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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Columbus High Principal Among Top School Administrators in the U.S.

#### Helping to Close the Excellence Gap

**(Columbus, GA)**-The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation and the Coalition of Leaders for Advanced Student Success (CLASS) Coalition, an association of principals from top-performing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and magnet high schools, came together for the second *Closing the Excellence Gap Summit* in Washington, D.C. February 25-26, 2016. The principal of Columbus High School Liberal Arts Magnet, Dr. Marvin Crumbs, was honored to be one of more than 100 principals around the United States to be selected to discuss ways to better serve low-income and high-achieving students. In addition, educators engaged in discussion and strategies on how to strengthen the school to work pipeline.

"This two-day summit gave us an opportunity to meet with leaders, to advocate in Congressional offices, and to share ideas in small breakout groups," said Dr. Marvin Crumbs. "We met with Senators to explain our mission, answer questions about common practices, and share new insight on ways to help those students who may be talented, but may often be overlooked."

The Executive Director of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, Harold O. Levy, said, "Together with the CLASS Coalition, we're working to remove barriers and help these students gain admission to the most selective high schools and study at the top colleges, both as a matter of fairness and because these students can help build a more prosperous future for our country."

Principals also met with Stan Litow, IBM's Vice President of Corporate Citizenship & Corporate Affairs and President of the IBM International Foundation to discuss the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) model. The P-TECH model integrates high school, college and workplace learning. Within six years, P-TECH students earn a high school diploma and an industry-recognized, two year post-

secondary degree, along with the skills and knowledge they need to continue their studies in a four-year higher education institution or transition seamlessly into well paying, high potential careers in a growing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) industry.

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