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**2,828 Exceptional Low-Income High School Juniors Selected for
QuestBridge College Prep Scholarship Program**

Palo Alto, California, 12 May 2015 – We are pleased to announce the results of our 2015 College Prep Scholarship program for high school juniors. The College Prep Scholarship program provides a range of awards designed to help high-achieving, low-income students become successful applicants to selective colleges. In past years, many of our College Prep Scholars have continued on to apply for our National College Match program and were admitted to our partner colleges with generous financial aid.

This year we received a record 8,755 applications from across the nation – a substantial increase over previous years. Of these applicants, we selected 2,828 as 2015 College Prep Scholars. The median income for these scholars' households is \$31,543, and 82% qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. The average GPA is 3.89, and the middle 50% received between 28-32 on the ACT and 1820 – 2090 on the SAT.

The benefits provided to these College Prep Scholars by QuestBridge can include:

- Attending one of our exclusive National College Admissions Conferences at Stanford, Emory, or Yale University, which provide students with valuable information about college admissions and financial aid, as well as the ability to engage with college admissions officers and current Quest Scholars;
- Full scholarships to summer programs at Stanford, Yale and other partner colleges, and priority consideration for all expenses paid college visits to QuestBridge partner colleges;
- Personalized test preparation from Kaplan Test Prep to prepare for the SATs and ACTs;
- Personalized essay coaching and feedback for college applications essays;
- Being invited to apply for Telementoring with Amherst College students;
- Priority assistance from QuestBridge to strengthen your National College Match application;



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Through the College Prep Scholarship, some students are also offered Quest for Excellence awards based on particular criteria, including the QuestBridge Fein Fellows Award for Jewish students, and the New York City Award for students living in one of the five boroughs of NYC.

About QuestBridge:

QuestBridge, a national non-profit based in Palo Alto, California, connects the nation's most exceptional, low-income youth with leading institutions of higher education and further life opportunities. By recruiting, developing, and motivating these students— beginning in high school through college to their first job—QuestBridge aims to increase the percentage of talented low-income students attending the nations' best colleges and to support them to achieve success in the respective careers and communities.

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