

# The Detroit College Promise

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## Detroit College Promise Scholars Program Delivers

Detroit Public Schools 2012 Graduates Receive Much Needed Money for College

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**DETROIT, MICHIGAN/**July 23, 2012 – The Detroit College Promise (DCP), a nonprofit scholars program awarded Detroit Public Schools 2012 graduates scholarships at their annual Detroit College Promise reception. Through generous donors and the personal commitment of the founder and executive director Dr. Nat Pernick, one hundred (155) fifty-five students received scholarships with no string attached. The only thing that Pernick asked of the students is that they aim to be best Detroit citizens they can be. The students represent 18 DPS high schools.

“Our mission at the Detroit College Promise is to motivate Detroit students to make education a priority and we are excited about the 2012-2013 school year as we build on our partnership with DPS, said Pernick. He added, “So far, we have awarded over 350 DPS students \$100,000 in scholarships and assisted in identifying over \$3 million dollars in grants.”

Amanie McGee a 2011 Cass Tech graduate expressed her joy in receiving a DCP scholarship. She said, “Paying for college is one of the most important, as well as most cumbersome aspects of a student's life. I lost a lot of hair during my final year of high school, but one of the things that kept me going was knowing I would receive a scholarship from The Detroit College Promise. This scholarship will come in handy during my first year of college at Central Michigan University. I am so proud to be one of the first students to receive this scholarship, and being given the chance to witness its growth.”

McGee added, “I support this program (DCP) and its efforts because it is working hard to support students who work hard and deserve to go to college. No matter the cost of tuition in the future, I know The Detroit College Promise Scholarship Program will help DPS students overcome any financial adversity and help give them the future they deserve.”

This fall, DCP plans to conduct an aggressive outreach program in the schools and continue to motivate students to do their very best as early kindergarten.

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