

## MEDIA ADVISORY

## SELECT YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO YONKERS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION (YPIE) COLLEGE SUCCESS PROGRAM

WHAT: Nearly 200 ninth-grade students from Yonkers Public Schools will embark on their path to college by being sworn in as Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) Scholars, a community of students preparing for success in college and beyond.

> This year, YPIE received the largest number of applicants for its YPIE Scholars program. These incoming YPIE Scholars were selected because of their drive, commitment, and focus on their future.

As part of this program, Scholars will attend the after school YPIE College Zone for an extended learning day of rigorous college-prep courses, and work with YPIE staff and volunteer mentors from around Westchester.

Incoming YPIE Scholars and their families are invited to the Induction Ceremony with leaders from the Yonkers School District and local community officials. During the Induction Ceremony, current YPIE Scholars will share their experiences and lead the new Scholars in taking the YPIE Commitment to Excellence oath.

The YPIE Scholars Induction Ceremony is a celebration of educational excellence and promising futures for our young people.

- WHEN: Tuesday, December 17th 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- WHERE: Riverfront Library, One Larkin Plaza, Yonkers, New York
- PHOTOS: YPIE Scholars will be available for photos and interviews
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**ABOUT YONKERS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION (YPIE):** Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) partners with students to ensure they are ready for, enroll in, and complete college. We confront the challenges of a low-income, urban school district by providing families with equitable access to the critical tools and services necessary for college success. Founded in 2007, YPIE makes a positive and lasting impact on more than 1,200 students each year. Learn more at <u>ypie.org</u>.