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**PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE PREP ROUNDTABLE TO AWARD \$50,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO 20 PHILADELPHIA AREA STUDENTS ON AUGUST 9**

PHILADELPHIA (August 8, 2014) – The Philadelphia College Prep Roundtable (PCPR), Philadelphia’s premier college access and success organization, will award \$50,000 to 20 college students living in the greater Philadelphia region as recipients of the first-ever Robert C. Digges Courageous Warrior Scholarship.

The winning students will be honored at a reception on Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 2-4 PM at The Fairmount Waterworks Education Interpretive Center, 640 Waterworks Drive (Waterworks Drive and Kelly Drive), Philadelphia, PA 19130.

The 20 recipients of the new scholarship, who will each receive \$2,500, represent a cross-section of Philadelphia’s population and neighborhoods—these winners represent students from all walks of life including, low income homes; many are the first generation in their families to ever pursue and attended college. The winners also include African-American and Latino males; immigrants; students with disabilities; students that identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender; adult learners; veterans; and students who themselves are parents of children.

“The Philadelphia College Prep Roundtable brings the organization’s motto of ‘investing in professionals who invest in students’ to life by honoring the twenty recipients of the Robert C. Digges Courageous Warrior Scholarship,” said Thomas Butler, Director of Advancement and Operations for PCPR. The late writer/statesman Frederick Douglas once said “education is the pathway to freedom”, but for far too many high school seniors and college students in the Delaware Valley that pathway to freedom is blocked by the high cost of college. The goal of this new scholarship is to keep Philadelphia residents in college, graduating on time, and contributing their immense talent and energy to making the world a better place.”

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PCPR, celebrating 20 years of service, is a group made up of more than 400 pre-college administrators and higher-education professionals throughout the Greater Philadelphia region. PCPR seeks to strengthen the tools of college access and higher education practitioners who believe in the academic potential of all citizens and help students navigate the path to and through higher education.

The scholarship is named after the late Robert C. Digges, who was born and raised in the Philadelphia area, and had a profound desire to fund scholarships for students to pursue higher education upon his death. Funds for the scholarship are bestowed by the Philadelphia Foundation to PCPR. PCPR was responsible for selecting the scholarship winners.

The Philadelphia College Prep Roundtable selected the following to receive this year's Robert C. Digges Courageous Warrior Scholarship:  
Courtney Washington, Holy Family University, Tiffany Sim, University of Pennsylvania, Stanley P. St. Louis, Rosemont College, Kadiatou Bah, Pennsylvania State University, Pametra Geer, Spelman College, Marcel Luhur, Temple University, Sessi Houessou-Adin, College of Wooster, Henry Pierre-Louis, Rosemont College, Michael Eaton-Byrd, The University of Virginia, Alexis Cruz, Eastern University, Azhane Morris, Pennsylvania State University, Lorie Lochard, Chestnut Hill College, Brianna Belo, American University, Deanna Torres, Holy Family University, Karen Williams, Lock Haven University, Terrell Reid, Shippensburg University, Syerra McFadden-McCrobie, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Kyle Adams, La Salle University, Claude Blagmon, Delaware County Community College, Shynece Marshall, Shippensburg University.

This event was made possible due to collaborative efforts of PCPR, The Philadelphia Foundation, and the Fairmount Waterworks Interpretive Center. For information about PCPR, go to [www.collegepreproundtable.org](http://www.collegepreproundtable.org).

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