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### **More Consortium Scholarships for Philadelphia Kids and Major Behavioral Improvements**

#### **The Dynamic Education & Health Partnership that Creates Double Benefits for Philadelphia Students**

Is now in its sixth year and having started with one, the Consortium of Philadelphia has increased its awards to three scholarships for Philadelphia high school seniors to help with the college expenses.

**WHAT:** In an innovative effort to improve students' career opportunities, The Consortium of Philadelphia is partnering with the Paul Robeson High School for Human Services and West Philadelphia High School awarding two scholarships to outstanding students choosing health and human services career paths. A third award went to a deserving student in the community and each graduating senior was given \$1000.00.

**WHEN & WHERE:** The awards were made at the Paul Robeson High School graduation at the Robin Hood Dell East June 10<sup>th</sup> and on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at a West Philadelphia High School student event.

#### **Major Improvements for Students**

"Saafir Holmes of West Philadelphia High School made a marvelous 180-degree improvement in behavior, his grades and has become a school leader. He now excels in honors classes," said the Consortium's Zyhkeya Waller, Program Director for the Children's Enhanced Out-patient Programs. At the Robeson High School for Human Services, Tyrese Prince enhanced his educational accomplishments by also becoming a school leader, modeling excellence in grades, confidence and citizenship. A third individual student, Taeyana White of the Mastery Shoemaker Charter High School, was also awarded a scholarship for her academic performance and determination. All of these students overcame social challenges, apathy, and with their counselors' help, created a strong desire to go to college and 'learn' their way through adversity in very impressive transformations.

**How It Started:** Consortium President and CEO, John White, Jr. introduced the idea to both help students navigate these difficult times and also instill a desire to help others and their community, by choosing Human Services as a career path. The Consortium program provides counseling and guides students dealing with various social pressures including bullying and violence. Their individual, group and family therapies help students develop meaningful coping skills and chart a path to scholastic and lifetime success.

See more about this pioneering, highly successful program in this unusually uplifting Mini-Do - [See The Film](#)

#### **About the Consortium**

The Consortium is an award-winning comprehensive community behavioral health center, serving more than 15-thousand people annually, with five locations in West and Southwest Philadelphia, since 1967. The Consortium, a premiere provider of behavioral health services, offers an array of behavioral health and disabilities programs including: Addiction Services, Behavioral Health Services for Children, Adults and Families and Intellectual Disabilities Support Services, across the City of Philadelphia. Main Office: 3751 Island Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19153

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