



# DC-CAP ADVISOR

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM



Spring 2014

## STUDENTS MAKING HEADLINES

*DC-CAP students win \$240K scholarship for college.*



Tai'Lon Jackson was one of eight Steven Joel Trachtenberg Scholarship recipients, who received a \$240,000 full scholarship to The George Washington University.

DC-CAP had the opportunity to assist the majority of the winners throughout the application process.

Congrats to Tai'Lon, who will be majoring in mechanical engineering this fall.

[Learn more about Tai'lon's surprise scholarship.](#)

## NEWS AND EVENTS

The 6th Annual DC-CAPITAL STARS, A Broadway Hit



Lights, camera, ACTION! The sixth annual DC-CAPITAL STARS event was held on February 25 at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The event showcased the outstanding artistic abilities of DC public and public charter high school students. Through auditions and online votes, the top ten finalists were selected to sing, dance, and play in the Eisenhower Theater and compete for college scholarships. This year's semi-finalists performed Broadway hits from Chicago, A Chorus Line, Grease, and The Wiz were performed by many of this year's semi-finalists. The event wowed celebrity judges and the audience alike and raised over \$710,000. Proceeds benefit DC public and public charter high school under resourced students pursuing a college education.

[Watch our STARS shine!](#)

## COMING SOON

*DC-CAP Student and Alumni Spotlight*



In future newsletters, DC-CAP would like to feature outstanding high school or college students as well as DC-CAP alumni. If you would like to nominate

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2014 GALA WINNERS!



**KWEKU SUMBRY**  
FIRST PLACE  
\$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP



**NIKITA CROWELL**  
SECOND PLACE  
\$6,000 SCHOLARSHIP



**BRANDON GRAY**  
THIRD PLACE  
\$4,000 SCHOLARSHIP

someone or share your personal story of how DC-CAP helped make college a reality for you, please email [Kaylan Somerville](mailto:Kaylan.Somerville).

## CORPORATE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

ExxonMobil

### COLLEGE CORNER

Helping you to graduate from college



DC-CAP provides college students with individual academic counseling and mentoring services to increase retention and graduation rates.

Each year, DC-CAP hosts a seminar entitled "The Pre-College Experience."

The Pre-College Experience, held at Catholic University, is specifically designed for first-year college freshmen and their parents.

[Learn more about preparing for college.](#)

#### Pre-College Seminars

Saturday, July 12  
Saturday, July 19

9:30am - 2:00pm  
Catholic University



### Minority Student Business Awareness Day DC-CAP Student Wins Top Prize in Essay Contest

On April 10, 35 students from Capital City Public Charter School, McKinley Technology High School, and Woodrow Wilson Senior High School, participated in the Minority Student Business Awareness Day sponsored by ExxonMobil.

The program hosted students from the DC metro area. The objective is to encourage minority students to pursue higher education in the areas of science, technology, engineering, math, and business. The planned day gave students a glimpse into corporate America. A senior from Wilson SHS won the top prize in the essay contest competition and was given the opportunity to read her essay. Two students from McKinley Technology HS won honorable mention awards.

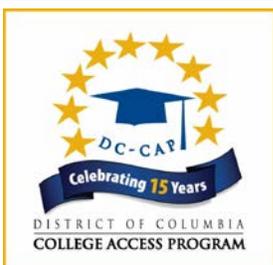
In addition to the awards, three students were accepted into ExxonMobil's Black Employee Success Team Early Identification Pilot Program. The program is designed to identify and build relationships between ExxonMobil and minority students with strong academic backgrounds who have an interest in pursuing an engineering degree at a four-year university.

Thank you ExxonMobil!

**ExxonMobil**

### ABOUT DC-CAP

Changing lives by making college a reality for all DC students.



The DC College Access

### UP NEXT

DC-CAP Class of 2014 Graduation Celebration

Thursday, June 19

Program (DC-CAP) is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping DC public and public charter high school students prepare for, enroll in, and graduate from college.

Since 1999, DC-CAP has worked with parents and educational partners, inspiring, counseling, and providing fundamental support to help under-resourced DC students believe that college is possible, find the path to get there, and complete their education.

DC-CAP is making it possible for thousands of DC public and public charter high school students to enroll in and graduate from college. With your support, we will serve thousands more.

To get your civic organization or company involved with DC-CAP, contact [Kaylan Somerville](#).

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**TO DC-CAP  
TODAY!**



### **First Lady Michelle Obama to Address 2014 Graduating Seniors**

Mrs. Obama will deliver remarks at the DC-CAP Graduation Celebration for recent college graduates.

*This is an invitation-only event.*

**[Read the White House press release.](#)**

### **UP NEXT**

**DO MORE 24 Online Giving Day**

**Thursday, June 19**



United Way of the National Capital Area is once again gearing up for Do More 24, a local movement that leverages the power of the crowd to support our region's most effective nonprofits through focused, online giving. On June 19 you have 24 hours to support the causes you care about by making a donation of \$24 or more to nonprofits that serve our region. Go to [domore24.org](http://domore24.org) on **June 19 and donate to DC-CAP!**