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Carlisle Area HBCU & HSI College Fair
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Annual College Fair launching from Carlisle, PA

The 1st Annual *Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) College Fair and Informational Workshop* will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at the Carlisle YWCA, located at 301 G Street, in Carlisle, PA. Arrival for this event begins at 9 a.m., with the program beginning at 9:30 a.m.; it will conclude at 1 p.m. for students – parents can remain until 1:30 p.m. All interested high school students (grades 9 – 12 only) from Carlisle and Central PA public school districts are welcome and encouraged to attend, including private school and homeschooled students. This event includes free continental breakfast and lunch for all college fair participants. Additionally, there will be plenty of free parking.

Any area high school students are welcome, and students of color are highly encouraged to attend to lessen the information gap in areas where BIPOC populations coexist with a lack of resources. Students will have the opportunity to speak to college faculty members and alumni to garner pertinent information about the steps involved in preparing for a successful college career.

Founder, community member, and former educator, Dorene Wilbur, created this event to divert information about college to students of color, who are typically overlooked in traditional information channels. Ms. Wilbur is a Carlisle Borough Truth and Reconciliation Commission member and board member of Hope Station, a local non-profit whose mission is to foster pride and community participation among their residents. A firm believer in community equity, Ms. Wilbur desires to give students of color a significant advantage through exposure and readiness. “The purpose of this uniquely necessary college fair,” states Ms. Wilbur, “is to help connect prospective college students with HBCUs and HSIs across the state and country. Students in this area have had full access to information about PWIs (Predominately White Institutions); however, historically, HBCUs and HSIs have not received the same advertisement and attention. Students must have the opportunity to discover that HBCUs provide an affordable, quality education while allowing them to find pride in their history and plentiful opportunities in their futures.”

College Reps, Financial Aid Advisors, and current HBCU/HSI students from sixteen colleges and universities from Pennsylvania and surrounding states will be in attendance. Among the topics being covered in the informational sessions are:

- FAFSA Application Process

- College applications, scholarships, and essay writing
- Student and Greek life
- Extracurricular activities (Athletics, band, etc.)
- Q & A with a college student panel

Schools interested in bringing a group of students are encouraged to bring students via school bus or van. The hours for the event will hopefully allow student-athletes to attend as well. Use the following link to register your school's attendance. <https://forms.gle/2t5K2oGU732Fagd99>

Individual students, students from charter schools, or homeschooled students who attend on their own, must have their parent or guardian's permission. Use the following link to register. <https://forms.gle/8KNe4scL7EMcawNA>

Parents and students can also register directly on the YWCA website: <https://ywcacarlisle.org/central-pa-hbcu-hsi-college-fair-and-informational-workshop/>

Any additional HBCUs/HSIs who wish to be represented at the college fair, can contact Tomeka Mclean (see phone number and email above).

The planning team wishes to thank the many area sponsors, donors, and volunteers who have made this event possible, and to the YWCA for donating the event space. We look forward to meeting you at the college fair! The sponsors for this event include but are not limited to: Carlisle YWCA, Hope Station of Carlisle, the Bison Foundation, the Hershey Corporation, Bloc Consulting, Carlisle United Methodist Church, PNC Bank of Camp Hill, and the Carlisle Victory Circle.