

A STEP AHEAD

June 2019

News and Updates for
Friends of Building STEPS



MAKING AN IMPACT

Inaugural Mission Moment Bus Tour

Highlighting our students' Building STEPS experience, we took a group of Baltimore thought leaders on an immersion tour. This firsthand look, led by our students, young professionals and partners, explored our students' tenacity and success and was positively eye-opening.

Pictured: Vivien T. Thomas high school seniors Victoria and Ashanti take a break from presenting to pose with Building STEPS staff member Courtney Haddaway.



#GivingEqualsChange Campaign Success

The community stepped up to make \$30kin30days a success! These dollars directly propel student success through care packages, college tours and programming. It is never too late to [give](#), and we are grateful for your support.

Become a Building STEPS Volunteer

At Building STEPS Summer Workshops students spend time drafting their college essays. Jump starting this process is a one-time session where volunteers meet with students to provide constructive feedback on topic, content and organization. Please email [Leah Pemberton](#) to learn more and to sign up. Training is provided.

Event Date: Monday, July 8th

12:00-2:30 p.m.

University of Baltimore Campus

PROGRAMMING NEWS

I'm In College Celebration!

Sixty-four Building STEPS seniors are headed to college in the fall! We celebrated their

success at our annual I'M IN event. Starting with a breadth of workshops followed by a celebratory luncheon, this year's event concluded with our seniors receiving a beautiful comforter for their dorm room donated by Dormify. To hear our students' take on the day, [click here](#) to watch their WBALTV interview.



ALUMNI QUOTES & NOTES

College Graduate Profile

Springtime means graduation season at Building STEPS. This year we have our first United States Naval Academy graduate. Like nearly all Building STEPS students, Dante is the first in his family to earn a college degree. A college graduate and Navy officer, Dante's accomplishments and commitment are inspiring. [Our latest blog post details his journey and next steps.](#) *Pictured: Dante is flanked by his parents at his 2019 graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy.*



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