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### The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Challenge Match



Last school year, the Weinberg Foundation announced an unprecedented challenge grant to benefit the Partners In Excellence program. At a press conference in December 2006, Donn Weinberg, vice-president of the Weinberg Foundation, announced a \$3.5 million, 4 year pledge to the Partners In Excellence program. "In visiting the PIE schools we visited, we were just blown away," Mr. Weinberg said. "These schools are a remarkable success story right in the midst of some of the most troubled neighborhoods in Baltimore City."

The Weinberg grant is challenging PIE to raise new funds for the schools while working to expand enrollment at the 20 PIE schools. In May, 243 students were named 'Weinberg Scholars'. The average tuition assistance scholarship to these students was \$2,500.

With the support of the Weinberg grant, PIE was able to give out \$2.78 million in tuition assistance to over 1,900 children this past school year. Both figures represent all-time highs for the Partners In Excellence program

Thanks so much for your interest in the *Partners In Excellence* inner city scholarship program. We hope that this e-newsletter will keep you up-to-date with all of the great things happening with our students and in our schools.

Please take the opportunity to read about our exciting Challenge Match Grant from the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. This unprecedented grant is helping us reach more families than ever before!

### Loyola College teams up with St. Mary of the Assumption School

About two years ago, Loyola College president, Fr. Brian Linnane, was asked by Bishop Dennis Madden if the college would partner with St. Mary of the Assumption School as a part of the college's Year of the City initiative. Because of their geographic proximity to St. Mary's and the elementary school's mission of serving the poor and disadvantaged of the community, Fr. Linnane agreed to partner with St. Mary's. In the year since the partnership began, more than 100 members of the Loyola community have volunteered in some way for the elementary school. A comprehensive marketing program has keyed a major upswing in enrollment while the infusion of tutors and teacher assistants from Loyola has had a positive impact on the quality of education at the school. New programs have been offered to the children at St. Mary's, including science and photography, as well as athletic programs and field trips. When asked in an interview about the benefits of the partnership to the Loyola community, Fr. Linnane explained that "at Loyola we know that part of experiencing a Jesuit education has to have a dimension of service to persons on the margins of our society, persons at risk and at need. We learn a great deal about the city, we learn about the challenges, we learn about the joys of teaching. For us, this is a wonderful opportunity."



If you'd like to learn more about the partnership, click here for the [Loyola-St. Mary's Partnership](#) website.

### City students soar on trip

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In August, eight students from St. Katharine School and Mother Mary Lange Catholic School, Baltimore, represented Maryland in the National Project Citizen Showcase. The students presented a portfolio on condemned housing they had produced last spring for which they won first place in the Maryland competition. They were one of five state winners chosen to present at the national showcase in Boston in front of more than 7,000 attendees.

Their showcase was evaluated as "superior," the highest rating in the Project Citizen competition. Accompanied by St. Katharine's principal Dr. Kirk Gaddy, the attending students included: Rhakeem Brunson, DeAndre Davis, Kirk Gaddy, Lucretta Nettles, Kaliyah Pendergrass, Jackie Powers, Travon Thomas and Ceaira Wright. Project Citizen teaches young people how to examine and influence the public policymaking process, giving students a hands-on understanding of their responsibilities as American citizens. Trip expenses were funded by the Center for Civic Education.



If you would like to make a gift that will help us meet the Weinberg Challenge, [click here](#).

All new donations are eligible to be matched 2:1 by the Weinberg Foundation.

**It's COOL to VISIT A SCHOOL!**

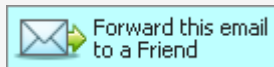


Consider yourself invited on a tour of one of our 20 Partners In Excellence schools!

Come and see for yourself how much of a difference our schools are making in the lives of so many children.

School visits happen on a regular basis throughout the school year. If you are interested in coming on a tour, please drop an e-mail to [Matt Anthony](#).

**Spread the great news about Partners In Excellence!**



## Thank you!

We are so grateful to everyone who has supported tuition assistance scholarships for students at our inner city schools, including the following who've recently made new gifts:

Curran Harvey, The Adams Foundation & Rodgers Family Fund, Mal and Jan Pavik, Brian and Mary Jo Rogers, The Klein-Sandler Family Fund, Dr. Geoffrey Greif, Jen Hobbins, John Igoe and renewal pledges from the France-Merrick Foundation, The Erickson Family Fund, The Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds, The Lockhart Vaughan Foundation and the Clayton Baker Trust.

Without the dedicated support of these benefactors and *many, many* others, thousands of children would not be getting the great education they need.

On behalf of the thousands of students at the Partners In Excellence Schools:

## THANK YOU!



Quick Links...

[Our Website: www.pieschools.org](http://www.pieschools.org)

[Learn about our schools and how to enroll your child: www.tolearnmore.org](http://www.tolearnmore.org)

*Are you interested in tutoring or mentoring kids?*

*Would you be willing to speak to kids during a career day or for another special event?*

*Do you have time to help a school implement a fundraising event?*

*Let us know by clicking here:*

**[I WANT TO VOLUNTEER!](#)**

