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Those who intimately know Partnership for the Future (PFF) say that while the average high school student spends his summer by the pool, the participants of PFF undergo a rigorous and interactive curriculum of workplace experience, life skills instruction, and college preparatory classes. This comes as no surprise, according to PFF, a three-year, four-summer high school internship and college preparation program, because PFF students are anything but average.

“PFF students find themselves rising to the top of their high school classes as valedictorians, receiving the prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship, participating in the Hague United Nations Model UN, or even playing the harp at Carnegie Hall,” according to the organization founded in 1994 with a mission to provide “high-potential high school students from challenging circumstances” in the metro-Richmond area with tools and experiences necessary to attain a college degree.

Fifteen such students graduated last Friday during PFF’s 18th Annual Reaching for the Stars Celebration at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

This ceremony was a way to recognize their many accomplishments and those of PFF community partners. It recognized the accomplishment of the 15 graduates who have earned more than \$2.4 million in scholarships and all of whom will matriculate to college, with the support of major corporations such as Dominion Resources and AMF Bakery Systems, as well as the hundreds of volunteers connected to the program. PFF also featured testimonies from the continuing students who represent the other 120 students in the program.

The VOICE applauds PFF and all the students who have had the good fortune of participating in the program because like the PFF motto says, “We first change lives. Then we change the future.” Find out more at www.partnershipforthefuture.org.

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