



Snapshots of Our Alumni

“CollegeBound was a major blessing to me in college and has been a vital source of encouragement and support through all my endeavors...As a high school student coming out of a single parent household, you were the most remembered and impactful organization to me. CollegeBound is priceless.”



Rev. Nathaniel Brooks

Reverend Nathaniel Brooks graduated from Lake Clifton-Eastern High school in 1997. After he received his B.A. from Norfolk State University, he returned to Baltimore to teach English at his alumni high school. He then achieved his M.A.T. from Johns Hopkins University and went on to complete his M.Div. from Virginia Union School of Theology in 2007. In addition to teaching English at Laurel High School, he is Adjunct Professor at Baltimore City Community College, Sojourner-Douglass College, and the Biotechnical Institute of Maryland. He is an advocate for education and civil rights and is described as passionate about teaching and preaching the Gospel of Christ.



Brandon Scott

“My school was pushing me, pushing me to just go straight to work after high school. Having CollegeBound let me know I had other options. They helped me a lot in the preparation for college and to stay in college... If I didn’t get into the CollegeBound program, I wouldn’t be where I am now.”

Brandon Scott graduated from Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School in 2002. In high school, Brandon never considered college as an option until he took an after school SAT Prep course. By the end of 10th grade, his SAT score was well over 1200. Brandon attended St. Mary’s College of Maryland where he majored in political science and earned a B. A. degree in 2006. He was a mentor for St. Mary’s Multicultural Achievement Peer Program, served as President of the Black Student Union and worked with the Admissions Office to plan the Annual Minority Perspective Student Recruitment Stay-over. After earning his degree, Brandon worked for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Maryland as a School Site Specialist, creating and maintaining mentor programs at six locations including Mervo. Currently, he is a Community Outreach Associate for the Office of City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake. Though he wears many hats at his position, he gives back to his city by forging connections with neighborhood associations by attending their meetings, addressing their concerns and offering them resources they may not have known were available.

“Maintain an open mind when faced with situations, ideas or people that are different. While you are undoubtedly in school to get a degree, you not only receive an education in the classroom, but outside of it as well.”



Rashidah Bahar

Rashidah Bahar graduated from Western High School in 2003. She graduated Cum Laude from St. Mary’s College of Maryland in May 2007 with a degree in English and two minors: International Cultures/Latin American Studies and African/African Diaspora Studies. There she achieved the Dean’s List every semester. Rashidah interned at METCOR, where she served as an assistant to the CEO and to the Vice President of Administration. Currently, she works for AmeriCorps at the Patterson Park Public Charter School managing their volunteer program. She plans to attend graduate school at Morgan State University next fall to pursue a degree in International Studies. She aspires to become involved with U.S. foreign policy issues and to foster a better image of the United States abroad.



Snapshots of Our Scholars



James Houston, IV

“My CollegeBound Specialist at Carver was very supportive and helpful to me. The financial aid I am receiving through CollegeBound allows me to concentrate on my school work rather than working.”

James Houston, IV is a 2007 graduate of Carver Vocational-Technical High School. He attends Morgan State University and is majoring in Civil Engineering. During high school, he worked to help out with family expenses but was able to balance that with his school work. At college, James loves the independence of living on campus and plans to play sports for Morgan State. James is a recipient of a \$400 Last Dollar Grant, a \$1,000 Elzee Gladden Foundation Scholarship, a \$1,000 MECU, Baltimore’s Credit Union, Service Award Scholarship, a \$1,500 Baltimore Rotary Service Above Self Award Program, and a \$2,500 BCPSS-Pepsi Scholarship.

“Oh! Without [CollegeBound’s] grant, I really and truly honestly don’t know how I would have afforded college. Thank you!”

Megan Jeffrey, a 2005 graduate of Western High School, attends the University of Maryland College Park. There she is majoring in Chinese. She also plans to minor in International Development and Conflict or Spanish. She currently works for Visa speaking Chinese in their call center and is active in the Baha’I’ Club. Megan states that “Financially, [college] continues to be tough. Academically, it continues to be an intensive but very rewarding challenge.” Megan is a recipient of a \$3,000 Last Dollar Grant.



Megan Jeffrey



Jasmine Campbell

“I really appreciate [CollegeBound’s] retention program in the sense that even after we have our money, someone still comes to check up on us on campus to make sure we are doing okay.”

Jasmine Campbell, a 2007 graduate of Digital Harbor High School, attends Coppin State University. She is majoring in Nursing. Though she is the first of her brothers and sisters to attend college, she knew she wanted to go even before she started high school. She feels she has overcome peer pressure and the fear of taking a different path by attending college. She states that CollegeBound has “helped me by granting me with the money I need to pay for education and helping me understand how to go about college successfully.” Jasmine is a recipient of a \$3,000 Last Dollar Grant.