



PRESS RELEASE

## **COLLEGEBOUND ENCOURAGES ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!!**

*7th Annual “What College Means to Me” Poetry, Essay  
and Art contests*

*It’s never too early to learn about college!*

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### **Fall 2009**

Last year, more than 550 elementary and middle school youngsters from 37 of Baltimore’s Elementary and Middle Schools participated in the CollegeBound sponsored College Awareness “What College Means to Me” poetry, essay, and art contests. This year the National Aquarium in Baltimore will host the October 29th Kick-off event. Baltimore School System CEO - Dr. Andres Alonso - has encouraged his principals to involve their students in this activity.

This annual pre-college activity targets early learners and their teachers with the goal of stimulating college discussions in elementary and middle school classrooms across our city.

CollegeBound is planting seeds for Baltimore’s educators to cultivate to ensure that every child who wants to pursue a college education is provided unfettered access to college opportunities and college funding.

**“You’re never too young to be college bound!”**

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