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## 2023 College Tour

On Monday, April 3rd, with an air of excitement, a group of 41 Scholars, Parent Chaperones, and Mr. Roberts set off on a tri-state tour to visit some of the top universities in the country. The colleges visited included Columbia University in New York; Harvard University and Boston College in Massachusetts; and Yale University, the University of Connecticut, and the University of Hartford in Connecticut. All of the colleges visited offer a wide variety of options for Scholars who want to major in the Arts as well as a STEM field (STEAM).

A seat on the College Tour bus was offered to Scholars in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades who have met the requirements of their YMWIC membership this Program Year. These Scholars took detailed notes throughout the Tour and asked specific and insightful questions on what the different colleges had to offer in terms of majors, the environment of the college, admissions rates, etc. A select group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade Scholars was also invited to attend. They were able to have early exposure to colleges, better understand the preparation and coursework required, and learn valuable lessons about traveling with a group (business and social life skills).



During the tour, Scholars enthusiastically participated in Information Sessions where they were given overviews of the colleges and were able to ask questions, and participated in tours to view the campuses. They met with very knowledgeable college staff and current students. A favorite part of the Tour for Scholars was visiting the bookstore at each college where they were able to purchase college logo gear.



The Scholars participated in Daily Essay Contests writing about their experiences during the Tour. According to Mrs. Ayesha Ganges, one of the parent chaperones, "I believe the students did an amazing job capturing details and overviews of each college, as well as stating their opinions about attending that college."

When not touring, the group enjoyed meals at great restaurants and did some sightseeing visiting the Boston Science Museum.

Overall, the trip was highly successful, providing invaluable opportunities to the Scholars. It was also enjoyable for both Scholars and Chaperones. Mrs. Ganges adds, "New friendships were established, and I was able to get to know the students better through interactions with them and their writing. I loved being a chaperone these past two years. I appreciate Mr. Roberts entrusting me with this responsibility."

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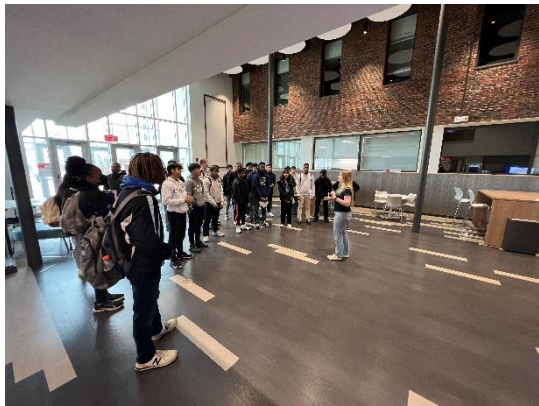
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Chaperones on the Bus



Scholars and Chaperone on the Bus