

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES:

JULY 26, 2019

****MEDIA ADVISORY****

CollegeBound Foundation to Host 31st Annual Scholars' Luncheon

Local non-profit to gather 1,100 Baltimoreans to celebrate the collective success of Baltimore City Schools' students navigating the path to and through college

Baltimore, Md. – The CollegeBound Foundation will celebrate its 31st annual CollegeBound Scholars' Luncheon on Friday, July 26th at 11:45 a.m. at the Hilton Baltimore. Each year at the CollegeBound Scholars' Luncheon, Baltimore area leaders in education, business and government gather to honor recent Baltimore City high school graduates, current college students, and recent college graduates. This year's luncheon will be the largest gathering in CollegeBound's history, with close to 1,100 guests expected.

WHAT: CollegeBound 31st Annual Scholars' Luncheon – 1,000+ guests expected

SPEAKERS:

- **Mauricio Velazquez Rodriguez, 2019 CollegeBound Scholar of the Year, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute '19, Brown University '23**
- **Ensign Dante Daniels, 2015 CollegeBound Scholar of the Year, Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School '15, United States Naval Academy '19**
- **Dr. Tracey L. Durant, Executive Director of Equity, Baltimore City Schools, Inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient**
- **Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young, City of Baltimore**
- **City Council President Brandon Scott, Baltimore City Council**
- **Dr. Sonja B. Santelises, CEO, Baltimore City Schools**
- **Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd, Engineer, STEM Advocate, Higher Education & Civic Leader**

WHEN: July 26, 2019 at 11:45 AM

WHERE: The Hilton – Baltimore. 401 W Pratt St, Baltimore, MD 21201, 2nd floor Key Ballroom

MEDIA: The luncheon is Open Press: *Media interested in attending -- please contact Cassie Motz, at cmotz@collegeboundfoundation.org or 202-494-5469, by July 25th at 5 pm.*

Additional Background:

CollegeBound works in Baltimore City public schools to enable students to pursue a postsecondary education. CollegeBound currently staffs CollegeBound College Access Program Specialists, or CAPS, in over half of Baltimore City Schools' high schools. CollegeBound administers an annual \$3 million scholarship and grants portfolio for local public school students and awards over 200 scholarships and need-based grants. CollegeBound's need-based Last Dollar Grant recipients graduate from college at 2.5 times the rate of students from similar socioeconomic backgrounds nationally. CollegeBound's college completion initiatives will support over 200 City Schools' graduates in college during the 2019-2020 academic year.

For more information about CollegeBound, please contact Cassie Motz, Executive Director, at 202-494-5469 or cmotz@collegeboundfoundation.org or visit www.collegeboundfoundation.org