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Tampa Housing Authority Plans College Tours for YouthBuild Participants

As students plan, prepare and transition to college and careers, the Career Pathway Programs help students gain workforce experience, skills and consider the connection between their career interests and educational plans.

Tampa, November 9, 2018- The Tampa Housing Authority's YouthBuild program was awarded a pass-through grant from the CITI Foundation for the YouthBuild USA High Demand Career Pathways Initiative. Under the terms of this grant, the Tampa Housing Authority will receive \$50,000 in year one and \$20,000 in year two.

The first phase of this initiative will include an Annual YouthBuild College Tour, students will tour colleges from list below:

- Florida International University (FIU)
- Florida Memorial University (FMU)
- Florida A&M University (FAMU)
- Florida State University (FSU)
- Bethune Cookman University (B-CU)

The students will participate in workshops and conversations with the admissions offices as well as other students to learn about different career paths and degrees they may pursue.

Prior to attending the College tour, each participant must complete a Pre-requisite College Interest Survey, a one-page essay on "Why I would Like to Attend College," attend an orientation with their guardian, sign waivers as well as Rules and Regulations specific to the College tour.

Currently, eight (8) YouthBuild students will participate in this four-day College tour that has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th through Friday, November 16th, 2018.

President/CEO Jerome Ryans said, "I am so very proud of these students who invested wisely by considering their future and looking forward to better lives after the completion of their time in the agency's YouthBuild program."

Tampa Housing Authority's YouthBuild Program works to transform lives of out-of-school, unemployed and/or underemployed young adults by offering a program that includes GED prep classes, Construction Training, Case Management, Career Readiness and opportunities for Leadership Development and Community Service.

For additional information regarding the Tampa Housing Authority's YouthBuild program, please contact John Arroyo, YouthBuild Manager at 813-341-9101 Ext. 2808 or Stephanie Brown-Gilmore, Program and Property Services Director at Ext. 2170.

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The Housing Authority of the City of Tampa promotes the development and professional management of a variety of affordable housing opportunities, facilities and supportive services that nurture neighborhoods, provide economic development and self-sufficiency activities for residents while assuring equal access to safe, quality housing for low and moderate income families throughout the community.