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Online news, updates and information for friends of Building STEPS

Program Notes

- As we wrap up another successful program year, we'd like to thank our [Internship Partners](#) who helped make a lasting impact on our students this summer.
- Incoming Juniors and rising Seniors were invited to a special Summer Social to meet new friends while reconnecting with old friends as we approach the program year. Nice turnout at Druid Hill Park as students worked in teams on several projects. Ice cream for all!



- Orientation 2017 was a huge success with our largest incoming junior class in Building STEPS history. Students received information regarding program requirements and expectations, participated in leadership activities, received communication tips from guest speaker, WBAL television anchor Adam May, and met students from other network schools.



Building STEPS On the Move

- CEO Debra Hettleman and Chief Program Officer Leah Pemberton spent time during the summer months meeting with our partner schools to create an even more robust relationship. We are now in 10 Baltimore City Public Schools.
- Building STEPS was featured in a [Baltimore Sun](#) article featuring several of our student interns.

- [The Baltimore Women's Giving Circle](#) welcomed Building STEPS CEO Debra Hettleman as she presented on behalf of the organization.



Good News on the Alumni Front

- Nice turnout for the Alumni health and wellness event, #BodyGoals, featuring Building STEPS alum **Anthony Watters**. Anthony, a Physical Therapy Technician at Good Samaritan Hospital, demonstrated strategies for healthy living to an engaged audience of program alumni.



- [Kieara Thomas](#), Class of 2005, has joined the Building STEPS Board of Directors.
- Thank you to the alumni that helped out at Orientation 2017. Building STEPS alumni are fantastic role models for our high school students.

Worth Reading

- [Silicon Valley Courts Brand-Name Teachers, Raises Ethics Questions](#)
- [The Urban School Stigma](#)

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