



Kaplan Educational Foundation Announces New Group of Scholars
Seven New York-Area Community College Students to Receive Scholarships

NEW YORK, NY, 14 May -- The Kaplan Educational Foundation awarded scholarships to a fourth group of New York-area community college students last night at a ceremony held at Kaplan's corporate offices in midtown. The Foundation was set up three years ago, as one of the few scholarship programs to focus on community college students, who want to continue their studies at four-year colleges and earn a bachelors degree.

Last night's celebration also recognized earlier groups of scholars, who are now in the process of transferring to four-year schools and those students who are now completing their bachelor's degrees. The newest group of scholars range in age from 18 to 32 years old and includes aspiring doctors, journalists, accountants and urban planners. These seven individuals currently attend two-year colleges in the greater New York City metropolitan area.

The Foundation's Leadership Program is one of the few initiatives that help students at the community college level. Targeted to help high-potential, lower-income, and under-represented students reach their educational and career goals, the program provides scholarships to help pay tuition (historically up to as much as \$30,000 per year). It also provides resources and individual support to guide the students step-by-step through the transfer process from an associate's to a bachelor's degree program. Additional funds help the scholars with living expenses and to cover the cost of educational materials. Counselors provide leadership development training, academic advising, tutoring, and career counseling to the scholars.

"When we started the program back in 2006, the concept of helping community college students with great potential and financial need transform their lives was a mere vision," said Jennifer Benn, Director of the Kaplan Educational Foundation. "With the program's first group of scholars graduating from four-year programs this year, we are seeing tangible outcomes for our scholars, who we've helped to realize their educational dreams."

The program's first group of scholars have or will receive their bachelor's degrees this year from institutions including New York University, American University and Morehouse College. The Kaplan Educational Foundation continues to provide service and financial support to these students through the completion of the Bachelor's program.

The newly accepted Scholars are:

- Komi Attitso from Bronx Community College
- Valerie Alverio from Hostos Community College
- Jonathan Chavez from LaGuardia Community College
- Ebony Childs from Borough of Manhattan Community College
- Kaire Colwell from LaGuardia Community College
- Alma Osorio from John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- Gary Waiyaki from Borough of Manhattan Community College

About the Kaplan Educational Foundation

The Kaplan Educational Foundation was founded by Kaplan, Inc., a global leader in education and career services. The Foundation provides high-potential, lower-income students with academic and financial support, and leadership training to raise their expectations for success and open doors to opportunities that will change their lives and their communities. For more information about the Kaplan Educational Foundation, please visit www.kaplanedfoundation.org.

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