



**FIFTH PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE PREP ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE ON
AUGUST 19-20 TO FOCUS ON COLLEGE ACCESS, RETENTION AND GRADUATION FOR
DELAWARE VALLEY STUDENTS**

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PHILADELPHIA, PA (August 12, 2013)—More than 150 parents, education professionals and community advocates for equity and college completion will spend Monday, August 19 and Tuesday, August 20, 2013 on the campus of Arcadia University for the Philadelphia College Prep Roundtable's Fifth Professional Conference. The conference will be held each day from 9 AM to 5 PM at Arcadia University's Commons, 450 South Easton Rd, Glenside, PA 19038

The Philadelphia College Prep Roundtable (PCPR), now in its 20th 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.

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The featured speakers at this year's conference are Pennsylvania U.S. Congressman Chaka Fattah; Dr. Marc Lamont Hill, Professor at Columbia University and contributor at Huffington Post ; and Dr. Charles Williams, Director of Drexel University's Center for the Prevention of School-Aged Violence.

Fattah will address the conference on Monday, August 19th presenting opening remarks starting at 9:30 AM. Drs. Williams and Hill will speak on the conference on Tuesday, August 20. Dr. Williams will speak at 11:00 AM and Dr. Hill will speak at 3:45 PM.

The two day conference will address four main themes-Advocacies and Policy Impacting Practice; Promising Practices for College Access and Success; College Access and Success 101 - What a New Professional Needs to Know; and Black Male Achievement in the College Access and Success Pipeline.

The conference theme this year is "Building on 20 Years: Continuing Courageous Conversations Toward 2025." The theme honors both PCPR's 20 years of serving as a network of college access and success professionals throughout the Philadelphia region and PCPR's support of a nationwide movement to increase the number of Americans—especially those living in the Delaware Valley—obtaining high education degrees by 2025. Goal 2025 was created by the Indianapolis, Ind.-based Lumina Foundation, an independent, private foundation committed to increasing the proportion of Americans with high-quality degrees, certificates and other credentials to 60 percent by 2025.

The conference is sponsored in partnership with the Black Male Development Symposium and the Knight Foundation/Black Male Engagement and other contributing partners.

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

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