



## A STEP AHEAD October 2016

Online news, updates and information for friends of Building STEPS

### Special Event

#### WHY NOT US? Film Screening and Panel Discussion

On November 29, Building STEPS, in conjunction with [Towson University's Center for STEM Excellence](#), presents a special film screening of Why Not Us?, a compelling documentary that shines the spotlight on students who are the first in their families to go to college. Following the film, we will have a panel of Building STEPS grads to discuss their journeys as first-gen students. Please support our work by joining us.

[Click for ticket information](#) or [Click here to purchase tickets](#).



### Program Notes

- The 2016 school year is off to a great start! Eighty-four BCPS juniors experienced their first Building STEPS Junior seminar, while 62 seniors started the College Workshops.



Opening Retreat activities for juniors at Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center.

- We are excited to welcome Edmondson Westside and Northwestern into our high school network! Building STEPS is now in nine BCPS high schools.

## Building STEPS On the Move

- Congratulations to Building STEPS' founder [Matthew Weinberg](#) of The Weinberg Group. The company is a [2016 Scrip Awards](#) finalist in the category of Community Partnership of the Year.
- Courtney Haddaway has been named Associate Program Director. In her new role, Courtney will plan, implement and oversee all aspects of student programming.
- As we continually strive to build awareness of our work, please remember to follow/retweet/share on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#). Thank you!



## Good News on the Alumni Front

- We are happy to report that our college freshmen received their care packages and personal notes from our high school seniors.
- **Keiara W., Towson University, '14**, has a new job with the Environmental Protection Agency as a Program Assistant. She's excited to be moving into a new apartment too!

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Building STEPS is a nonprofit built on one simple principle; a college education changes a person's life. More than 80 percent of Building STEPS graduates earn a college degree and almost all are the first to do so in their family.

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