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NEWSLETTER



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings from the CollegeBound Team! As the 2022-2023 school year draws to a close, we are grateful to the many people who have supported Baltimore's great students this year. In January, on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Baltimore Orioles Chairman and CEO John Angelos announced an extraordinary gift of \$5 million to CollegeBound, the largest gift in CollegeBound's 35-year history! This transformational gift from the Orioles will allow many more Baltimore City Schools' students to achieve their college dreams through Orioles scholarships and internships and advising from CollegeBound. A huge thank you to John Angelos and the Baltimore Orioles from all of us at CollegeBound.

Baltimore's students continue to excel! Our CollegeBound advisors are currently reaching 60% of Baltimore City Schools' seniors and 25% of City Schools' graduates attending 4-year college with the assistance of a Pell grant. The college students in our College Completion Program — all City Schools' graduates and all Pell grant recipients— continue to graduate from 4-year college at a 75% rate, outpacing their peers across the state.

For the first time in four years, all of our spring and summer signature events are back fully in person: our city-wide Rising Ninth Grade Success Seminar for students and families, hosted by Johns Hopkins University in May; our city-wide Rising Senior Seminar, hosted by the University of Baltimore in June; our College Completion Program celebration of all 326 current scholars in the program at the Under Armour House in June; and our 35th annual Scholars' Luncheon at the Hilton Baltimore on Friday, July 28 at noon. We hope to see you at the luncheon! (Details are on page 2 of this newsletter.)



The CollegeBound team at Brown University with 2019's Scholar of the Year, Mauricio, during our selective college tour over Spring Break



Orioles CEO, John Angelos, Mayor Brandon Scott, and Board Chair Alicia Wilson pose with CBF scholars and staff at the Orioles' press conference on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Full-ride recipients from Western High School, Jasmine, Fabian, and Eman, at their Decision Day celebration

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

CollegeBound has expanded by creating partnerships, beyond our traditional scope, with local Baltimore entities. We now have CAPS (College Access Program Specialists) in 3 Baltimore City middle schools; Cherry Hill Elementary/Middle School, Franklin Square Elementary/Middle School and Lakeland Elementary/Middle School.

In addition, we also have CAPS on-site at 4 community-based organizations (CBOs): the Y of Central Maryland, Harlem Lacrosse, Urban Alliance, and the University of Maryland, Baltimore CURE Scholars Program. Like CollegeBound, these organizations work with talented young people in Baltimore City. They have partnered with us to provide college and career guidance to their participants.

FULL-RIDE COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

As college acceptances and scholarship offers are awarded, we would like to acknowledge 4 of the many CollegeBound scholars who have been offered full scholarships.



Joy Kogah, Academy for College and Career Exploration student and CollegeBound scholar of the week, received a full ride to Princeton University. In addition to being class valedictorian, Joy is also a student athlete and member of the student council and National Honor Society. Joy was a member of our Next Generation Scholars cohort which starts with college advising as early as 7th grade. She is also an Urban Alliance intern as well as a MERIT Health scholar through which she gained experience at Johns Hopkins Hospital.



Fabian Adri, Western High School's CollegeBound scholar of the week, and Joshua Fedd, a Paul Laurence Dunbar High School student-athlete, are both set to attend Harvard University this fall on full-ride scholarships. Both students rank at the top of their class and are involved in a plethora of extracurricular activities in and outside of school.



Shereen Farquaharson, scholar of the week at Green Street Academy, is currently tied for the title of valedictorian. Shereen was one of many students who attended our college bus tour to New Jersey for the Malcolm Bernard HBCU Fair. While she was there, Shereen received 8 on-site admissions offers, 4 of which were full rides.

COLLEGE SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT: Destiny Haley



Destiny at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists

Destiny Haley, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute '19, and McDaniel College '23, is a part of the fourth graduating class of the CollegeBound College Completion Program. Destiny is currently a senior on a pre-med track, and plans to take the MCAT this spring. She previously interned at Kennedy Krieger at Johns Hopkins in the neuropsychiatry department.

She was also invited to a research conference in California in November. There, her team won an award

for their presentation. She's also a member of McDaniel's WORTH club and also participates in NAACP, Africa's Legacy, and the Black Student Union at McDaniel.

COLLEGEBOUND ADVISOR (CAPS) ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS



Janae Stackhouse, a CollegeBound alum, graduated from Lincoln University in the Spring of 2022. Shortly after graduation, Janae joined the CollegeBound team as the Development Associate. During the 20th anniversary of CollegeBound's College Awareness Month celebration at the National Aquarium, Janae played a large role marketing the event to local elementary and middle schools. During that time, Janae built connections with the principal of her alma mater, Franklin Square Elementary/Middle School, making her the perfect candidate when they decided to hire a CAPS for their students.



Willie McGirt, another CollegeBound alum-turned-employee, was a football star at Patterson High School when he received a CollegeBound scholarship. After graduating from Morgan State University and working for many years in the sports industry, Willie decided to join the CollegeBound team. He wanted to provide students what was provided to him. Willie often receives shout-outs from his school because of the site visits he organizes and the inclusivity he provides for non-English speaking students at his school.



Adrianna Coe, one of 20 recipients of the 2023 Ozzie Newsome Scholarship with her CAPS, Ms. Clarke, at Green Street Academy's Decision Day. She will attend Morgan State University.

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CHARITY CAMPAIGNS

Please consider CollegeBound in your giving plan. We gratefully accept checks, online donations and stock gifts. For more information, please reach out to Courtney Dystant at 410-783-2905 x215.

CollegeBound participates in the following workplace campaigns:

Maryland Charity Campaign
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United Way of Central Maryland
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Combined Federal Campaign
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2023 SCHOLARS' LUNCHEON!

35th ANNUAL Scholars' Luncheon

FRIDAY, July 28th

Hilton Baltimore, 12 noon

[https://secure.qgiv.com/
event/35thannualscholarsluncheon/](https://secure.qgiv.com/event/35thannualscholarsluncheon/)

We are excited for our Scholars' Luncheon to be back fully in-person! Please join us for our 35th annual Scholars' Luncheon at the Hilton Baltimore to celebrate this year's scholars who are graduating from high school and college and to hear from the 2023 distinguished alumnus and scholar of the year. It will be an event you will not want to miss!

Hilton Baltimore
401 W Pratt St
Friday, July 28, 12 Noon