

News Release: PGCPs Kicks Off 2015 Graduation Season

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Upper Marlboro, MD – Seniors from Frederick Douglass High School will kick off the 2015 graduation season for Prince George's County Public Schools on Tuesday, May 19 at 10:30 am at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro. This year PGCPs students will graduate from 23 high schools, two vocational high schools, and special graduation ceremonies will commence for students attending evening high school, summer school, special centers, and the Community-Based Classroom program.

Highlights of the 2015 graduation season include:

- The first ever graduating class from the Academy of Health Science at Prince George's Community College. In a single day 92 students from the Academy of Health Sciences, housed on the campus of Prince George's Community College, will receive both a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree from the county's unprecedented middle college academic program. The Academy of Health Sciences has a 100 percent graduation rate. Dr. Charlene Dukes, president of Prince George's Community College, will provide the keynote speech on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at The Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, MD at 10:30 a.m.
- Prince George's County Public Schools students earned millions in college scholarships to colleges and universities across the country. Most notably Katherine Medina of Oxon Hill High School, was offered more than \$1.3 million in scholarships and earned acceptance to 25 colleges. Katherine joins Rashad Glascoe of Central High School who received more than \$2 million of scholarship offers. In the fall, he will attend Hampton University on a full scholarship.
- The school district is proud to announce several students received the prestigious Gates Millennium and POSSE scholarships. Racheal Spruill of Dr. Henry A. Wise High School is a recipient of the 2015 Gates Millennium Scholarship. The Gates Millennium Scholarship Program (GMS) is funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and provides outstanding low income African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline they choose. The goal of GMS is to promote academic excellence by providing thousands of outstanding students, who have significant financial need, the opportunity to reach their full potential.