



UMB Foundation

A Bright Future for UMB CURE Scholars

This fall, 21 of the 31 students from the first cohort of the UMB CURE Scholars Program entered high school at one of three highly selective partner schools: P-TECH at Dunbar High School, Western High School, and Green Street Academy. These academic partners were selected for their outstanding science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs. Ten other UMB CURE Scholar classmates began their high school careers at other quality institutions across the city. All cohort 1 scholars will be part of the new high school component of UMB CURE designated CURE Connections, or C2 for short, that provides robust Saturday and summer STEM enrichment and college prep curricula for scholars who successfully completed the three year middle school program.

UMB CURE Scholars is a comprehensive pipeline program that is the first in the nation to recruit students in middle school. As the program enters the high school phase, the scholars will engage in an advanced extracurricular STEM curriculum exposing them to careers in health care, cancer research, and biomedical technology in addition to their challenging in-school work. High school students have different needs than middle school students, and with any new growth comes the challenge of meeting new needs.

Enter the Kathy and Jerry Wood Foundation, a champion of education for the underserved. With a generous, multiyear investment, the Wood Foundation has provided the high school-aged UMB CURE Scholars with the opportunity to develop the skills they need to be successful in college and beyond. Throughout high school, the scholars will attend all-day Saturday enrichment sessions. With the assistance of the Kathy and Jerry Wood Foundation, SAT/ACT prep courses, educational field trips, and college and career readiness programs will be incorporated into the programming.

And the most significant portion of the gift comes in the form of a future promise: college scholarships. This investment will allow the CURE scholars and their families to feel that a dream of a college education is attainable and help begin to plan for their futures. Our UMB CURE Scholars and their families are incredibly grateful for the kindness and generosity of the Kathy and Jerry Wood Foundation, and the students are more motivated than ever to succeed.

For more information about how you can support the future of the UMB CURE Scholars, please visit www.umaryland.edu/cure-scholars.