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## **YLC's College Admissions Project distributes RFP to add additional high school**

*CAP matches young professionals with high school students to guide them through the college admissions process*

**NEW ORLEANS (February 6, 2013)** – Today, the College Admissions Project (CAP), a project of the YLC, opened a Request for Proposals (RFP). CAP invites Orleans Parish public high schools to submit proposals to host the CAP program during the 2013-2014 school year.

CAP is a volunteer mentoring program that provides college admissions guidance to low-income or first-generation college students in New Orleans public high schools. Established in 2007, CAP is committed to increasing college enrollment and improving educational outcomes for New Orleans public high school students.

Each fall, the program pairs high school seniors with YLC members who serve as the students' volunteer "guides." Guides meet with their students regularly to draft a college wish list, discuss application deadlines, provide ACT prep, edit essays, file the FAFSA, and search for and apply to scholarships. Guides are trained on the college admissions process, are supported by a volunteer administrative team, and partner with staff members at participating high schools.

In the 2012-2013 academic year, CAP paired 59 guides with students while operating in both International High School and Warren Easton High School. CAP plans to expand to a third school for the 2013-2104 academic year and invites public high schools located in Orleans Parish to submit a proposal to host the program. Proposals are due by Monday, March 18, 2013. The RFP can be downloaded at <http://ylnola.org/college-admissions-project-rfp/>.

*The Young Leadership Council is a non-profit, non-partisan civic organization created to develop leadership through community projects. Through volunteer-created community projects, the YLC recruits and retains young professionals to New Orleans, creating a positive impact on the quality of life in the region. The oldest, independent YPO (young professionals' organization) in the country, the YLC has raised more than \$25 million to support community projects in and around the New Orleans area since 1986.*

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