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Fund for Public Housing Receives Amazon Grant to Expand Educational Opportunities for NYCHA College Students

NYCHA CUNY Scholars program to double the number of new scholars, provide mentoring, career awareness, coaching and fellowships

New York, NY- March 10, 2022- The Fund for Public Housing (The Fund) and Amazon announced today an innovative partnership to increase the number of New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) City University of New York (CUNY) Scholars and provide more mentorship and career assistance for CUNY students living in NYCHA.

A grant from Amazon will support the expansion of the NYCHA CUNY Scholars program by doubling to 80 the number of new scholars and fellows over two years and providing individualized mentoring, career awareness and coaching from a new NYCHA mentoring and internship consultant. The program will be administered by NYCHA's Office of Resident Economic Empowerment and Sustainability (REES) Department of Adult Education and Training.

"This new partnership with Amazon will assist more NYCHA residents to attend CUNY institutions, and open doors to new career possibilities, assisted by knowledgeable mentors," said **NYCHA Chair & CEO Greg Russ**. "I'm grateful to Amazon for this generous award to The Fund and for new opportunities for higher education and career choice for NYCHA residents."

"The Amazon and Fund for Public Housing partnership will greatly further The Fund's mission to enhance opportunities for NYCHA residents," said **President of the Board for the Fund for Public Housing Diallo Powell**. "Secondary education is an important part of this mission and the new program will enable more NYCHA students to benefit from the CUNY Scholarship program, along with mentorship and career preparation."

"Through this partnership we hope to create greater economic opportunity for NYCHA residents and expand the local talent pipeline for Amazon, as well as other employers," said **Head of Community Affairs for Amazon New York, Carley Graham Garcia**. "We thank CUNY and NYCHA for allowing us to engage in this innovative opportunity."

Last week, CUNY and Amazon jointly [announced](#) a joint partnership through which the company will provide an annual benefit to cover tuition and select fees for all qualifying hourly Amazon employees accepted into participating CUNY schools in New York.

About the Fund for Public Housing

The Fund for Public Housing (The Fund) is an independent not-for-profit organization that creates and leverages resources and relationships to enhance the opportunities and quality of life for New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents. The Fund is investing in leadership development, workforce skills, economic mobility and community health, with a focus on NYCHA's 100,000 youth and young adults (14-24 years of age), as a centerpiece of the organization's commitment to creating economic opportunity and equity for all NYCHA residents. For more information, visit www.fundforpublichousing.org, or follow the Fund on Twitter, www.twitter.com/Fund4PH

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