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MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

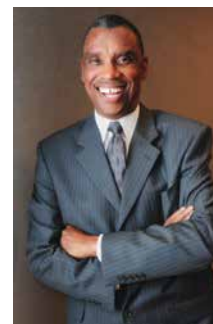
YES, EDUCATION CAN BE AFFORDABLE FOR ALL!

As I continue to read, listen to the media, and have on-going discussions about the rising cost of higher education, to include college, vocational, and professional schools being free, it leads me to write about *college affordability*. This message is not for those families who have been able to save money for their child to attend college, but for those who have not. I am very supportive of higher education being affordable based on an individual's socio-economic situation. During this presidential campaign season "free higher education" was a topic that was being promoted. And my question was: Free for everyone or for those who qualify and what does the criteria entail? Regardless of whether this proposal passes or not, what should you do in the meantime if your child has a desire to attend college, especially if you are financially challenged? As much as your child may want to attend their dream college, stay grounded on the path of *Higher Education Affordability*.

I recall when I began recruiting students for FGCB, twenty-six years ago, it was challenging because many students wanted to attend their dream school but did not understand college financial aid. They expected the cost to be paid by FASFA and scholarships. When those students received their acceptance letter to their dream school, or an out of state college, they were disappointed because they did not receive enough financial aid or scholarships to attend that college. Those who accepted to attend, despite the lack of financial aid, often returned home early because of the cost. On the other hand, the students with the support of their parents who accepted FGCB's strategy of *college affordability* and best fit, received the needed financial aid to attend college. These students exhibited a higher college retention and graduation rate. It is also important to note that the parents of our low-to-moderate income students were not burdened with overwhelming debt, and in some cases, no debt at all due to the encouragement and support of FGCB. You can see from these examples the impact of FGCB's services on first generation college bound students and their families.

Once again, FGCB has successfully used the strategy of *college affordability* with encouragement, support, and advisement to serve its students and their families for 26 years. I am reminded by a quote in John Maxwell's book, *Daring to Dream*: "Keep your eyes on the stars, but remember to keep your feet on the ground". Every student has dreams of attending the college of their choice, but it is important that they have the academic profile to be admitted and the financial aid to attend and graduate.

Thanks for your ongoing support. Because of you, FGCB continues to promote *college affordability* and provide college access and retention services to our students for college bound success.



Joseph Fisher
FGCB CEO & FOUNDER

OUR IMPACT ON EDUCATION

STUDENTS WHO HAVE ENTERED COLLEGE: 2,000+

COLLEGE GRADUATES: 596

STUDENTS IN COLLEGE: 1,265

FINANCIAL AID AWARDED TO THE CLASS OF 2016: \$1.1 MILLION+

STUDENTS FROM THE CLASS OF 2016 WHO MATRICULATED TO HIGHER EDUCATION: 143

STUDENTS WE WILL SERVE DURING THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR: 1,508



OUR STUDENTS IMPACTED BY FGCB PARTNERSHIPS

FGCB creates partnerships where there is a need to support students from low and moderate income backgrounds with college access services. Our current partnerships are with **The Intersection**, a non-profit in Baltimore, where we provide college access technical assistance to their students and with **Olive Branch Community Church (OBCC)** who provides college access services to **Sherwood High School** students. In 2017, FGCB and OBCC are seeking financial support to increase its college access services for low to moderate income students in 11th and 12th grade.

The following students talk about the benefits that they have received from participating with these partnerships:

THE INTERSECTION PROGRAM

Jade Malonga-Ntinou

MCDANIEL COLLEGE

The Intersection Program and FGCB helped me complete the FAFSA and requirements for the Maryland Higher Education Commission Howard P Rawlings Guaranteed Access Grant and GAPP award. I also participated in The Intersection's college readiness program for two years attending twice a week, which made all the difference in getting through the process of applying to school. If not for the program, it would have taken me longer to understand what I needed to do. Currently, I am a freshman at McDaniel College and I have had a very good semester.

THE OLIVE BRANCH COMMUNITY CHURCH AND SHERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Dara Williams

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Being the daughter of a single mother who did not go through the college application process, Olive Branch Community Church and Sherwood High School provided college access encouragement, support, and resources in school and outside of school, which was a great guiding force for me. They helped me stay focused in the college bound admissions process. FGCB provided on-going support with federal and state grants that I was eligible for. I currently have the Maryland Higher Education Commission Howard P Rawlings Guaranteed Access Grant and the Senatorial Scholarship. Johns Hopkins matched my financial need with a GAPP grant and I currently do not have any loans. FGCB is an important aspect of my support system that I was lucky to have at such a pivotal time in my life. I'm currently attending Johns Hopkins University.



LEARN MORE

We love our students and are excited to share their stories with you.

Check out our website under the success stories tab to read more testimonials on the lasting impact FGCB is having on the future success of our children.

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**WAY 2 GO
MARYLAND**

WAY2GO MARYLAND HIGHLIGHT

FGCB highlights the first cohort of Way2GoMaryland students graduating from high school. FGCB provided students, beginning in 8th grade, with encouragement and support for a "Winning Attitude" to attend college. Dr. Joann Boughman, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, celebrates the achievement of this partnership. The picture reflects the first of 5 cohorts of the FGCB/Way2GoMaryland Partnership beginning with the high school class of 2016.

WHY AFFORDABLE EDUCATION MATTERS WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY



Tyree Williams

During my 11th grade year at Forestville High, I decided I wanted to attend college to pursue a career in Sports Management. I went to college fairs to research the possibilities of this type of career. In the 12th grade, I spoke with my principal, Mr. Laney, about my desire to attend college and my career interest. He connected me to FGCB. Mr. Fisher talked to me about financial aid and the process to enter college. The meeting with Mr. Fisher helped me understand how I would go to college. Prior to meeting him, I did not know how I would attend without scholarships. During our meeting, I learned about the FASFA and the Maryland Higher Education Commission Howard P Rawlings Guaranteed Access Grant. These funds covered my tuition, room and board, books and other needs at Coppin State University. I am currently a freshman and my grades are good. I am finding my way thanks to FGCB!

Alexis Sullivan

FGCB helped me to learn about grants and scholarships. I met Mr. Fisher in the 11th grade and I started going to workshops that provided me information on how to apply to college. In the 12th grade during a college fair, I spoke with representatives from Coppin State University. I learned they were a small school that would give me individual attention. This appealed to me because I felt it would be easy for me to learn. The school also had the major I wanted which is Business Management and Marketing. I completed my FASFA with the support of FGCB and I qualified for the Maryland Higher Education Commission Howard P Rawlings Guaranteed Access Grant, Senatorial Scholarship, and the Delegate Scholarship. The funding covers tuition, books, room and board, as well as my meals. I am very happy I qualified for the funds because I probably would have had to take out student loans in order to attend college.

Alliyah Jamison

I am currently a freshman at Morgan State University. FGCB gave me a lot of opportunities that I would not have known about if I was not in the program. FGCB gave my mom and I step by step information of the process on how to complete the FASFA application and apply to different scholarships. We received support all along the way and it continues to this day. I honestly do not believe that I would have come this far with school if it were not for the assistance from FGCB.

Domonique Richardson

I began my freshman year at Coppin State University this semester and I am managing well. FGCB came into my life during the 2015-2016 school year. They talked about grades, college, and doing well in school. My mom did not understand the FASFA process and Mr. Fisher explained this process which helped us a lot. While in the program, we went on a college tour and visited many colleges which gave me a realistic view of what school would be like. We received help with choosing the best schools and what was required. Being in FGCB gave me an opportunity to meet new people and hone my speaking skills.

Temitope Agoro

Currently, I am a freshman majoring in Mechanical Engineering and a football player at the University of Notre Dame. As a Junior in high school, I was introduced to FGCB by a friend. I started out with a workshop about the SAT study process. I was impacted my senior year when I went to the FASFA workshop and other workshops on colleges that I might like to attend. Raymond was very helpful in helping me to complete the College Scholarship Service Profile for need-based financial aid. I qualified for the following: Notre Dame Scholarship, Need Based Scholarship, and several private scholarships. The scholarships and grants covered my tuition, books, room and board and meals.

STUDENTS AND COLLEGE GRADUATES WORKING IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

CURRENT FGCB BOARD MEMBER



Lonnie Moore

Meeting Mr. Fisher altered my life path. He was the first male mentor to me. Everything that I am, I attribute to FGCB. I currently work for IBM as a sales team trainer. I am also a football commissioner for the Boys & Girls Club of Laurel, a church deacon in Laurel for A New Life Church of Christ, and serve as a FGCB board member. I was one of the first students to go through the FGCB college access program, graduating from Morgan State University in 1997 with a degree in Sociology.



GRADUATE OF SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

Florence Akadje

Florence works for Revere Bank in Laurel as a Finance Associate. Florence states that she has always helped FGCB in some capacity because she believes in the program. She serves on the FGCB volunteer college retention committee.

ATTENDING FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Tyler Harmon

Tyler is majoring in accounting and gaining work experience during school breaks at Revere Bank. He began working in the community in 2014 in the bank's Finance Department. He has an annual renewable internship which happens twice a year and will continue after graduating in Dec 2017. He plans to continue while working on his Master's degree.



BILL 816 FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Maryland State Delegate Alonzo Washington, an FGCB alumni and Senator Jim Rosapepe presented Bill 816 to the Maryland Assembly. Governor Larry Hogan signed the Senate version of Bill 816 Higher Education – Low- Income Student Outreach and College Access Act of 2015. Bill 816 provides funding to college access organizations in the state, like FGCB, through the Maryland Higher Education Commission by a grant called the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot Program. For FGCB, this monumental Bill 816 has come full circle to honor Joe's vision started twenty-six years ago, to assist low to moderate income families with college access. How befitting to have the state behind this vision as well. Now FGCB will have the opportunity to service so many more students.



NEW BOARD MEMBER ELISSA LEVAN
WITH JOE FISHER AND EMMA HUGHES,
A FGCB STUDENT ATTENDING MOUNT ST. MARY'S
UNIVERSITY.



WELCOME TO OUR TEAM

Deja R. Cobbs

FULL TIME COLLEGE ACCESS COACH

Deja joined the First Generation College Bound team as the Way2GoMaryland case manager and is now serving as the College Access coach. She is an aspiring youth motivational speaker with a desire to share messages of self-esteem and ability, healthy relationships, faith, and education goal setting.

NEW FGCB BOARD MEMBERS



Elissa Levan

Attorney, Funk & Bolton



Anil Kochhar

Lead Test & Evaluation Engineer,
Johns Hopkins University
Applied Physics Laboratory



Stephen Whetstone

Director of Academic Information
Resources, Howard University Health
Sciences

FGCB INTERNSHIPS



FGCB is partnering with the University of Maryland College Park's Career Center to provide an internship opportunity for two students during the Spring 2017 semester. Both students will be assisting the organization with development and social media. We welcome them to our team and look forward to a continued partnership with UMCP!

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

FGCB is also always looking for volunteers on our college retention committee, at events, and in the main office.

Please fill out a volunteer application on our website today to be part of a great cause.



OUR FUNDERS

Thank you to the following for providing funding during the 2015-2016 academic year:

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your financial partnership with us is not a nameless faceless one, each dollar you give is directly correlated to the success of a student in our community.

While no level of support is too small, your extended generosity remains consistently impactful. You can contribute by sending a check made out to "FGCB" in the provided envelope or by clicking the **"Donate"** button on our website, www.fgcb.org.

FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE BOUND IS SEEKING SPONSORS FOR 2017

Please contact us at (301) 490-0911 if you are interested in becoming a partner or sponsor.





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SAVE THE DATES!

5TH ANNUAL COLLEGE RETENTION & ALUMNI SOCIAL

January 7, 2017
1:00-4:00pm

Greenbelt Marriott
in the Annapolis Room
6400 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20706

27th Annual *Celebration*



June 21, 2017
7:00pm

Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center
University of Maryland College Park

LAUREL HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY DAY & 5K

May 20, 2017
9:00am

Laurel High School

