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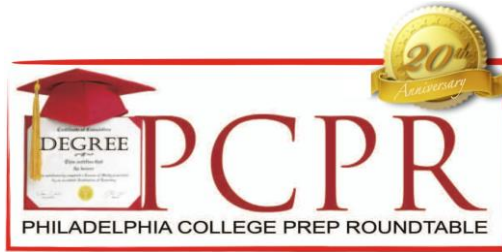
**PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE PREP ROUNDTABLE TO HOLD SIXTH ANNUAL
CONFERENCE JUNE 2-3 AT VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY**

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PHILADELPHIA- Two-hundred college access and success professionals from throughout the Greater Philadelphia region will attend the 2014 Philadelphia College Prep Round Table (PCPR) Conference on June 2-3 at Villanova University, Villanova, Pa. The conference will be held each day from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM at Villanova University's Connelly Center, 800 E. Lancaster Avenue, Villanova, Pa. 19085.

The Philadelphia College Prep Roundtable (PCPR), now in its 21th year of existence, 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.

This year's conference theme, "Continuing the Courageous Conversation: Policy, Strategy, Action," will look specifically at the role policy plays in shaping the experiences of Black and Latino males; students who are immigrants; students with disabilities; students that identify themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender; students who are parents; adult learners, and veterans on college campuses.



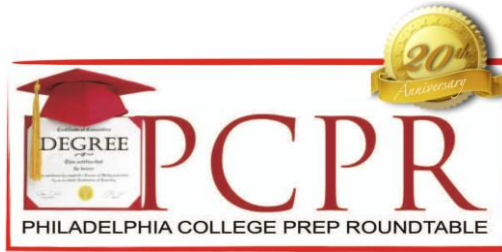
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Small group discussions throughout the two-day conference will take an in-depth look at issues impacting these various groups, identify ways to improve outreach, brainstorm strategies to address challenges, and come up with action plans that will support college success.

Maghan Keita, PhD, chair of the Board of Trustees of the College Board and professor of History and director of the Institute for Global Interdisciplinary Studies at Villanova University, will deliver opening remarks on June 2 at 9:00 AM at Villanova's Connelly Center.

Founded in 1900, the College Board was created to expand access to higher education. Today the membership association is made up of over 6,000 of the world's leading educational institutions and is dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in education. Each year the College Board helps more than seven million students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs and services in college readiness and college success—including the SAT® and the Advanced Placement Program®.

Additional noted speakers will include Dr. Keith Leaphart, Chair of the Board of the Philadelphia, Pa.-based The Lenfest Foundation. He will be the keynote speaker of the two-day conference on June 2 at 9:45 AM at Villanova's Connelly Center.



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The Lenfest Foundation is an independent board directed private foundation that was established by H. F. (Gerry) and Marguerite Lenfest in 2000. The Foundation's priorities are the Lenfest College Scholarship Program for students from primarily rural areas in Pennsylvania; and career and technical education, early childhood education and out of school time programs for disadvantaged youth, primarily in Philadelphia.

Also new this year, conference participants will learn about PCPR's 2014-2015 Robert C. Digges Courageous Warrior Scholarship. Funds for the scholarship were bestowed by the Philadelphia Foundation to PCPR to support the post-secondary education of high school or current college students who are residents of Philadelphia. Scholarships of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to up to 20 recipients in June.

The conference is sponsored in partnership with Esperanza College of Eastern University, Penn State University -Philadelphia Recruitment Center, Temple University Undergraduate Admissions, Saint Joseph's University, and Villanova University.

For information about the conference, go to www.collegepreproundtable.org.

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