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Dear Friends,

Back-to-School season is a time of new beginnings for many students: new faces, locations, stories, and successes. White-Williams Scholars is excited to have our students back and ready to embark on the promise of a new year! Like our Scholars, we too have new stories, new faces, and a new meeting location to share with you.

C2 Partners with Metropolitan Career Center

White-Williams Scholars is pleased to announce its recent partnership with Metropolitan Career Center/Computer Technology Institute in the provision of classroom space for the weekly meetings of our College Connection program.



On Wednesday, October 7, 2009, all three C2 cohorts kicked off their first weekly session of the academic year at the MCC offices in the Land Title Building at 100 S. Broad Street. The 10th and 11th graders will now have a permanent location for their meetings this year.

The Metropolitan Career Center, a non-profit that provides career training, employment matching, and educational opportunities to adults of limited financial means, fit well with College Connection's needs. The center has classroom space and computer labs.

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"The partnership is a great marriage between two non-profits seeking to break the cycle of poverty," says Karen Campbell, Program Director at White-Williams Scholars. "It's a true win-win situation for both parties."

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Alumni Return to Give Back to WWS

White-Williams Scholars is pleased to introduce two Scholar Alumni as new support staff. We are thankful for their willingness to share their talents for the benefit of our current Scholars. **Welcome, Elishia and Russell!**

Elishia Peterson (Dobbins A.V.T.S., '05)

is a recent graduate of Arcadia University with a degree in Print Communications. A West Philly native, she joins the staff as our Administrative Assistant. A proud White-Williams Scholar, Elishia recalls how helpful her stipend became after her mother was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis: "It was a big help, and I made sure to save the money



I received from White-Williams Scholars while my mother was unable to work."



Russell Rollins (Lankenau, '07) comes to us from Temple University, where he is currently a junior pursuing a degree in Business. When he is not in class, he is lending a helping hand to our Stipend Program Associate, Ebonye Holmes. Excited to give back to the organization, Russell says, "White-Williams Scholars has done so much

for me and my family. Although I can't contribute to the organization in the way I would like just yet, I can give of my time to help current Scholars."

To find out more about alumni involvement or to join the Alumni Committee, please visit www.wwscholars.org/alumni.

Scholars Meet The Three Doctors at Mentor Day

On Saturday, September 19, our College Connection students visited Rutgers University in Newark, NJ to meet with the Three Doctors, authors of the book *The Pact: Three Young*

Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream. They attended Mentor Day, a day of career and educational enrichment for middle and high school youth.

Drs. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hunt came from poor, single-parent homes in Newark where survival, not scholastic success, was the priority. Together they made a pact to overcome the negative influences surrounding them, graduate from college and then medical and dental schools. Today, Drs. Davis and Hunt practice medicine. Dr. Jenkins is a dentist.



It was a special event for our Scholars, as they have read *The Pact* and the book is a prominent figure of the C2 curriculum. Every student in College Connection reads *The Pact* as their introduction to the program during the Summer Experience at East Stroudsburg University.

Meeting the authors after reading their inspiring story added a special significance to the day. It brought the book full circle for our Scholars, and encouraged them that with work, their dreams are possible. To quote the Three Doctors, "Our children cannot aspire to be what they cannot see."

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www.wwscholars.org.

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Upcoming Event: Support our Scholars Social

When: Thursday, October 15th

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Where: Devon Seafood Grill

225 S. 18th Street

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Suggested Donation: \$10 or more

You are cordially invited to join White-Williams Scholars for a social event in celebration of our Scholars, with our co-hosts alumnus Blane Stoddart (MLK, '82) and Coda Social! Network with area professionals for the benefit of White-

Williams Scholars. We hope to see you there!

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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