

# Cradle to College Pipeline's Freedom School Newsletter

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## Our Partnership With Building STEPS

Headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland since 1999, Building STEPS is a private non-profit organization developed to expose bright, underserved students to professions that rely on science and technology and to help them excel in these fields where minorities are overwhelmingly underrepresented.

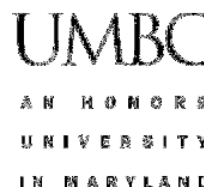
This year we are proud to have two Building STEPS

interns, Ms. **Edith Venable** (Dunbar HS) and Ms. **Gillen Saunders** (Forest Park HS).

Building STEPS offers the exposure, guidance, and support system for its students to succeed. Also, here at the C2C Pipeline's Freedom School, we have two of the best junior servant leader interns (JSLs), Edith Venable and Gillen Saunders who are apart of this Building Steps foundation. They

help our scholars to always look for the best and nothing but the best in every respectful and polite way.

For additional information about the Building STEPS program, visit [www.buildingsteps.org](http://www.buildingsteps.org)



## "Hats off to our Scholars"

Hats off to the following scholars for their wonderful work in their classrooms: Trayvon Allison, Destinee Guzman, and Travis Briscoe. Check out some of our scholars work!!!!

### "Mirror" written by Trayvon Allison

I hate when people live their lives based on how other people think of them. They don't love themselves enough to be who they are. Instead they need to hear the thoughts of love from other people in order to feel secure. So

they changed because they feel that if they look or act this way that someone will love them. And yeah that person might love them but it's always someone to talk about you no matter what. And if gaining the world meant losing your soul and who you truly are inside wouldn't you rather have nothing? So be yourself! You are you and I'll be me because everything I'm not made me everything I am.

### "Sailing through life" written by Travis Briscoe

Thank you for this award. I know that when I was little I never had dreamed I'd even be able to accomplish what I have done. It is a tremendous honor and I thank you all. Thank You.

### "Destinee's Quote"

"Forget what others think or say, be the best you can be everyday." **Written by Destinee Guzman**

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### About Our Organization...

The Cradle to College (C2C) Pipeline's Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools® at Digital Harbor High School (DHHS) is a 5-week summer program entering its fourth year. Our goal is to positively engage the youth of Baltimore City in academic, cultural, creative, civic learning and health awareness during the summer. Freedom Schools is a nationwide CDF® program dedicated to the creation of supportive, nurturing, literature-rich environments that set high expectations for all children and focuses on literacy, cultural heritage, parental involvement, servant leadership, and social action. The mission is threefold: to boost student motivation to read, to generate more positive attitudes toward learning, and to connect the needs of children and families to the resources of their

## Parent/Guardian Wednesday Workshops

Come on out and join us for our second parent workshop on **Wednesday July 23, 2008** at 6:30 PM at Digital Harbor High School.

Ms. Wendy Torres will discuss how to keep your scholar safe on the Internet. This is a workshop that you don't want to miss so, see you

there!!!! Please bring a dish to share with the group. Also, mark your calendars for our last parent workshop on Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. This workshop will be followed by lunch and finale.

If you missed our last

workshop: Preparing your Child for College: It's not too soon. Be sure to check out these websites:

\*HBCU Opportunities  
[www.nafeo.org](http://www.nafeo.org)

\*Maryland Colleges and Universities  
[www.mhec.org](http://www.mhec.org)

\* Bridge Programs/ Maryland CAP:  
[www.mdcap.org](http://www.mdcap.org)

Saunders, Ms. Alisha Sparks, Denzell Ford & Damion Scott.

## I have a Recognition...RECOGNIZE!!!

Congratulations to Malik Embree and Earl Lewis, level 3 scholars in Mr. Daimen class for winning the MVP award for weeks 1 & 2. Good job scholars and keep up the good work!!!!!!

*Happy Birthday to Ya, Happy Birthday to Ya, Happy Birthday!!!!*

We would like to wish a very special birthday to the C2C Family members who celebrate birthdays In August: Gillen



## Come on out and have fun with the EPFL@Light Street

Visit the Enoch Pratt Free Library (1251 Light Street) on **Saturday, July 26 & August 2, from 1-2:30** for their Clay Creation activities. This will be for teens where they will create, paint, and bring clay objects to life. Also, on **Monday, August 4, 6**

**p.m.** Enoch Pratt will be having a Buggy Olympics/Summer Reading Closing Party for children of all ages. So come on out and celebrate your reading success!!!! Enjoy gold medal games and refreshments. But if for

some reason you miss these activities, you can visit Enoch Pratt on **Thursday, August 7, at 6:00 p.m.** and **Tuesday, August 19, 10:30 a.m.** for one-on-one computer training presented by Millie Godfrey of Pratt's Technology Center.

## MEET the STAFF!!!!!!!!!!!!

Here at the C2C Pipeline's CDF Freedom School, there are many staff members who assist your scholar to strive for excellence in every situation.

The following staff helps your scholar to be the best that they can possibly be treating and giving them the up most respect at all times.

So without further or due meet:

\*Justin Wright, Project Director

\*Alisha Sparks, Site Coordinator

\* Servant Leader Interns- Ms. Jessica, Ms. Ashley, Mr. Aleem, Mr. Ryan & Mr. Daimen

\*JSL 's- Edith Venable, Gillen Saunders & Kristen Lyles

