



DC OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

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Congressional Update

Legislation Introduced in House

U.S. Rep. John Boehner (R-OH), a long time supporter of the Opportunity Scholarship Program introduced legislation last week called the "Preserving DC Student Scholarships Act of 2009." The legislation would authorize Opportunity Scholarships into the future. See our [press release](#).

Legislation Expected Soon in Senate

On the heels of a hearing held May 13 by Sen. Joseph Lieberman (I-CT), the Senator is expected to introduce legislation in the next few weeks. If you missed the hearing, a sophomore from Archbishop Carroll High School and the 2008 valedictorian from ACHS testified before the Senate committee. See our [press release](#) on the hearing and their [testimony](#).

City Officials Consider Adding Siblings to Program

Mayor Adrian Fenty and City Council Chairman Vincent Gray have expressed interest in opening the Opportunity Scholarship Program to the siblings of current students. They made the comments during testimony before the House Committee on Appropriations' Financial Services Subcommittee, on May 14. More to come in the next issue.

Opportunity Scholarship Graduation

The Washington Scholarship Fund and DC Children First are hosting a "graduation" for Opportunity Scholars to honor high school seniors and 8th grade students on Wednesday, June 3, 6:00 pm at Archbishop Carroll High School. WUSA Channel 9 News Anchor Andrea Roane will emcee the event and DC City Council Member Harry Thomas will deliver remarks. One of our 8th grade students from Sacred Heart School also will speak.

Archbishop Carroll High School OSP Seniors

This year, Archbishop Carroll High School had 18 seniors with Opportunity Scholarships. The students have been accepted at 30 different colleges and universities, including George Mason University, Marymount University, Morgan State, Norfolk State, Pace University, St. John's University, Syracuse University, Trinity Washington University, University of Maryland, Virginia Commonwealth University and Xavier University.

This follows the success of the two prior years, when 100 percent of the scholarship students graduated from this competitive high school and 20 of 21 were accepted into college.

Opportunity Scholarship Website

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