

YWLN Grant Report to the New York Women's Bar Association Foundation

YWLN is grateful to the New York Women's Bar Association Foundation for its generous support of the CollegeBound Initiative (CBI) at The Young Women's Leadership School (TYWLS) of the Bronx. The Foundation's \$5,000 grant directly supported 40 college trips for all 465 students at TYWLS of the Bronx. The deepest support went to TYWLS of the Bronx's 62 juniors, who will be applying to college this fall and have benefitted immensely from the Foundation's investment in their opportunity to see themselves on a college campus for the very first time.

These now rising seniors benefitted greatly from the opportunity to visit multiple college campuses, which in turn has greatly informed the students' college lists choices, decisions, and plans, as well as empowered these students to make post-secondary choices that best fit their academic, financial, and social needs.

Our high school students attended a total of 33 trips, to the following colleges: Boston College, University of Bridgeport, Bucknell University, Cornell University, Borough of Manhattan Community College (CUNY), Hostos Community College (CUNY), Hunter College (CUNY), Macaulay Honors College (CUNY), Lehman College (CUNY), Medgar Evers College (CUNY), Daemen College, Emerson College, Fashion Institute of Technology (CUNY), Long Island University – Brooklyn Campus, Manhattan College, Manhattanville University, Maryland Institute College of Art, The New School, New York University, Sage College, Sarah Lawrence University, Sienna College, SUNY Albany, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Buffalo State, SUNY Cortland, SUNY New Paltz, SUNY Purchase, SUNY University at Buffalo, Temple University, University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania, and West Chester University.

While our high school juniors enjoyed many trips, the three most notable include the University of Chicago, SUNY New Paltz, and the University of Bridgeport. One of our students was particularly taken with the University of Chicago, as she is very interested in scientific research. She was excited to learn on her visit that students at the school are both allowed and encouraged to support and conduct research as early as their first semester. She is certainly applying to the University of Chicago this Fall. Our juniors also enjoyed their visit to the University of Bridgeport, and we anticipate that a large group of them will apply this Fall. They were thrilled to learn of the school's proximity to their home in the Bronx, loved the campus, and were encouraged by the diverse student population. They could see themselves reflected in their tour guides. Finally, our juniors had a very special experience touring SUNY New Paltz. In addition to their knowledgeable tour guides, they had the unique experience to learn from the expertise of their own Director of College Counseling, Brittany McNeil. SUNY New Paltz is Brittany's alma mater, and she was able to give her students an inside look into what it would really be like to attend SUNY New Paltz.

Not to be outdone, our middle school students attended a total of seven trips, to the following colleges: Baruch College (CUNY), The City College of New York (CUNY), Columbia University, Farmingdale State College, Lehman College (CUNY), Long Island University - CW Post Campus, and Queens College.

We look forward to updating the Foundation on their successful college application and admissions processes, and can't wait to see where they enroll in 2019!

