



# COLLEGEBOUND FOUNDATION

*To College. Through College.*



CollegeBound scholars and alumni, the Ravens mascot, Poe, and the Oriole Bird at the 2024 Scholars' Luncheon.

Thanks to your support our CollegeBound scholars have had an extraordinary year.

## Highlights of 2024

**Our reach and impact:** We are working with more students than ever before in our 36-year history - at 21 locations across the city, starting in middle school and continuing through college graduation. We advise about 50% of Baltimore City Schools' seniors. This past fall, we welcomed 180 students to our College Completion Program, all Baltimore City Schools' graduates attending 4-year college with the assistance of a federal Pell Grant and Maryland state aid. The students in our College Completion Program are graduating at a 73% rate, which is higher than the Maryland public college graduation rate across all income levels and significantly higher than peers locally and nationally.



**Scholars' Luncheon:** In July, we held our 36th annual Scholars' Luncheon at the

Hilton Baltimore. We honored Breyon Childs from Frederick Douglass High School as Scholar of the Year. Breyon received a full-tuition scholarship to McDaniel College and captivated the audience with her story and her spoken word performance. We also heard from keynote speakers David Rubenstein (Baltimore Orioles CEO and principal owner) and Sashi Brown (Baltimore Ravens President). **Save the Date -Thursday, July 31, 2025 - for next year's luncheon!**



**Externship series and internship fair:** Over the summer, CollegeBound and Baltimore Collegetown Network piloted the Sophomore Externship Experience (SEE) with corporate partners BGE, M&T Bank, Under Armour, and Whiting-Turner. Seven rising sophomores from local colleges rotated through these companies, learning about business operations and career opportunities, and each received a \$5,000 stipend.



Just yesterday, we hosted an internship/ study abroad fair where college students had the opportunity to speak with local employers about internships, entry-level employment, research opportunities, study abroad, and service year options.

We aim to connect 50 of our college scholars with paid internships this summer. If you have opportunities available, please contact [Melisa Hypolite](#).

**CollegeBound alumni on staff team :** As our organization has grown this year to 55 team members, 20% are CollegeBound alumni! Our alumni colleagues bring valuable experiences and insights to our work.



CollegeBound staff who are alumni

**We are moving:** In January 2025, our offices will move one block south to the Service Center at 2507 N. Howard Street, Suite 200, Baltimore, MD 21218. Our new space will accommodate our growing team and allow us to meet with students and families in our offices!

Thank you for supporting Baltimore's remarkable students. Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year!

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