

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES:

July 12, 2021

****MEDIA ADVISORY****

CollegeBound Foundation to Host 33rd Annual Scholars' Luncheon (Virtual Event)

Local non-profit to celebrate the collective success of Baltimore City Schools' students navigating the path to and through college through a two-part, one-hour virtual event

Baltimore, Md. – The CollegeBound Foundation will celebrate its 33rd annual CollegeBound Scholars' Luncheon on Friday, July 16th at 11:45 a.m. online. Each year at the CollegeBound Scholars' Luncheon, Baltimore area leaders in education, business and government gather to honor recent Baltimore City high school graduates, [CollegeBound's newest scholarship recipients](#), current college students, and recent college graduates. This year's virtual luncheon will feature a new, live panel discussion on the Kirwan Commission and college and career access in Baltimore City.

WHAT: CollegeBound 33rd Annual Scholars' Luncheon

Part I: Virtual [Scholars' Luncheon](#) 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Celebrating the successes of Baltimore City Schools' graduating seniors, college scholars, and CollegeBound alumni

SPEAKERS:

- **Shantika Bhat, 2021 CollegeBound Scholar of the Year, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute '21, Johns Hopkins University '25**
- **I'Shea Boyd, 2016 CollegeBound Scholar of the Year, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute '16, University of Maryland, College Park '20**
- **Dr. Tammira Lucas, Executive Director of the Warnock Foundation, CEO The Cube Cowork, Co-Founder, The National Association of Mom Entrepreneurs, 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient**
- **Patrice Sanders, News Anchor, Fox45**
- **Mayor Brandon Scott, Baltimore City and CollegeBound alumnus**
- **Alicia Wilson, Vice President for Economic Development at the Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Health System and CollegeBound alumna**

Part II: NEW! Live Zoom Panel Discussion 12:15 - 12:45 p.m. How will the Kirwan Commission's Blueprint for Maryland's Future impact Baltimore City Schools and, specifically, college and career readiness in our city?

PANELISTS:

- **Alicia Wilson, CollegeBound Board Chair (Panel Moderator)**
- **Maryland Senate President Bill Ferguson (Panelist)**
- **Dr. Sonja B. Santelises, CEO, Baltimore City Schools (Panelist)**
- **Mayor Brandon Scott, Baltimore City (Panelist)**

WHERE: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82547890500>

MEDIA: *Media interested in covering -- please contact Cassie Motz, at cmotz@collegeboundfoundation.org or 202-494-5469, by July 14th at 5 pm.*



Additional Background:

CollegeBound works in Baltimore City public schools to enable students to pursue a postsecondary education. During this mostly-remote school year, CollegeBound College Access Program Specialists (CAPS) delivered 5,475 individual and group college advising sessions. In partnership with City Schools, our team organized 229 virtual visits from college representatives across 17 CollegeBound-advised high schools. CollegeBound CAPS guided 1,625 seniors through the college and financial aid processes. CollegeBound supported 234 college scholars in our College Completion Program, and 82% graduated or are still enrolled. Our emergency fund provided \$33,417 to 119 college scholars for food and other basic needs. Our first-ever virtual CareerBound series connected 210 CollegeBound college scholars and alumni with 24 local businesses and graduate schools. Several students secured paid internships and jobs with local companies.

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



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