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YMCA TEENS LEAVE FOR SPRING COLLEGE TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO EXPLORE EDUCATION OPTIONS

South Florida Teens use Spring Break to tour colleges, prepare for their future

WHO: **High School Teens from across South Florida**, including Lauderhill, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami-Dade County, who choose to spend their Spring Break preparing for their future.

***STUDENTS & PARENTS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS**
(first-time students and second-time students)

WHAT: YMCA SPRING COLLEGE TOUR

The YMCA of South Florida will take 50 students from Broward and Miami-Dade counties who have a desire to attend and complete college on its annual YMCA Spring College Tour, which takes place during Spring Break.

The students will visit 6 colleges in the Washington, D.C., area:

- Coppin State University
- Morgan State University
- George Washington University
- University of the District of Columbia
- Georgetown University
- Howard University

In addition to acquainting themselves with institutions of higher learning, students are introduced to key college and university personnel, the registration process, financial assistance, and housing and employment information. They also learn about the college's student population, academic emphasis, and extra-curricular activities. Teens get to participate in walking tours of the campus, and question-and-answer session with university personnel.

WHEN: Departure for Airport:

April 9, 2017 at 7 AM

Tour takes place April 9-14 and includes.

WHERE: LA Lee YMCA Family Center

408 NW 14th Terrace
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

WHY: Provide opportunities for teens who might not otherwise have the opportunity to visit and explore colleges across the country. Expose them to post-secondary education options.

The College Tour is sponsored by City National Bank, City of Lauderhill and Broward College.

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