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Dear Friends,

I wanted to update you on what's been happening this summer at White-Williams Scholars. Please read on about our recent move, the College Connection summer program, and an Op-Ed in the *Daily News* highlighting our programs.

A New Space for White-Williams Scholars

We have moved upstairs!

A recent move from the fifth to the tenth floor of 215 South Broad St. has transformed an old office space into the new home, haven and headquarters of the White-Williams Scholars family. In the lobby, a mural is being designed and painted by our Scholars to welcome guests. The project is being facilitated by muralist Bernie Wilke who has collaborated with students and communities to complete over 35 murals. According to students, the mural will represent who they are as Philadelphia teens and the opportunities they receive as White-Williams Scholars.



Scholars at the Center

Inside, sunlight floods our new Student Lounge, a space dedicated to serving and inspiring our Scholars. The Student Lounge is a place where students can refine their computer

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skills on new Mac laptops, complete homework, meet with fellow Scholars and research post-secondary opportunities. They just have to look to the walls to see the legacy of successful alumni showcased in the "White-Williams Scholars through the Generations" photo project. The mural and Student Lounge help us to inspire our Scholars by allowing them to visualize their potential each time they step in the door. Program Director, Karen Campbell, sums up the innovations best, "Our students are the heart of this organization, literally and now physically."

College Connection at East Stroudsburg University

Year Two for Summer Program

To round out the 2007-2008 school year, 68 College Connection students headed to East Stroudsburg University in late June for their summer college experience. The program, now in its second year, was offered in partnership with the PA State System of Higher Education. Once again, this experience proved to be life-changing for all who attended.

Soul Searching for Cohort One

The rising juniors, who spent two weeks on campus, were challenged to tap into their creativity as they worked with teachers from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Writing Project at East Stroudsburg University. The purpose of the classes was to refine the students' writing, critical thinking and debating skills by exploring reflective memoir writing and their personal perspectives of the concept of truth. Though the process of looking so closely at their lives was difficult, the students were encouraged that the obstacles of life could not stop them from achieving their dreams.



In addition to their academic experiences, the rising juniors mentored the newest cohort of College Connection students who were on campus for one week. These rising sophomores participated in an East Stroudsburg University themed Scavenger Hunt prepared by their older peers to acquaint them with the school.

The Pact Inspires

Classes for the rising sophomores were led by WWS staff and centered around the book The Pact, a nonfiction book about three young men from Newark, NJ who band together to complete college and become doctors. The book's themes of perseverance, ambition and community resonated with these students who have big dreams and a long road ahead of them. In addition, the book underscores the commitment that

White-Williams Scholars has made through the College Connection program to ensure their academic success. During the week, the sophomores were also exposed to excerpts from [The Four Agreements](#) and [The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens](#) along with study skills and note-taking techniques.

At the close of the two weeks, students, parents and staff got a glimpse of the program's impact as the rising juniors shared their memoirs through spoken word, song and poetry.

As we enter into our third year of College Connection, we continue to be inspired by the commitment of our Scholars to work hard today in preparation for a successful tomorrow. Stay tuned!

For more information about White-Williams Scholars and our [programs](#), or to [donate](#), please visit our website: www.wwscholars.org.

WWS in the *Philadelphia Daily News*

"Beyond Getting into College"

The work of White-Williams Scholars was featured in the *Philadelphia Daily News* Opinion section on July 17th. In light of Mayor Michael Nutter's call to double the number of city residents with a four-year degree, our role as a partner in education has become even more critical. To read the full [opinion piece](#) and other features, please visit the [News & Events](#) section on our website.

The mission of White-Williams Scholars is to inspire and support high achieving Philadelphia public high school students of limited financial means to fulfill their potential. We provide monthly stipends, academic enrichment and college preparation to over 1,500 students each year.

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