



**Dive Deep**  
 history  
 culture  
 issues  
 leaders  
 East Baltimore

**PROGRAM DATES**  
 June 1-4, 2017

**COST**  
 \$100 for meals & lodging

**APPLY**  
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Collegetown Underground provides an opportunity for students to learn about Baltimore through an immersive, four-day experience. The East Baltimore program focuses on how community development is influenced by anchor institutions, ethnic and cultural groups, and nonprofit organizations. Students learn from community leaders and nonprofit groups about the systemic issues faced by neighborhoods, explore the history and culture, and build relationships among each other and the community.

## VISION

### Program goals:

- Facilitate external and internal community building – within individual institutions, across institutions, and around the region
- Retain students in Baltimore
- Develop a sense of community among different campuses
- Empower students to work together
- Instill transferable civic skills that students can apply to multiple areas

## DIVE DEEP

### A snapshot of the four-day experience:

#### Day One: Orientation

Exploring self-identity, team building, and learning about the issues

##### Key Activities

- Volunteer with Moveable Feast
- Understanding privilege and spheres of influence

#### Day Two: Education

Listening to and engaging with community organizations

##### Key Activities

- Understanding the needs of the refugee and immigrant community (MIMA, IOSC, and Soccer Without Borders)
- Eager Park project with Mahan Rykiel
- Community development banking with PNC Bank
- Southeast CDC history and initiatives benefiting East Baltimore residents

- Tic Tac Typology, a community development simulation led by Steve Holt, Maryland Department of Planning

#### Day Three: Action

Volunteering with community organizations

##### Key Activities

- Volunteer with Living Classrooms Foundation and The 6<sup>th</sup> Branch
- Dinner with the East Baltimore Historical Library
- Screening of RAT FILM, a 2017 Maryland film festival selection by Theo Anthony about Baltimore’s history of racial segregation and rat infestation

#### Day Four: Reflection

Staying in action and becoming an advocate

##### Key Activities

- Intention setting and action planning
- Community organizing 101 with BYOP

# East Baltimore 2017

## IMPACT

Student outcomes data on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being strongly disagree and 5 being strongly agree.

| Collegetown Underground helped me:  | Day One Average | Day Four Average |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
| Understand perspectives of others   | 4.30            | 4.80             |
| Understand issues in Baltimore and develop appreciation for Baltimore and those issues        | 3.90            | 4.80             |
| Understand the reciprocal nature of service   | 4.70            | 4.80             |
| Have a relationship with a community leader   | 4.00            | 4.50             |
| Understand how to use my leadership skills to create positive social change in my communities | 4.20            | 4.70             |
| Have relationships with students at colleges other than my own                                | 4.30            | 4.60             |

73% of students say they will stay in Baltimore upon graduation.

82% of students who say they are very committed to their community.

## VALUES

We impact the lives of students by instilling values of leadership and service.

“I learned so much, I love this program.”

“It was really great to meet each community partner and have the opportunity to engage with folks I would not have crossed paths without participating in Collegetown Underground.”

“This program is seriously one of the best experiences I’ve ever had. I feel like I grow so much in only a four-day period. I love Collegetown Underground.”

“I appreciated volunteering with organizations that are greatly impacting East Baltimore.”

“I participated in Collegetown Underground to gain a better understanding of the issues facing my community and how to get involved. I am hoping to stay in Baltimore after graduation and I am applying to local Ph.D. programs. Collegetown Underground has so much to do with my love for Baltimore.”

# COMMUNITY

## Participants

Akea Brown, MICA  
Gina Callirgos, University of Maryland, Baltimore  
Nuria Diallo, University of Baltimore  
Robyn Githui, NDMU  
Rayquise Jackson, Stevenson University  
Ash Lynch, MICA  
Evelyn Nsiah, University of Baltimore  
Archibald Russ, Morgan State University  
Paige Simmons, UMBC  
Tanae Smith, Stevenson University  
Maddie Wolf, MICA

## Peer Mentors

Caitlin Leach, Towson University  
S. Rasheem, Morgan State University

## Community Partners

BYOP (Baltimore Youth Organizing Project)  
CUPs Coffeehouse  
East Baltimore Historical Library  
Immigrant Outreach Service Center, Inc.  
Living Classrooms Foundation  
Mahan Rykiel  
Mayor's Office of Immigrant and Multicultural Affairs (MIMA)  
Moveable Feast  
No Boundaries Coalition  
Soccer Without Borders  
Southeast Community Development Corporation (CDC)  
The 6<sup>th</sup> Branch

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# NEXT STEPS

We look forward to a Collegetown Underground reunion for East and West Baltimore programs in September 2017. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Kirsten Brinlee, Assistant Director, Baltimore Collegetown Network at [kab@BaltimoreCollegetown.org](mailto:kab@BaltimoreCollegetown.org) or 410-532-3038.

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