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Dynamic Education & Health Partnership Creates Double Benefits for Philadelphia Students

The Consortium Partners with Paul Robeson High School Enhancing Learning and Social Responsibility

WHAT: In a creative effort to improve students' career opportunities, The Consortium of Philadelphia is partnering with the Paul Robeson High School for Human Services to provide a brand new learning program.

-Paul Robeson High School students with motivated interests in health, human services and allied studies will be offered career path opportunities for internships at various Consortium facilities, learning valuable health-science, communications and interpersonal skills.

-A career-path summer jobs program has been created for both current Paul Robeson students and recent graduates.

-The Consortium will provide a \$1000.00 dollar a year college scholarship to a graduating senior pursuing studies in the field of social services.

WHO: The Honorable John F. White Jr., Consortium Incorporated President and Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Richard M. Gordon IV, Principal of the Paul Robeson High School for Human Services

Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge John Milton Younge, Consortium Chairman of the Board

WHEN & WHERE: Monday, June 20, 2016, 5 PM, at the Robin Hood Dell East - Paul Robeson High School Graduation - 2400 Strawberry Mansion Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19132

DETAILS:

In the spirit of their namesake, Paul Robeson High School is one of the most scholastically accelerating schools in Philadelphia, ranked the 'Third Most Improved High School' in the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area and Surrounding Counties. This pioneering partnership was created by Consortium President and CEO John White Jr., well known for his innovative problem-solving while serving as Philadelphia's federal housing chief during the Clinton administration and Pennsylvania's Secretary of Welfare. White will also be delivering the Robeson graduation keynote address.

"Paul Robeson was an arts ambassador to the world. Lawyer, human rights advocate, linguist, scholar-athlete, singer and movie star, Robeson took his artistry to new heights in an extraordinary number of fields," said Consortium Board Chairman, Judge John Milton Younge of the Philadelphia Common Pleas Court.

"Robeson reached across international borders and social barriers, educating, promoting humanity and cultural awareness. Richard Gordon, Robeson School principal, is taking the school to new levels of scholastic achievement, emphasizing the role of informed professionals who nurture excellence in their communities. Using the Robeson model of leadership and innovative inclusion, The Consortium is expanding new standards

of heightened community outreach, showing our future care givers and leaders how professional excellence and humanitarian efforts work together to create a stronger society.”

Robeson student interns will participate in:

1. Job-shadowing with a variety of behavioral health workers, therapists and psychiatrists in order to gain a broader, more in-depth perspective of job duties and responsibilities.
2. Students will learn the basics of record-keeping and office management.
3. Students will be provided with an overview of the patient intake process; learning efficient and effective techniques on how to professionally gather and process information with accuracy.
4. Students will gain an understanding of confidentiality, medical treatment process and protocols.
5. College interns will learn about mental health crisis intervention and general techniques, strategies, and programmatic supports that are effective with various mental health disorders. Review, practice, and discuss recommended responses and protocols in the theoretical event of a crisis handled by Consortium staff.
6. Students will discuss and learn about the various types of mental health disorders.
7. Students will learn, practice, and demonstrate appropriate interpersonal and professional communication skills and techniques with all members of the Consortium community.
8. Students will be introduced to an overview of the assessment process for mental and behavioral health.

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 provides 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 - Third floor - Philadelphia, Pa. 19153
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