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Yonkers Partners in Education opens college center at Lincoln High School

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YONKERS - The Yonkers Public Schools inaugurated its second full-time college center at Lincoln High School this morning to help seniors apply for college and find scholarships.

The college centers are a project of the Yonkers Partners in Education. The Lincoln High School center was opened by YPIE using private donations.

Entergy, the company that operates the Indian Point power plant, donated the funds for the Lincoln college center. Officials from Entergy and YPIE refused to say how much money was donated.

A third full-time center is expected to open in a few months at Yonkers High School, and YPIE has set up part-time college centers at Gorton and Riverside high schools, also using private donations.

Collins Poku, 16, a Lincoln senior, said he needed the computers in the college center because he has seven brothers at home and only one computer.

"This is a really good opportunity for me," said Poku. "I use it to apply for scholarships."

During a breakfast before the inauguration, Yarelis Borrero, 18, a freshman at Iona College, told attendees that the college center at Roosevelt High School made a difference for her.

"Without the help of the college center, I would have been ... on my own, since neither of my parents graduated from high school," Borrero said.