

Ngoc Nguyen - Springbrook HS
Goucher College
Educational Opportunity Program Scholar

Passionate about working with children, Ngoc established a new tutoring program at Springbrook HS. She served as the president for Asian Culture Club, scholarship chair for National Honor Society, and was a member of the math team. For her academic excellence, she received honorable mention from the Maryland Distinguished Scholar Program.



Nancy Toure - Springbrook HS
Bryn Mawr College

An AP Scholar, Nancy maintained a high level of academic success while being very involved in her school community. She was a member of the Asian, African Caribbean, Chemistry, and French Clubs. She also played basketball and badminton. In college, she is looking forward to studying abroad and expanding her cultural knowledge.



Kimberly Ozuna - Walter Johnson HS
Virginia Commonwealth University

Kimberly has been an Honor Roll student since middle school. At Walter Johnson HS, she participated in the Minority Scholars Program, Hispanic Club, Black Student Union, and track and field team. As a teacher's aide, she enjoyed working with students one-on-one in Algebra I and hopes to major in a math-related field that will also allow her to help others.



Phung Tran - Wheaton HS
University of Maryland-College Park
Gates Millennium Scholar

Phung was vice president for his senior class, National Honor Society, and Student Government Association. He also enjoyed playing a role in Wheaton HS's production of "High School Musical." His dedication and hard work earned him the Governor's Certificate of Meritorious Service Award with 410 community service hours and the prestigious Howard Hughes Medical Institute internship at NIH.



Kevin Romero - Springbrook HS
University of Maryland-College Park

Kevin earned the Minds in Motion Scholar-Athlete Award for his excellence in both soccer and volleyball. Kevin intends to study business in order to own a construction company that builds innovative homes. His interest in engineering led him to apply and be selected for the Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program (SEAP) in the Naval Surface Warfare Center-Carver Division.



Russie Tran - Wheaton HS
James Madison University

Russie has been a spirited student at Wheaton HS, with her involvement in Student Government Association, National Honor Society, morning announcements, and the cheerleading team. Some of her numerous awards include being a National Youth Conference Scholar, Outstanding AP Biology Student, and a Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association Scholar.



Yesenia Romero - Springbrook HS
University of Maryland-College Park
College Park Scholars

Yesenia served as the character chair for the National Honor Society and treasurer for Spanish Honor Society. She was also a member of the French Honor Society and played softball. She was the recipient of the Hispanic Heritage Youth Award in Business as well as the International Baccalaureate Certificate. She plans to study abroad and major in international studies.



Mirko Fernandez Valdes - Kennedy HS
McDaniel College
Michael Crockett Scholar

After only being in the U.S. for three years, Mirko was a recipient of the Maryland Distinguished Scholar of Academics Award and a member of the Spanish National Honor Society. As a baseball enthusiast and player, he used his creativity to redesign the team's uniform. Outside of school, he participated in Liberty's Promise programs and was a home improvement worker.





2011 College Acceptance List

Alfred College	Haverford College	Sweet Briar College
American University	High Point College	Syracuse University
Andrews University	Hollins University	Temple University
Arcadia University	Hood College	Towson University
Averett University	James Madison University	Trinity University (DC)
Bates College	Juniata College	University of Maryland - BC
Boston University	Lafayette College	University of Maryland - CP
Bryn Mawr College	Lehigh University	University of Mary Washington
Catholic University	Loyola University Maryland	University of Michigan
Cedar Crest College	Lynchburg College	University of Pittsburgh
Christopher Newport University	Marymount University	University of Richmond
College of Notre Dame	McDaniel College	University of Rochester
College of Wooster	Mount Holyoke College	University of Southern California
D'Youville College	Nova Southeastern University	University of Tampa
Daemen College	Old Dominion University	University of Virginia
Denison College	Pennsylvania State University	Utica College
Elmira College	Radford College	Virginia Commonwealth University
Elon University	Randolph-Macon College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
George Washington University	Rice University	Virginia Wesleyan College
Gettysburg College	Roanoke College	Walla Walla University
Goucher College	Salisbury University	Washington College
Guilford College	Spelman College	Wells College
Hamilton College	St. Mary's College of Maryland	
Hampton University	Stevenson University	

What has CDI meant for the Class of 2011?

Gabriela Herrera, Sweet Briar College

Honestly, CDI has been extremely invaluable. Watching my friends from school struggle with applications and financial aid forms made me realize how lost I would have been if I had not had CDI's help. I also probably would never have even applied to the college that I will now call my home for the next four years, Sweet Briar College.

Yohannes Ejigu, Haverford College

SAT classes were really effective as they helped me improve by almost 250 points. Without them, I would not have done well on the SAT and been in the position I am now. This is just as important as the other services CDI provides.

Mirko Valdez, McDaniel College

It is obvious that CDI is a family program and that their participation is as important as the involvement of the Scholars. In my experience, CDI has an enormous role in my family's life. All the events that CDI hosted for the parents were educational, instructive, and also fun and entertaining.

Rashida Aluko-Roberts, Gettysburg College

I could not have survived taking the ACT twice had it not been for CDI. The tutors are amazing! They really do put a lot of effort and time into helping us prepare for the standardized tests, and they want us to do our personal best. Most importantly, they make class fun and memorable, which makes me want to work even harder to ensure that their hard work pays off.

Monica Gutierrez, Hamilton College

I think the Peer Mentor Program is a really great idea because it can help me connect with more experienced CDI College Scholars. Checking in with CDI is also great because I can prevent future problems by asking for help from them early.