



# COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM

You Can Go To College! We Can Show You How!

**T**he College Access Program is a project of the Philadelphia Education Fund whose mission is to improve educational outcomes for underserved students. The College Access Program helps make a college education accessible to Philadelphia public school students, their families and adults interested in pursuing higher education. College Access is Philadelphia's largest and broadest based college assistance program.



## The College Access Program:

- Provides school-based direct services to over 3,000 low-income youth each year.
- Operates in 5 middle schools and 17 high schools in the School District of Philadelphia, where College Access Coordinators provide college awareness and readiness services, including college and career workshops, one-on-one advising and counseling, and financial aid and scholarship assistance.
- Directs three community-based centers—open to the public and located in North Philadelphia, West Philadelphia, and the Gallery Shopping Mall in Center City —serving over 6,000 individual visitors each year.
- Is unique because its participants are eligible to apply for last dollar scholarships from the Ed Fund's Philadelphia Scholars Program. The current year's scholarship value is nearly \$1 Million Dollars.
- Builds partnerships with schools, neighborhood organizations, institutions of higher education and other pre-college programs, in order to effectively advocate for, and provide services or conduct topical workshops to, students and their families.
- Works with other local college awareness groups as part of the Philadelphia College Prep Roundtable, which meets monthly to share information and discuss relevant educational issues.
- Is a member of the National College Access Network (NCAN), and hosted the first annual meeting of NCAN in 1991.
- Welcomes our partnership with Graduate! Philadelphia.

## College Access Centers

### Center City

(In Partnership with Graduate! Philadelphia)  
The Gallery I, Street Level  
9<sup>th</sup> & Market Streets  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
215-574-1341

### West Philadelphia

Enterprise Center  
4548 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19139  
215-476-2227

### North Philadelphia

Rivera Building  
2603 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Philadelphia, PA 1913  
215-739-9360