



FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE BOUND

34th Annual *Celebration*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

University of Maryland College Park,
Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center

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Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

May 11, 2024

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the residents of Prince George's County, it is my pleasure to congratulate the graduates and welcome guests and sponsors to the 34th Annual First-Generation College Bound (FGCB) Celebration.

For over 30 years, FGCB has supported thousands of youths from low-income and first-generation families in the County, inspiring them to achieve social and economic success by obtaining a college degree. This mission aligns with the values of Prince George's County, where higher education is seen as essential for economic opportunity and competitiveness.

The Winning Attitude for Education, which promotes character development and social and emotional learning, is integral to the work you accomplish at FGCB. Through programs like College Access, the Homework Club, and the FGCB Action Zone, you have made a significant impact on youths for generations to come.

The celebration honors your achievements and commitment to academic excellence. Your success not only benefits you but also inspires others in our community. Thank you to all who have organized this event and to the sponsors and supporters for their contributions. I wish you a memorable celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angela Alsobrooks".

Angela Alsobrooks
County Executive

ALONZO T. WASHINGTON
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June 12th, 2024

Joseph Fisher
CEO, First Generation College Bound
8101 Sandy Springs Rd.
Laurel, MD 20770

Dear Mr. Fisher & the FGCB Family,

I am delighted to extend my heartfelt congratulations as you celebrate the 34th anniversary of First Generation College Bound. Your organization has been instrumental in guiding countless students through the challenges of higher education, ensuring that the dream of college becomes a reality for many who are the first in their families to attend.

As an alumnus of this transformative program, having started my journey with you in middle school back in 1998, I have personally experienced the profound impact of your support and guidance. It is with great pride that I reflect on our collective accomplishments over the years. Through the legislative process, we have secured over \$5 million annually for grassroots college access programs in MD. This funding has been pivotal in sustaining and expanding the reach of such vital initiatives.

Moreover, we have created the first-ever Maryland College Access Outreach Program, which since 2015 has helped hundreds of first generation students not only attend college but also graduate. This program stands as a beacon of hope and opportunity, embodying our shared commitment to educational equity and success.

Your unwavering dedication has changed the lives of countless students and their families, including mine. I am deeply grateful for the lasting contributions of First Generation College Bound to our community. Your work continues to inspire and pave the way for future generations to achieve their academic and professional goals.

Sincerely,

Alonzo T. Washington
Maryland State Senator

2024 ANNUAL Celebration PROGRAM

Processional.....FGCB Honorees

Introduction of Master of Ceremonies.....Reginald Black
FGCB Alum
Workforce Development Specialist
DC Infrastructure Academy

Master of Ceremonies.....Gavin Brown
FGCB Alum,
Chair, FGCB Board of Directors
Lead Pastor, Lifehouse Church

Invocation.....Pastor Gavin Brown

FGCB Welcome.....Pastor Gavin Brown

Host Remarks.....Courtney Milton
Associate Director of Admissions & Diversity Initiatives,
Enrollment Management,
University of Maryland College Park

Recognition of Special Guests.....Markel Gary
FGCB Alum
Bowie State University, Class of 2023

Sponsor Recognition.....FGCB Class of 2024
College Success Students

- Derrick Antwi, Laurel High School, University of Maryland, College Park
- Brenda Rivas, Fairmont Heights High School, University of Maryland, College Park
- Ezekiel Williams, Bladensburg High School, Prince George's Community College
- Esther Ojo, Central High School, Prince George's Community College

Musical Selection.....	FAME Jazz Ensemble
College Bound Reflection.....	Chimwekele Okoro <i>DuVal High School, Prince George's Community College</i>
Undergraduate College Reflection.....	Eden Yosef <i>FGCB Alum, Montgomery College - Rockville University of Maryland - Shady Grove</i>
Graduate Reflection.....	Erinayo Soniregun <i>FGCB Alum, Georgetown University</i>
Parent Reflection.....	Rena Ross <i>Parent of FGCB Alum</i>
Musical Selection.....	FAME Jazz Ensemble
Introduction of the Keynote Speaker.....	Stephanie Aguilon Rosales <i>High Point High School Prince George's Community College</i>
Keynote Speaker.....	Aruna Miller <i>Lieutenant Governor, State of Maryland</i>
Recognition of High School Graduates.....	Deja Cobbs <i>FGCB Director of Program Services & the FGCB College Success Team</i>

Bladensburg High School site

- Fatima Molina, FGCB Coach & Ryuhiqe Bonner, School-Based Support

Central High School site

- Renae Whittington, FGCB Coach & Charlene Warner, School-Based Support

DuVal High School site

- Justine Wood, FGCB Coach & Rashida Sawyer, School-Based Support

Fairmont Heights High School site

- Mark Gasbarro, FGCB Coach & O’Neil Marshall, School-Based Support

High Point High School site

- Josue Melgar, FGCB Coach & Sho Shauna McCoy-Hill, School-Based Support

International High School Site

- Fatima Molina, FGCB Coach & Delmis Umanzor, School-Based Support

Laurel High School Site

- Amani Medlock, FGCB Coach & Sharon Clifford, School-Based Support

Parkdale High School Site

- Edwing Reyes, FGCB Coach & Amanda Metzel, School-Based Support

Potomac High School Site

- Renae Whittington, FGCB Coach & Darond Celestin, School-Based Support

Recognition of College Graduates.....	Marquis Pritchett FGCB College Retention Specialist
Introduction of FGCB CEO.....	Pastor Gavin Brown
Closing Remarks.....	Joseph A. Fisher FGCB Founder & CEO

2024 Graduates

This is a very special time in your life - a time of opportunities, a time for making plans and dreaming dreams. May you always seize the moment, make the most of every chance you get, and aim to be the very best you can be.

The FGCB Team

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"The future is always uncertain, but we who celebrate what you have done, who celebrate all of your achievements, we are certain of one thing on this day: You will not let us down."

--Tom Hanks

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Master of Ceremonies
Gavin Brown
Lead Pastor, Lifehouse Church

Rev. Gavin Brown was born in Baltimore and raised in Ft. Meade and Laurel, Maryland. He graduated from the University of Valley Forge in 2004, with a degree in Youth Ministry.

He served for 13 years in youth and young adult ministries before becoming the Senior Pastor of Lifehouse Church in Beltsville, Maryland. Pastor Brown is currently completing his master's degree through Assemblies of God Theological Seminary. He is a dynamic communicator and speaks at church youth retreats, school assemblies, and seminars.

Gavin serves in numerous leadership positions including the Board Chair of First Generation College Bound, the 40 and under board member for the Potomac Ministry Network, the northeast regional Assemblies of God 40 and under representative, and on the Laurel Mayor's Advisory Council. He is also the UVF alumni president and a proud member of the UVF board of trustees! He lives in Laurel, Maryland with his wife Shekinah and their three children.





Keynote Speaker
Aruna Miller
Lieutenant Governor
State of Maryland

Aruna Miller is the 10th Lieutenant Governor of the state of Maryland. She is the second woman to serve as Lieutenant Governor and the first woman of color and immigrant elected to statewide office in Maryland.

Born in Andhra Pradesh, India, Miller and her family immigrated to the United States when she was 7 years old. The daughter of a mechanical engineer, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Miller has devoted her life to public service and removing systemic barriers to opportunity.

As a civil and transportation engineer in Montgomery County's Department of Transportation, Miller worked to improve the safety of the public and alleviate traffic by creating equitable access to transportation throughout the county. For 25 years, she oversaw programs that advanced access to schools and employment centers, and made community facilities safe for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and people with differing abilities.

From 2010 to 2018, she represented District 15 in the Maryland House of Delegates, where she worked with her constituents to create legislation to invest in STEM education, streamline the regulatory process for small businesses, and was a champion for working families, survivors of domestic abuse, and the environment.

Miller served on the Ways and Means Committee and its Revenue, Transportation, and Education Subcommittees. Additionally, in her second term, she served on the Appropriations Committee, where she served as chair of the Oversight of Personnel Subcommittee, vice-

chair of the Transportation and Environment Subcommittee, and vice chair of the Capital Budget Subcommittee.

For over 30 years, she has lived in Montgomery County with her husband David, where they raised three daughters.

As Lieutenant Governor, her policy profile includes matters relating to transportation, mental health, and STEM equity.

She serves as chair of the Governor's Work Zone Safety Work Group, dedicated to making highway work zones safer and protecting the lives of workers, motorists, and law enforcement.

The Lieutenant Governor also chairs Maryland's first Council on Interfaith Outreach, which convenes faith leaders from across religions and across the state of Maryland to bridge divides, increase religious tolerance, end hate, and better serve all communities.



Governor West Moore with Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller



Parent Speaker

Rena Ross

FGCB Honorary Board Member

Rena Ross is a native of Laurel, Maryland. She currently resides in Columbia, MD, where she works in property management. It is this work that first put her in touch with FGCB when she served as the Resident Service Coordinator for Cherry Branch Townhomes in Laurel, one of two communities

where FGCB first began recruiting students with the promise of helping them to go to college. Rena enrolled her daughter Cherena in the program and is now the proud mother of a Bowie State University graduate all due to FGCB.

Rena has had many roles in FGCB from parent volunteer to board member and now serves as an Honorary Board Member. She is FGCB's biggest cheerleader and is often asked to speak on behalf of the organization.

Rena is a champion for the support that FGCB has provided for many children in the Laurel area and throughout the State of Maryland. "It is so rare to see a non-profit organization still running after 30 years," Rena states. "It is because FCGB has never forgotten the reason why they serve."

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"The most important thing in your life is to live your life with integrity and to not give into peer pressure to try to be something that you're not."

--Ellen DeGeneres

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June 12, 2024

Dear Friends,



I extend my sincerest congratulations to First Generation College Bound (FGCB) for the 34th Annual Celebration at the Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center, University of Maryland. As an advocate for accessible higher education and equity in college access, I commend the efforts of First Generation College Bound in empowering first-generation students to pursue their academic dreams.

First-generation students can face great challenges in accessing colleges. Despite aspirations for career-focused education, many students find themselves burdened with insurmountable debts, regardless of their degree attainment. FGCB's dedication to combating disparities by providing customized services to help students find the best-fit and affordable colleges is commendable.

One of the most remarkable aspects of FGCB's mission is its commitment to leveraging state, federal, and institutional financial aid to facilitate access to public and private non-profit community and four-year colleges. By prioritizing the needs of students and families, FGCB fosters trusting relationships and provides invaluable support and advocacy throughout the college-bound process.

As we celebrate the achievements of FGCB and its students, it is essential to recognize the profound impact of the organization's work in transforming lives and communities. I wholeheartedly endorse FGCB's mission and applaud its unwavering commitment to equity, access, and opportunity in higher education.

Thank you for your dedication to empowering students and fostering a more inclusive educational landscape, and congratulations to all the FGCB students!

Sincerely,

Council Chair
Prince George's County Council, District 5

To the First
Generation
College Bound
graduates:

There are no shortcuts to true success.

May your feet always take you
where your heart wants to go.

Congratulations!



**CALVIN S.
HAWKINS. II**



First Generation College Bound
Bladensburg High School Site
CLASS OF 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Christopher Hernandez	Bladensburg HS	Morgan State University
Zackary Joppy	Bladensburg HS	Norfolk State University
Amani Kadu	Bladensburg HS	Prince George's Community College
Dayana Lovos	Bladensburg HS	Towson University
Tatiana Mejia	Bladensburg HS	University of Maryland-College Park
Jazmin Ramos	Bladensburg HS	The Catholic University of America
Marcus Ross Jr.	Bladensburg HS	West Liberty University
Karen Saavedra Reyes	Bladensburg HS	Prince George's Community College
Joel Simmons	Bladensburg HS	University of Maryland-College Park
Ashlie Supersad	Bladensburg HS	Prince George's Community College
Ezekiel Williams	Bladensburg HS	Prince George's Community College



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Kehinde Adeyale	Central High School	Prince George's Community College
Cameron Boateng	Central High School	Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University
Rashaan Clay	Central High School	West Virginia University
Belky Cruz	Central High School	Prince George's Community College
Jacelyn Curtis	Central High School	Winston-Salem State University
Date Dakitse Benissan	Central High School	Towson University
Caiya Davis	Central High School	Prince George's Community College
Jhaniya Davis	Central High School	Coppin State University
Mia Dawson	Central High School	Prince George's Community College
Kennedy Djeumi	Central High School	Prince George's Community College
Elizabeth Dominguez	Central High School	Prince George's Community College
Olaoluwa Falaye	Central High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Stone Green	Central High School	Coppin State University
Najay Harrison	Central High School	Prince George's Community College
Layonna Joy	Central High School	McDaniel College
Wysan Longstreet	Central High School	Coppin State University
Natorrance Lymon	Central High School	United States Military - Reserves
Kheymani Martin	Central High School	Prince George's Community College
Lina Mbah	Central High School	St. Mary's College of Maryland
Rebeca Molina Aguilar	Central High School	Prince George's Community College
Raquel Molina Aguilar	Central High School	Prince George's Community College
Kwaku Ofori-Darkwa	Central High School	Prince George's Community College
Esther Ojo	Central High School	Prince George's Community College

First Generation College Bound Central High School Site

CLASS OF 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Amari Wheeler	Central High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Jordan Winston	Central High School	Coppin State University
Serwaa Yeboah	Central High School	Prince George's Community College

“Your life journey is about learning to become more of who you are and fulfilling the highest, truest expression of yourself as a human being.

--Oprah Winfrey”

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Congratulates the Class of 2024

Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors. Here's to a bright and promising future!

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DuVal High School Site

CLASS OF 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Sukratulahi Abiola	Duval High School	Washington and Lee University
Neilsauriel Achuo	Duval High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Tobiloba Aderemi	Duval High School	Prince George's Community College
Fatimo Adigun	Duval High School	University of Maryland-Baltimore County
Jose Aguilar-Aquino	Duval High School	Prince George's Community College
Abrefi Agyemang	Duval High School	Johns Hopkins University
Nneamaka Ajemba	Duval High School	Morgan State University
Leonard Spencer Akwanga, Jr.	Duval High School	Prince George's Community College
Jimena Amaya	Duval High School	Trinity University
Favour Ashitembom	Duval High School	Morgan State University
Atebeh Awungjia	Duval High School	Mount St. Mary's University
Kerin Chavez	Duval High School	Prince George's Community College
Beryl De Souza	Duval High School	Prince George's Community College
Blessing Ezebiuro	Academy of Health Sciences @ PGCC	The Catholic University of America
Mariah Fleury	Duval High School	Towson University
Jonathan Gonzalez	Duval High School	Prince George's Community College
Debora Gonzalez	Duval High School	Prince George's Community College
Evelin Gonzalez Portillo	Duval High School	Prince George's Community College
Autumn Hayman	Eleanor Roosevelt HS	University of Maryland-College Park
Lesly Hilaire De Jesus	Duval High School	Prince George's Community College
Sumayya Islam	Duval High School	Prince George's Community College
Sarah Jones	Duval High School	Howard Community College
Persephone Knight	Duval High School	Morgan State University
Rojanna Leon	Duval High School	Culinary Institute of America
Rachel Maturi	Duval High School	University of Maryland-College Park
David Morejon	Duval High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Yoana Moreno Gonzalez	Duval High School	Monroe College
Dana Njakwe	Duval High School	Bowie State University

First Generation College Bound
DuVal High School Site
CLASS OF 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Akpevwe Ogra	Duval High School	United States Military - Army
Chimwekele Okoro	Duval High School	Prince George's Community College
Keifer Osorio Jimenez	Duval High School	University of Maryland-Baltimore County
Julissa Rangel Sanchez	Duval High School	Prince George's Community College
Emran Sayed	Duval High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Oludasimi Shola-Fagbemi	Duval High School	Towson University
Jestina Smith	Duval High School	Prince George's Community College
Yamilet Tapia Maceda	Duval High School	Montgomery College - Rockville
Hamza Yusuf	Duval High School	Prince George's Community College
Isaias Zamudio	Duval High School	University of Maryland-College Park

Don't just get involved. Fight for your seat at the table. Better yet, fight for a seat at the head of the table.

--Barack Obama



Senator Jim Rosapepe
congratulates
First Generation College Bound
on 34 years of exceptional work
and the Class of 2024 -
best wishes for a bright future!

First Generation College Bound

Fairmont Heights High School Site

CLASS OF 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Nya Alexander	Fairmont Heights HS	Stevenson University
Erick Alvarado Callejas	Fairmont Heights HS	Prince George's Community College
Michelle Argueta-Portillo	Fairmont Heights HS	Trinity Washington University
Farouq Bakinson	Fairmont Heights HS	Morgan State University
Memuna Bangura	Fairmont Heights HS	Bowie State University
Emily Caceres	Fairmont Heights HS	Prince George's Community College
Nelson Campos	Fairmont Heights HS	Prince George's Community College
Reveca Figueroa	Fairmont Heights HS	Montgomery College - Takoma Park
Katy Garcia Manzano	Fairmont Heights HS	Prince George's Community College
Angelo Gomez Jimenez	Charles Herbert Flowers High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Cindy Gonzalez	Fairmont Heights HS	Mount St. Mary's University
Kayla Green	Fairmont Heights HS	Morgan State University
Dior Gudger	Duval High School	Bowie State University
Jonathan Guzman Cruz	Fairmont Heights HS	Prince George's Community College
Davon Hayes	Fairmont Heights HS	Towson University
Paul Kajuru	Fairmont Heights HS	Capitol Technology University
Syeed Mashrafi	Fairmont Heights HS	University of Maryland-Baltimore County
Oscar Ortiz	Fairmont Heights HS	Towson University
Christian Oscuro	Fairmont Heights HS	Bowie State University
Sophia Patrick	Fairmont Heights HS	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Ederson Portillo	Fairmont Heights HS	Prince George's Community College
Kiara Rios	Fairmont Heights HS	Prince George's Community College
Brenda Rivas	Fairmont Heights HS	University of Maryland-College Park
Rodwyn Robison	Fairmont Heights HS	Prince George's Community College
Karen Rodriguez	Fairmont Heights HS	Towson University
Enger Rosso-Ozuna	Fairmont Heights HS	Towson University
Valeria Sanchez	Fairmont Heights HS	Mount St. Mary's University

First Generation College Bound
Fairmont Heights High School Site
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Angel Sanchez Benítez	Fairmont Heights HS	Prince George's Community College
Alejandro Sandoval	Fairmont Heights HS	Prince George's Community College
Kitana Sintjago	Fairmont Heights HS	Prince George's Community College
Stephany Turcios-Jimenez	Fairmont Heights HS	University of Maryland-College Park
J'Kiyah Tyer	Fairmont Heights HS	Bowie State University
Evelin Vega	Fairmont Heights HS	University of Maryland-College Park
Kelis Wheeler	Fairmont Heights HS	Stevenson University
Rihanna Wheeler	Fairmont Heights HS	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Kayla Wiley	Fairmont Heights HS	Virginia State University



"Your life is your story, and the adventure ahead of you is the journey to fulfill your own purpose and potential."

--Kerry Washington

"Whatever you choose for a career path, remember the struggles along the way are only meant to shape you for your purpose." --

Chadwick Boseman

"If you want to be the best, you have to do things other people aren't willing to do."

--Michael Phelps

"The most important thing in your life is to live your life with integrity and to not give into peer pressure to try to be something that you're not."

--Ellen DeGeneres



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

STENY H. HOYER
FIFTH DISTRICT
MARYLAND



June 12, 2024

First Generation College Bound, Inc.
8101 Sandy Spring Rd., Suite 230
Laurel, MD 20707

Dear First Generation College Bound:

It is truly an honor to congratulate you on your 34th Annual Celebration. Throughout the past three decades, this program has changed the lives of countless young scholars. Your continued support and encouragement for first generation Americans obtaining a higher education degree is commendable. Since the program's start in 1990, you have helped thousands of aspiring college graduates realize a dream that often seemed out of reach.

The growth of First Generation College Bound (FGCB) throughout the years has been deeply impactful in our community. Your hard work and commitment are exemplified by the 1,563 students currently in college and the 1,954 students who participated this past school year. I am deeply thankful for the influence your program has had in Maryland. As we know, a college degree is often a benchmark for a more successful and fulfilling career, and statistically affords the potential to earn a much greater income. The ripple effect of your efforts will be seen for generations to come.

I extend my warmest wishes for a fun and lively event and wish you many more years of continued success.

Again, congratulating you, and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely Yours,

STENY H. HOYER



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May 15th, 2024

Dear friends,

It is my pleasure to congratulate First Generation College Bound (FGCB) on its 34th annual celebration.

This achievement is not only a testament of FGCB's dedication in advancing individuals into higher education, but also the celebration of the countless students' lives that have been transformed through knowledge, higher education and breaking generational barriers. As a member of congress representing a diverse community in Maryland 4th district, I've witnessed the great impact that education has had on families and communities. First generation students embody perseverance, determination, and resilience. They overcome challenges with the admissions process, financial hurdles while balancing academic hardships and family obligations.

The journey of a first-generation college student is oftentimes marked by unique struggles and triumphs. It is important that we continue to support policies that make higher education accessible and affordable for all students- by funding programs that provide mentorship, financial aid, and academic support that are essential in helping these students achieve their goals and fulfill their potential.

I am committed to advocating for educational policies that support first-generation college students. This includes increasing funding for Pell Grants, expanding access to student loan forgiveness programs, and ensuring that our colleges and universities have the resources they need to support these students. When we invest in education, we invest in the future of our communities and quite frankly, our nation.

Congratulations on all your continued efforts. I look forward to our continued collaboration in advancing higher education in underserved communities nationwide.

Sincerely,

Glenn Ivey
Member of Congress

First Generation College Bound

High Point High School Site

CLASS OF 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Stephanie Aguilon Rosales	High Point High School	Prince George's Community College
Valeria Argueta	High Point High School	Montgomery Community College
Arionna Barnett	South Hagerstown HS	Prince George's Community College
Paola Benitez	High Point High School	Prince George's Community College
Julie Brooks	High Point High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Evelyn Canas Osorio	High Point High School	Howard Community College
Jessica Cantoral Salvador	High Point High School	Prince George's Community College
Rodwell Cosbert	Bethesda Chevy Chase High School	Stevenson University
Ronnell Crowder	Laurel High School	Prince George's Community College
Alisson Cruz Lovo	Sherwood High School	Montgomery College - Rockville
Danica Dillard	Sherwood High School	Morgan State University
Ashley Ferrufino	High Point High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Anthony Fuentes Martinez	High Point High School	Prince George's Community College
Emely Gonzalez	High Point High School	Howard Community College
Ricardo Hernandez	High Point High School	Prince George's Community College
Brittney Hernandez	High Point High School	Montgomery College - Rockville
Joselyn Hernandez	High Point High School	Prince George's Community College
Elizabeth Hernandez Lopez	High Point High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Dilan Hernandez-Garcia	High Point High School	Prince George's Community College
Christopher Herron	Cedar Hill Collegiate HS	Prairie View A&M University
Maria Kalaki	Paint Branch HS	American University
Adama Kone	High Point High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Rocio Lemus Chinchilla	High Point High School	Towson University
Madelyn Lemus Funez	Sherwood High School	Towson University
Kimberly Lopez	High Point High School	Prince George's Community College
Ester Lopez Escorcía	High Point High School	Montgomery College - Rockville
Nazir Mason	Wheaton High School	Drexel University
Geidy Menendez	High Point High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Tatiana Merino Argueta	High Point High School	Prince George's Community College
Ashley Miranda	High Point High School	University of Maryland-College Park

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High Point High School Site
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Liliana Montilla	High Point High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Joshua Moron	High Point High School	Prince George's Community College
Ashley Moscoso	High Point High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Alma Nunez Ramirez	High Point High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Evelyn Orellana	High Point High School	Prince George's Community College
Tasha Pilgrim	High Point High School	Howard University
Celci Portillo	High Point High School	Prince George's Community College
Jason Ramirez Yohe	High Point High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Bryanna Reid	High Point High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Genesis Reyes	High Point High School	Prince George's Community College
Ana Reyes	High Point High School	Prince George's Community College
Camila Reyes-Loayza	High Point High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Sindy Robles Mendez	High Point High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Barbara Roldan	High Point High School	Prince George's Community College
Andy Ruiz Orellana	Sherwood High School	Hood College
Ruth Seifu	High Point High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Joshua Torres Lopez	High Point High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Leonel Vasquez Garcia	High Point High School	Prince George's Community College
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Congratulations Class of 2024!
with best wishes from the team at
National Harbor Special Events.

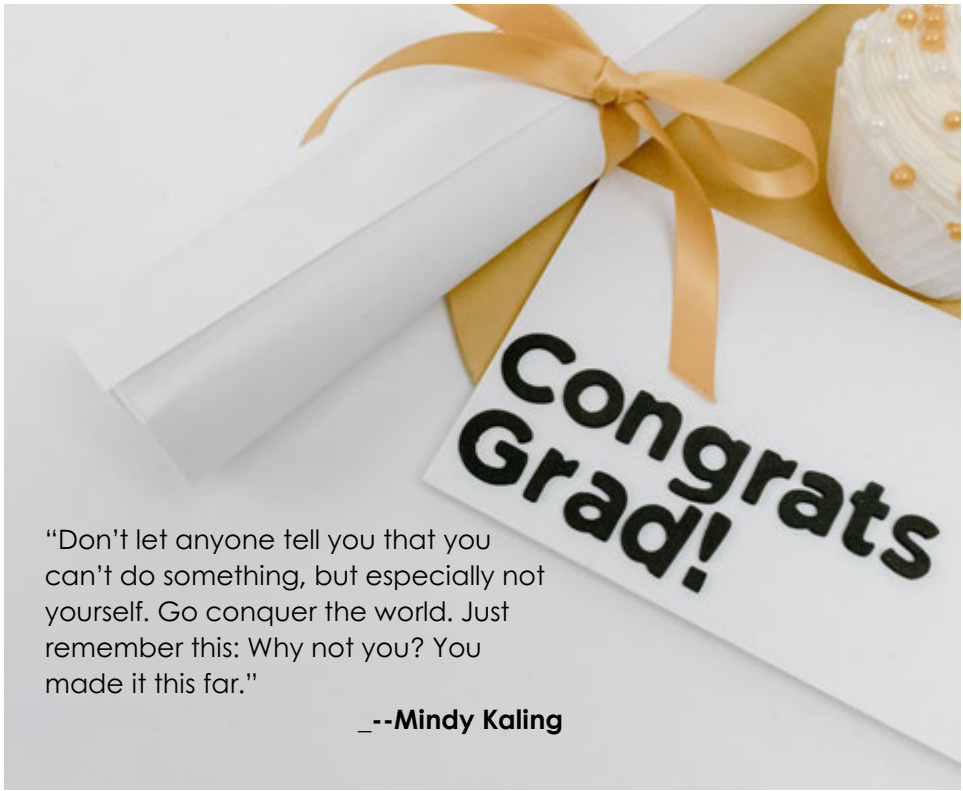
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International HS Site at Langley Park
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Diego Caceres Guardado	International High School at Langley Park	Montgomery Community College
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Marilyn Rodriguez	International High School at Langley Park	Trinity Washington University
Gerardo Salazar Cortez	International High School at Langley Park	Prince George's Community College



“Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something, but especially not yourself. Go conquer the world. Just remember this: Why not you? You made it this far.”

--Mindy Kaling

First Generation College Bound Laurel High School Site

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Corina Alvarez Barraza	Laurel High School	Stevenson University
Derrick Antwi	Laurel High School	University of Maryland-College Park
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Chymira Burton	Laurel High School	Central Carolina Community College
Prince Commey	Laurel High School	Morgan State University
Briththany Cruz Martinez	Laurel High School	Prince George's Community College
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Marilyn Hernandez-Munoz	Laurel High School	Howard Community College
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Dijla Naji	Laurel High School	Howard Community College
Onyinyechi 'Precious' Nwadiaro	Laurel High School	Morgan State University
Michael Ocansey	Laurel High School	Pennsylvania State University - Brandywine
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Jeremiah Thukkappa	Laurel High School	University of Maryland-Baltimore County
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Parkdale High School Site

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Febe Garcia	Parkdale High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Princess Garuba	Parkdale High School	Morgan State University
Keyli Lopez-Vega	Parkdale High School	Prince George's Community College
Nicholas Odoemena	Parkdale High School	Prince George's Community College
Jessica Ogbolu	Parkdale High School	University of Maryland-Baltimore County
Prince Ohanele	Parkdale High School	Notre Dame of Maryland University
Obinna Okekeocha	Parkdale High School	Prince George's Community College
Leona Osuala	Parkdale High School	Bowie State University
Shihab Rahman	Parkdale High School	Prince George's Community College
Daisy Rodriguez	Parkdale High School	Prince George's Community College
Dilan Ruano Lopez	Parkdale High School	University of Maryland-College Park
Sidharth Saji	Parkdale High School	Prince George's Community College
Demetrius Salvatierra	Parkdale High School	Bowie State University
Ashai Sesay	Parkdale High School	Prince George's Community College
Edom Shewangzaw	Bladensburg HS	Montgomery Community College
Willson Sorto	Parkdale High School	Prince George's Community College

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Potomac High School Site

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Zorria Cullins	Potomac High School	Coppin State University
Jefry Diaz	Potomac High School	Bowie State University
Angel Espana Estrada	Potomac High School	Prince George's Community College
Kimberly Fuentes-Baiza	Potomac High School	McDaniel College
Kimberly Guevara	Potomac High School	Prince George's Community College
Sofia Haddad	Potomac High School	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Isaiah Harris	Potomac High School	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Jalen Hodge	Suitland High School	Frostburg State University
Zaniah Jackson	Potomac High School	Virginia State University
Robert Jones	Potomac High School	Prince George's Community College
Evelin Juarez-Reyes	Potomac High School	Howard Community College
Jaeshon Knight	Gwynn Park HS	Prince George's Community College
Mekhi Lewis	Potomac High School	Frostburg State University
Tanaisha McNeil	Potomac High School	Coppin State University
Oscar Molina Granados	Potomac High School	Prince George's Community College
Roy Palmer	Potomac High School	Prince George's Community College
Edwin Rodriguez-Hernandez	Potomac High School	Prince George's Community College
Tania Sanchez Flores	Potomac High School	Prince George's Community College
Na'Kyra Turner	Potomac High School	Prince George's Community College
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Presented on the twelfth day of June 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn F. Ivey".

Congressman Glenn F. Ivey
4th District of Maryland

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"I've found that nothing in life is worthwhile unless you take risks. Fall forward...Never be discouraged. Never look back. Give everything you've got. And when you fall throughout life, fall forward."

--Denzel Washington

"For many of you who maybe don't have it all figured out, it's okay... Enjoy the process of your search without succumbing to the pressure of the result. Trust your gut, keep throwing darts at the dartboard."

--Will Ferrell

First Generation College Bound Class of 2024 Bachelor's Degrees



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changing the world and keep making us
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June 6, 2024

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Dear First Generation College Bound:

It is truly an honor to congratulate you on your 34th Annual Celebration. First Generation College Bound has been instrumental in assisting students to achieve their higher education goals. For over 30 years, First Generation College Bound has provided strong support for students and families as they strived to overcome numerous challenges to pursue their academic goals. This work has been Herculean with the help you have granted to thousands of aspiring high school graduates realize a dream that may have seemed impossible. These students, the first in their family to attend college, represent so much promise for their family circle.

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In closing, the State of Maryland is privileged to have witnessed First Generation College Bound on this remarkable journey. Your work over the past years has been deeply impactful in our community.

I extend my warmest wishes and wish you many more years of continued success. Congratulations graduates we are expecting great things from you in the future!

Sincerely,

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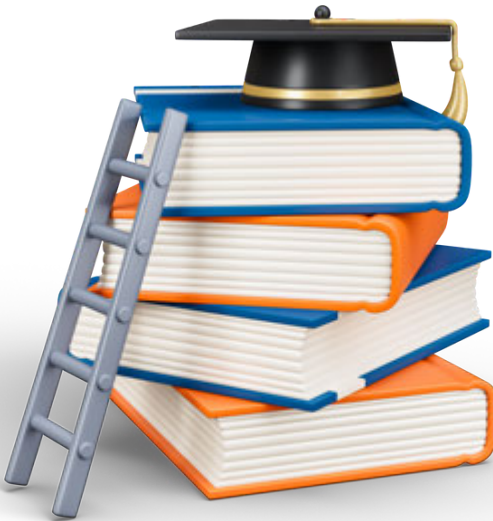
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