

Promise Updates

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This is the eleventh installment of Promise Updates, a monthly summary of information, research, and news coverage dealing with the Kalamazoo Promise or one of the other related reforms across the country. If you have suggestions about items to add to the list or ideas about how we can improve this service, you can e-mail us at Promiseupdates@gmail.com. The current Promise Updates covers a selection of items from November 2010. An archive of the Promise Updates is available on our Kalamazoo Promise Evaluation website: <http://www.wmich.edu/kpromise>

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KALAMAZOO PROMISE

THE KALAMAZOO PROMISE TURNS 5: PROGRAM SENDS HUNDREDS TO COLLEGE, RESHAPES KPS, BUT ‘STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS’ 11/7/10

- Thus far 1,924 students have received the scholarship.
- 82% used the scholarship of those were eligible.

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/11/the_kalamazoo_promise_turns_5.html

Related Articles:

<http://www.thetvrealist.com/gossip/Kalamazoo-Promise-turns-5-years-old-3967366.html>
<http://www.wgmt.com/articles/kalamazoo-1383675-mich-newschannel.html>
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<http://wkzo.com/news/articles/2010/nov/09/promise-marks-5-years-wednesday/>
<http://kalamazoo10.cityspur.com/2010/11/09/promise-marks-5-years-wednesday/>

KALAMAZOO PROMISE: CAN A UNIVERSAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP REFORM URBAN EDUCATION?

- A research article has been published in the *Phi Delta Kappan* on the impact of the Kalamazoo Promise.

Miron G, Jones J, Kelaher-Young A, (2010). “Kalamazoo Promise: Can a universal college scholarship reform urban education?” *Phi Delta Kappan*, 92. 50-56.

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OTHER PROMISE RELATED PROGRAMS

EL DORADO PROMISE (El Dorado, AR.)

FIRST EL DORADO PROMISE FULFILLED 11/21/10

- El Dorado Promise has had first college graduate in August.

<http://www.nwaonline.com/news/2010/nov/21/first-el-dorado-promise-fulfilled-20101121/?nwa-state>

PITTSBURGH PROMISE (Pittsburgh, PA.)

PITTSBURGH PROMISE GIVES STUDENTS REAL HOPE 11/29/10

- 73% from the class of 2008 are still enrolled in post-secondary education.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10333/1106850-53.stm>

KEEPING THE PROMISE: ITS STUDENTS PROGRESS AND DESERVE SUPPORT 11/21/10

- Executive director of the Pittsburgh Promise has statistics to show that the money has been well spent.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10325/1104642-192.stm?cmpid=newspanel6>

MAYOR TAPS SOCIAL MEDIA TO PROMOTE PHOTO/VIDEO CONTEST 11/17/10

- The Mayor of Pittsburgh has used Twitter, Facebook and Youtube to encourage high school students to participate in My Promise to Pittsburgh contest.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10321/1104006-100.stm>

DETROIT COLLEGE PROMISE (Detroit, MI.)

NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROMISES TO HELP DETROIT STUDENTS REACH HIGHER LEARNING 11/25/10

- The Detroit College Promise is inspiring those who live in Detroit.

<http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/dpp/news/local/new-scholarship-promises-to-help-detroit-students-reach-higher-learning>

DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS' SCHOLARSHIP SECRETS 11/6/10

- A hurdle is to make the community aware about the Promise.
- Compact coordinators are now too spreading news of this Promise.

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20101106/SCHOOLS/11060347/1026/schools/Detroit-Public-Schools--scholarship-secrets>

PROMISE ZONES (MI.)

PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS 11/22/10

- The Lansing Promise Zone Scholarship was approved on Oct. 25, and will provide full tuition and fees for all high school graduates.

http://www.statenews.com/index.php/article/2010/11/program_to_provide_scholarships

PROMISE ZONE MAY SEND SAGINAW STUDENTS TO COLLEGE FOR FREE 11/13/10

- The plan is modeled after the Kalamazoo Promise and the community will have to raise \$10 million in the next 10 years.

<http://abclocal.go.com/wjrt/story?section=news/local&id=7787532>

BENTON HARBOR SEEKS PROMISE ZONE DESIGNATION FROM LANSING 11/11/10

- The plan is currently being designed.

<http://walker-institute.blogspot.com/2010/11/benton-harbor-seeks-promise-zone.html>

ARKADELPHIA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP (Arkadelphia, AP.)

ARKADELPHIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO SUPPLEMENT COLLEGE COSTS 11/16/10

- The Ross Foundation is funding the award, and will cover the difference between what the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship pays.

<http://arkansasnews.com/2010/11/16/arkadelphia-scholarship-program-to-supplement-college-costs/>

Related Articles:

<http://www.kfsm.com/news/sns-ap-ar--arkadelphiascholarships,0,7738273.story>

<http://www.thecitywire.com/?q=node/12783>

NEW HAVEN PROMISE (New Haven, CT.)

FREE COLLEGE TUITION FOR STUDENTS IN NEW HAVEN, CT (NEW HAVEN PROMISE), KALAMAZOO, MI (KALAMAZOO PROMISE) AND SYRACUSE, NY (SAY YES TO EDUCATION) 11/13/10

- Started by Yale University, the New Haven Promise will pay up to 8,000 for students to attend a college in Connecticut.

http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/6006082/free_college_tuition_for_students_in.html

Related Articles:

http://blogs.cfed.org/cfed_news_clips/2010/11/tuition-assistance-new-haven-a.html

<http://www.yaledailynews.com/news/2010/nov/29/yale-minds-behind-nh-promise/>

<http://www.arktimes.com/ArkansasBlog/archives/2010/11/09/el-dorado-and-now-yale>