

To College. Through College.

CollegeBound Newsletter Summer 2025













Photos from our new office

Office Opening: Thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent office grand opening! Our brand-new space is located in Baltimore's Remington neighborhood. The new office is 14,471 square feet with 20 private offices, 32 workstations, 2 small conference rooms, a medium conference room, a large conference room with boardroom-style seating for 36, and a flex lounge space that can seat 60. This new space not only supports CollegeBound's staff in their day-to-day work with Baltimore City Schools' students, but is also a space to host student and parent programming and other nonprofits. Since the office move in February, we have hosted numerous all-staff events, parent and student orientations for spring break college tours, and convenings of partner non-profits. Just last night, we hosted a Future Educators event where students, teachers, and representatives from Baltimore City Schools and higher education discussed ways to encourage Baltimore's students to return to the city after college to teach in the public schools. A huge thank you to the foundations that provided generous capital grants to make our office move possible.







2024 CollegeBound Scholars' Luncheon

37th Annual Scholars' Luncheon: Join us this summer for our annual Scholars' Luncheon celebration on Thursday, July 31 at noon at the Hilton Baltimore. This year we will be joined by a record number of Baltimore City Schools' graduates entering our College Completion Program (CCP). Later this month, 245 Baltimore City Schools' graduates, all Pell grant recipients, will join the program. And, for the first time in CollegeBound history, we have a waitlist of over 50 students for the program. Out of the 245 students, 225 will be attending 4-year colleges and 20

will be attending community college as part of a pilot program in partnership with the Community College of Baltimore County. We are now reaching over 25% of all Baltimore City Schools' graduates heading to a 4-year college with the help of a federal Pell Grant. These students continue to graduate at a 71% rate, the same rate as the statewide public college graduation rate across all income levels. Congratulations to our scholars and we hope to see you on July 31st!

Join us at the Scholars' Luncheon



CollegeBound alumna Jasmine Molock

Scholar Spotlight: Congratulations to College Completion Program scholar Jasmine Molock who recently graduated from Morgan State University! Since graduation, she has been working full-time at Maryland Legal Aid for her second straight summer - a position CollegeBound helped her secure. She will be at Legal Aid until she leaves for Air Force training in early July. There, she plans to be a paralegal full-time while working towards her Masters in Public Administration. After serving, her plan is to go to law school. We are proud of Jasmine and wish her much success in all of her endeavors!





Internship Kickoff: This month, our Strategic Partnerships team welcomed our second cohort of summer interns. These students are all current CollegeBound College Completion Program scholars looking to gain hands-on, professional experience before beginning their summer internships across Baltimore City. Our team has secured 37 paid internships with employers across the city, with the University of Maryland Medical System providing the highest number of internship placements. Jamira Collins, a recent college graduate who was a part of the first cohort of this program and is now a graduate of Northeastern University, led the

group in a presentation about personal branding and using LinkedIn. Other topics covered professional etiquette, time management, workplace attire, and impostor syndrome. Students also had their headshots taken to begin building their professional presence online.



CollegeBound board members and staff with CollegeBound board member George Roche at The Baltimore Sun's Hall of Fame induction

Baltimore Sun Hall of Fame: Congratulations to our board member, George Roche, on his recent induction into The Baltimore Sun's Business & Civic Hall of Fame. Many institutions in this city have benefited from his steady leadership and generous Baltimore-focused philanthropy. As a CollegeBound board member, George's wisdom and support have impacted the lives of many Baltimore City scholars.

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