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## **Two new reasons for seniors to attend this Saturday's BCPS HBCU College Fair: more colleges participating, raffle for book scholarships**

*Other high school students and families also welcome*

Towson, MD – The list of colleges participating in the Sixth Annual Baltimore County Public Schools Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Fair has expanded.

In addition, The Education Foundation of Baltimore County, Inc., will raffle two \$500 HBCU Book Scholarships on-site at the college fair. Interested seniors must be present by 12:30 p.m. to win. Additional scholarships will be available by application after the fair.

The college fair will be held on Saturday, December 10, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at New Town High School, 4931 New Town Blvd., Owings Mills 21117. At the fair, students can meet college admissions representatives from HBCUs and participate in workshops related to the college selection process, college admissions, financial aid, and college life. Drop-in support for college application essay writing and FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) completion will be offered throughout the day.

"I hope all BCPS high school seniors and other interested high school students participate in the HBCU College Fair to learn more about their opportunities for higher education," said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. "Even students who are undecided about attending college or aren't necessarily interested in attending an HBCU will benefit from attending the fair."

The following HBCUs have confirmed their participation in the fair:

- Benedict College

- Bethune-Cookman University
- Bowie State University
- Clark Atlanta University
- Coppin State University
- Delaware State University
- Florida A&M University
- Grambling State University
- Hampton University
- Lincoln University
- Morehouse College
- Morgan State University
- Norfolk State University
- North Carolina A&T State University
- North Carolina Central University
- Paine College
- Shaw University
- South Carolina State University
- Tuskegee University
- University of the District of Columbia
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia State University
- Virginia University of Lynchburg
- West Virginia State University
- Winston-Salem State University

In addition, breakout workshop sessions will cover the following topics:

- “Careers in BCPS, Loan Forgiveness, and Scholarship Program”
- “Essay Writing: Tips to Drafting a Winning College Essay”
- “Financial Aid 101”
- “First Financial Federal Credit Union Scholarships”
- “Funding Your Education with UNCF Scholarships”
- “Narrowing Down Your College List”
- “Panel Discussion: Student Life”
- “Connecting to the Divine Nine (fraternities and sororities)”

Participants are strongly encouraged to complete the [Common Black College Application](#) prior to the event. School counselors and college counselors are available to help with the application.

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