

# A STEP AHEAD

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News and Updates for  
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## MAKING AN IMPACT

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*Greetings. While we remain focused on supporting our students in a breadth of new ways, we want to share some recent highlights. Our student connections and supports are stronger and more intentional than ever.*

### It's All About Networking

Baltimore's business community shared their expertise with our high school seniors, informally teaching them how to professionally network. Thanks to volunteer support, our soon to be college students are prepared for interactions with their professors and internship interviews. [Please take a look at WJZ TV's coverage.](#)



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## PROGRAMMING

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### Exploring STEM

The first quarter was packed with STEM exposure! Our high school juniors learned about cybersecurity at Ciena Blue Planet, engineering and circuit board design at Northrop

Grumman, and critical water production and animal care at the National Aquarium's Animal Care and Rescue Center. These experiences enable our students to see STEM careers as accessible and attainable. [>Learn more on becoming a Junior Seminar host.](#)



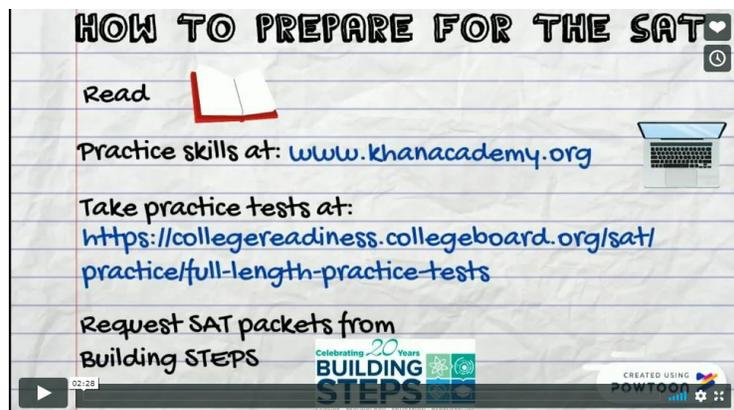
### Checking In and Checking up

Sheyna's Scoop, a weekly [vlog \(video blog\)](#), offers tips and strategies that lead to college persistence and success. Seeing Sheyna every week reminds our college students that Building STEPS and Sheyna, Building STEPS Director College Success, remain their safety net and resource.



### Timely Reminders

Cutting through the noise to communicate and share information with high school students is no easy task. As our juniors missed the in-school SAT test last week, we created [this video](#) to spur SAT prep.



## QUOTES & NOTES

*"I liked the networking section of the seminar day because we were*

***one-on-one getting information on how it is to work in that type of environment."***

Stasia-Digital Harbor High School  
JMT Engineering site visit

***"My favorite part of the day was building an electronic circuit on my own and actually getting it to work!"***

Dinasty-Ben Franklin High School  
Northrop Grumman site visit



***"It was my pleasure and honor to attend the networking event today. I'm just blessed to be in a position to give back to an organization that has done so much for me and my foundation."***

Tori-Building STEPS graduate  
Department of Defense



***"Today I learned that marine animal research centers use the animal's blood to see if animals are healthy."***

Angel-Vivien T. Thomas High School  
Animal Care and Rescue Center site visit

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