

College Survival Kit Send-Off

Event to prepare students for their freshman year

CLEVELAND, OH – On Wednesday, August 15, 2007, Cleveland Scholarship Programs, Inc. (CSP), the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD), and the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) hosted a college send-off event to distribute College Survival Kits to nearly 200 of CSP's incoming college freshmen from CMSD.

The College Survival Kits – containing school and dorm room supplies, a book bag, linens, personal items, food and more – were made possible thanks to generous contributions from Siemens Building Technologies, Inc., Coleman Spohn, Doan Pyramid Solutions and the Brookpark KMart store.

“It is a great thing to see members of the public and private sector and nonprofits come together to provide the children of our community with essential items needed to be successful in college,” said Jeffery Patterson, deputy executive director of CMHA.

The activities commenced with a presentation at 5pm at Lincoln-West High School, featuring George Phillips, CEO of CMHA; Tina Milano, executive director of CSP; Dr. Eugene Sanders, CEO of CMSD; George Slyman, general manager of energy for the mid-central district of Siemens; and CMSD board member Larry Davis. Students retrieved their College Survival Kits at Lincoln-West until 6pm and, later that evening, at the newly renovated John Hay High School until 8pm.

“This event was part of CSP's ongoing effort to better prepare students as they begin their postsecondary journeys, and equip them with both the support and supplies essential to starting on the right foot in college,” said Tina Milano.