspaper-mulched. Wet newspaper cuts very easily. Simply use your trowel to make a hole then plant your plants. Green thumbs claim not one weed will get through!

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- **Kitchen sinks are culprits.** One of the most common areas for water loss is the kitchen sink area. Check under cupboards once a week for wet spots or bowed cabinetry.
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# business spotlight

## New Medical Office Offers New Approach

When Dr. Shelanda C. Hayes opened Flossmoor Family Care on February 16 at 19150 Kedzie Avenue, she had a new idea in mind. "This is a brand new practice," she said. "It is different however, in that we focus on balance. I truly believe that integrating traditional western medicine with the healing arts of eastern and alternative therapies is the path toward true health."

Dr. Hayes chose Flossmoor because it is home. "I have been a resident in this area for 12 years so I am committed to the community," she said. Her children attend Parker Junior High School and Homewood-Flossmoor High School.

Flossmoor seemed the ideal place to open this practice, she said. "I love that Flossmoor is diverse. The residents are warm and friendly. There is truly a focus on family here. The new practice hopes to continue to promote that by addressing the health needs of the whole family."

## Flossmoor a Perfect Fit for Shoe Repair Shop

Downtown Flossmoor turned out to be the perfect fit for Ricardo and Shareese Tover when it came to finding a new location for their shoe repair shop.

Their store, Tover Shoe Repair, did great business for more than five years at Lincoln Mall. When the couple learned the mall was closing, they began seeking a new location. "A customer told us there was space available in downtown Flossmoor," Shareese said. The spot they chose, formerly Poppie's at 1036 Sterling Avenue, "was absolutely beautiful and just perfect for us," she said.

"We love downtown Flossmoor. The people are very nice. The other merchants have been very welcoming. The outpouring of support has been phenomenal," Shareese said.

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# flossmoor faces & places

## The “Voice of Flossmoor” Retires

Richie Ambuehl wasn't looking to join the fire department 43 years ago. He had a full-time job with the Santa Fe Railroad, a wife and four children, and a house in Country Club Hills. But he also had a friend, retired Flossmoor Fire Chief Dan Hornback, who at the time was the Fire Chief at SunnyCrest Fire Protection District, which served the unincorporated area next to Flossmoor, and Dan Hornback needed help.

“I hung around and got involved. One day the Chief said, ‘I’ll put you on the Department.’” The volunteer firefighters worked out of a two-engine garage on Flossmoor Road. When they heard the siren go off, they knew they were wanted and headed to the station as fast as they could. Eventually, they switched to using a phone tree, with one man calling another and then they switched to CB radio.

In 1975, the SunnyCrest Department merged with Flossmoor Fire Department. For the next 39 years, Ambuehl responded to fire calls, eventually settling into the radio room, where he served as “the eyes and ears back at the station.” The post also earned him a nickname: “the voice of Flossmoor.”

His service in the Flossmoor Fire Department also made an impression on his family. His son, Bobby Ambuehl, is a firefighter/paramedic in west suburban Darien, and his grandson, Jimmy Hall, is a firefighter in Minooka. He even has a son-in-law who is a firefighter, Tim Hall, who served for 20 years with the Homewood Fire Department.

Ambuehl retired Dec. 14, 2014, but his connection to the Fire Department remains strong. “I worked with a lot of terrific people. I knew all the chiefs. It was a great experience for me,” he said. “I still stop by and talk to people. But when I leave, I don’t say good-bye. I just say, ‘I’ll see you around.’”



**Richie Ambuehl**



As in Homewood, the yearbooks will be donated to the Library and the Village.

## Plans in Progress for The Flossmoor Yearbook

Thomas' Photographic of Homewood announced last winter they would begin the Flossmoor Yearbook project. In 2011 and 2013 the Thomas' created town yearbooks for Homewood, which brought the community together by photographing people in front of their homes, businesses, organizations, churches and events. The goal was to create a piece of modern history and togetherness for the town. Now, the Thomas' plan the next phase of their community outreach by creating a town yearbook for Flossmoor.

Participation is easy; the Thomas' come out to your home or business and professionally take portraits of people and property. All house numbers and street names are erased from the picture to protect people's privacy. To make an appointment, call (708) 960-4265. There is a \$25 fee for participants to offset the cost of production. This fee includes a copy of the photo for you to keep. *Funded by Thomas' Photographic.*

## HF Chronicle Writers

Last summer, Homewood residents and professional journalists Eric Crump and Marilyn Thomas along with retired Star Newspaper editor and columnist Tom Houlihan, a Flossmoor resident, teamed up to bring news that residents cannot get anyway else with the Homewood-Flossmoor Chronicle.

The H-F Chronicle covers news from Flossmoor and Homewood village boards, Homewood School District 153, Flossmoor School District 161, HF Community High School District 233, and the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District as well as police departments from both towns.

“The community response has shown that people are eager to read it,” Crump said. Stories and photos are posted several times a day on the website, HF-Chronicle.com, and on Facebook as Homewood Chronicle, the newspaper's original name.

Expanded coverage is planned, and resident suggestions are welcome. Flossmoor residents may contact Houlihan at [thoulihan@hfchronicle.com](mailto:thoulihan@hfchronicle.com)

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- Keep storm sewer inlets and drainage ditches clear of debris, including leaves and grass clippings.
- Make sure your sump pump is working. Consider a battery backup unit.
- Monitor potential flood hazards on an All Hazards NOAA Weather Radio, local radio or television or on the internet at [www.noaawatch.gov/floods.php](http://www.noaawatch.gov/floods.php).
- Copy important papers (mortgage papers, deeds, passport, bank and credit card information). Keep the copies in your home and place the originals outside your home in a secure place like a safety deposit box.
- Go through your basement (if not your entire house) and take photos of your most valuable possessions (furniture, musical instruments and electronic equipment). Store these photos with your other papers.
- Save and store receipts for any expensive household items, so you have proof of their original cost.
- Assess your flood risk and make sure you have adequate flood insurance coverage.

## Floodplain Questions?

You can get help determining whether your property is in the floodplain from the Public Works Department at (708) 957-4100. Copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps are also available at the Flossmoor Public Works Department and online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov). Enter "Map Service Center" in the search box.

## Flood Insurance Available

Most homeowners' policies do not cover flood losses. Since Flossmoor participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), you can protect your home and contents by purchasing a flood insurance policy. You should obtain coverage for structure and contents since there can be more damage to the contents than the structure. Renters can also buy contents coverage even if the owner does not insure the structure.

Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. There is a 30-day waiting period before the policy becomes effective. To find out more about flood insurance, contact any licensed insurance agent or broker — the same person who sells your home and auto policies. All agencies charge the same premiums. You may be denied federal assistance after a disaster if you don't have flood insurance.





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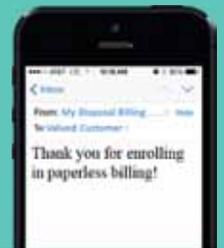


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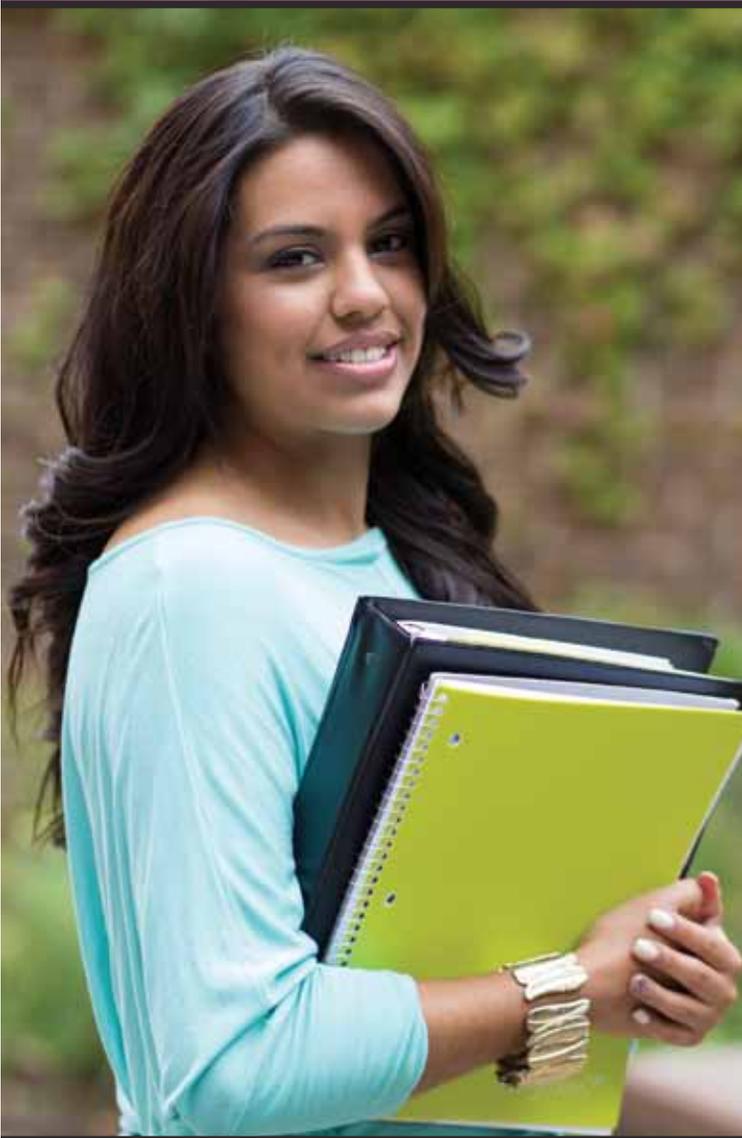


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