

ENGAGING ACHIEVEMENT

OUR MISSION

Engaging Achievement (EA) seeks to provide opportunities for New York City public school students to create personal relationships with major colleges and universities by assisting in organizing student visits and providing ongoing support.

OUR GOAL

In 2010 we will organize and arrange a college visit trip for over 100 Brooklyn middle school students from two schools, as well as provide financial assistance to those families.

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Many young students in New York City Public Schools are unfamiliar with the concept of college as anything more than "another four years of school". In order to change this perception of the college experience, EA seeks to help public school teachers organize college visits to their own undergraduate institutions. By leveraging the relationships that teachers have with their own colleges, these trips can be more than just a campus tour. Students can actually interact with the college student body, eat in the dining hall, attend a college theater performance or play a game of basketball with an intramural team. The teacher thus serves as the conduit through which these middle school students learn about college, and creates a connection between the student and the school. It is our hope that this will help inspire the students to strive towards attending a four year college or university.

This year, we've organized our third annual trips to Colby College in Maine. EA founders, all Colby alumni, have been organizing and leading these trips for two years already and are looking to make this event an annual and on-going event not only at Colby, but at any major university or college with an interested alumni teaching in New York City. We are looking to subsidize trips from two schools this year, reducing the cost to the families of the students who will be attending these trips. For every \$175 dollars we raise, a middle school student can travel to Colby for an overnight trip filled with new experiences and opportunities.

Over time, EA hopes to build off of this first year's efforts and offer fully subsidized trips and ongoing support, both monetary and mentor-based, for students in high school and college. With your help, we will be able to take our first steps toward realizing these goals.

TESTIMONIALS | STUDENTS OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS ACADEMY VIII, BROOKLYN, NY

"When I visited Colby College I enjoyed the tour and the information that they gave was helpful. What I really enjoyed was when they told us their stories, like when they first visited the college. Also, I liked how they said all the members of the college are friendly and how it's like a large family. I had a wonderful time at Colby College." - *Jada Albright, 14*

"My favorite thing about visiting Colby was the activities and hearing about all of the majors. When I get older I will like to go to Colby. See you when I get there. I hope it will be the same as when I visited." - *Sharroia Armstead, 13*

"I really like how open and removed the campus was. I want to get far away from New York City when I go to college and Colby just seems to be a really pretty place where I can breathe." - *David Nieves, 13*