

# A STEP AHEAD

September 2019  
News and Updates for  
Friends of Building STEPS



## MAKING AN IMPACT

### 2020 Milestone

This year marks the 20th anniversary for Building STEPS! . What began as a cohort of 16 juniors from three high schools has grown to over 600 students and alumni from 15 Baltimore City high schools.



### Community Engagement

A huge shoutout and thank you to [Glenridge Health](#). Giving back to the community as a team effort, they created fun care packages for our college students! What a great way for employees to connect with one another while making a real impact. Ask us how your company can [get involved](#).



### Building STEPS Joins Forces with Maryland STEM Festival

With a common theme of exposing students to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, Building STEPS CEO Debra Hettleman welcomed an opportunity to speak with the director of the [Maryland STEM Festival](#) for a recent [podcast](#). The month-long festival celebrates STEM



throughout the State of MD with fun events and programs for all ages.

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## PROGRAMMING NEWS

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### Welcoming the B-20's

Nearly 90 Baltimore City high school juniors from 15 schools participated in Welcome Orientation. In addition to teambuilding, students learned what to expect this year from the program. It's a great start to the 20th year!



### College Ambassador Program

Our network of college ambassadors is growing. This semester, our upperclassmen will welcome our 65 college freshmen to campus with a friendly face, get-togethers and seasoned advice.



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## ALUMNI NOTES & QUOTES

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### Coming Full Circle

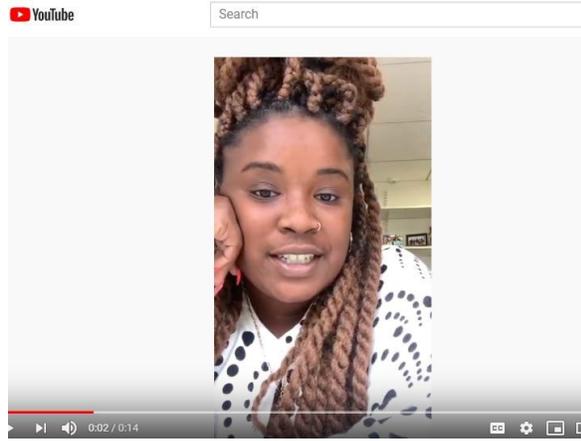
Congratulations to Carmen, a 2019 Building STEPS graduate, for receiving a \$1000 scholarship from It Takes One, Inc., a nonprofit founded by several of our very own Building STEPS alumni. What an impressive group of young professionals committed to helping Baltimore City high school students become college graduates.



### Sheyna's Scoop

Staying connected to and supporting our college students is Sheyna's top priority. As Director, College Success, she is proactive in advocacy, visits students on

campus, and shares information critical to persistence and success. Check out the first of her [video scoops!](#)



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