Refugee and Immigrant Students Take Strides toward Higher Education in Colorado

ECDC African Community Center’s OnTRAC partners with Full Passage SAT Prep

DENVER, August 30, 2017 — This summer Full Passage partnered with the African Community Center’s (ACC) college readiness program, OnTRAC, and Mango House to lead a SAT class for refugee and immigrant students. ACC helps refugee families build safe and sustainable lives in Denver. Full Passage and OnTRAC worked with several high school students to prepare them for the October SAT. All students were given full scholarships from Full Passage who brought in tutors to work with the students for over 30 plus hours of test prep services. The summer course spanned 10 weeks, and the goal is to earn a qualifying score to apply for the Daniels Fund Scholarship. Each student is fiercely determined to pursue higher education to uplift not only his or herself, but their families and communities, too.

A featured student from the class is Nathaly. Nathaly moved to Denver from El Salvador in October of 2016 with her parents and two siblings. Nathaly has been a joy in our SAT class with a great sense of humor and infectious smile. She is currently a junior attending New America High School. She dreams of getting into CU and wants to study to become a Veterinary doctor. Nathaly found the SAT class helpful and has learned a lot, but admits she is nervous for the test because English is not her first language.

ACC was happy to partner with Full Passage this summer. Each student—just like Nathaly—was tremendously deserving of this opportunity. ACC is proud to partner with an organization that recognizes the potential in our refugee and immigrant youth. Both ACC and Full Passage wish the students the best of luck on the October SAT and hope these summer classes can help them achieve their dreams.

ECDC African Community Center (ACC) is a branch office of the Ethiopian Community Development Council that has helped refugees and immigrants build safe, sustainable lives in the Denver area for more than 15 years. Reception and placement activities that ACC conducts are paid for, in part, through financial assistance provided by the Department of State. We Made This is a program of ECDC/ACC, which is funded in part by the Colorado Refugee Services Program. CRSP is a division of the Colorado Department of Human Services and funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Refugee Resettlement. ACC is a 501(c)(3) entity. For more information about ACC, visit www.acc-den.org and follow on Facebook.

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