



## White-Williams Scholars

To Inspire and support high achieving Philadelphia public high school students of limited financial means to fulfill their potential

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#### **LOCAL NON-PROFITS LEVERAGE RESOURCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

White-Williams Scholars is pleased to announce its recent partnership with Metropolitan Career Center in the provision of classroom space for the weekly meetings of White-Williams Scholars' College Connection program. The agreement greatly expands White-Williams Scholars' ability to host its students in a spacious, technologically-advanced atmosphere.

“The partnership is a great marriage between two non-profits seeking to break the cycle of poverty,” says Karen P. Cambell, Program Director of College Connection at White-Williams Scholars. “It is a true win-win situation for both parties, as our missions are aligned in an effort to help each constituency fulfill its potential. White-Williams seeks to support high school students through education programming, and Metropolitan Career Center provides individualized support services and training for adults.”

The College Connection program is a four-year, college preparatory program that engages students during the pivotal year of ninth grade. The program provides individualized support to its 87 students in three cohorts through a curriculum of enhanced academics, leadership development, college and career guidance and civic engagement.

For over 35 years, the Metropolitan Career Center and Computer Technology Institute has served the Philadelphia community through the provision of career training and educational opportunities. MCC has partnered with leaders in the fields of medicine, technology, and healthcare to make available employment opportunities for its students that lead toward well-paying careers.

Prior to the partnership, College Connection meetings were held at the offices of White-Williams Scholars. In time, it became clear that the location could not accommodate the large number of students for the weekly academic enrichment sessions.

On Wednesday, October 7, 2009, from 4:00-6:00pm, all three College Connection cohorts will have their first session of the academic year at the offices of Metropolitan Career Center in the

Land Title Building at 100 S. Broad Street. Says Joseph Mannino, Director of Admissions for MCC, “We’re very excited about this partnership, and it’s great to see all the student activity in our office.”

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**White-Williams Scholars three-tiered approach:**

1. **Stipends:** range from \$50 to \$75 for meals, school supplies, etc.
2. **Scholar Services:** writing, public presentation and college prep workshops
3. **College Connection:** 4-year, after school college prep focused on enhanced academics, leadership development, individualized college and career guidance and civic engagement.

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