

# PAIR *Announcements*

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## **Students wait for word from colleges**

High school seniors around Houston are going through a familiar rite of passage this month. They're waiting, nervously, for the mail - and notice of college acceptances.

Students in PAIR's Global Leaders program at Westbury High School couldn't have imagined this experience a few short years ago. No older brother or sister, no parent, no one in their community had ever considered applying to college. Life after high school meant minimum-wage work and a family - right away.

But mentors encouraged these students to stay in school, set goals for themselves, and plan for the future. Now they understand that further education or training is the key to good jobs, and most aspire to continue learning beyond high school graduation. The results are awesome:

### **Nine seniors have applied to 29 colleges!**



***Juniors & Seniors at the Houston College Fair***

The nine seniors have come to Houston from Afghanistan, Congo, Myanmar (Burma), Rwanda, Nepal, and Ghana. Most arrived about five years ago, though several have been here just a couple of years. With amazing resilience and hard work, they are about to graduate from high school and take the next step toward their futures.

**We are incredibly proud of them!**

Scholarships help make college a realistic option for these students. In the last three years PAIR has provided **25 educational awards totaling more than \$12,000** thanks to three generous benefactors: Caring Friends, Inc., the Mandy Kao Foundation, and Congregation Brith Shalom.

*We invite you to meet some of our inspiring students and celebrate their success at PAIR's 014 Youth Empowerment Luncheon.*

*Please join us as we honor supporters John Collier and Mandy Kao, along with special guests and honorees Jeremy Lin and Tim Wainright!*

*Click the invitation for all the details.*



P.S. Look for future emails with updates on students' college decisions!

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