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### **Computers 4 People Donates 220 Laptops to College-Bound Students**

**HOBOKEN - July 20, 2023** - Computers 4 People is revolutionizing access to education by providing 220 college-bound students with a crucial tool for success: laptops. Recognizing the impact of the digital divide on underserved communities, Computers 4 People has been on a mission to bridge this gap by donating 1,900 computers over the past three years. This year, through their College-Bound Laptop Scholarship initiative, they are helping students overcome financial barriers and embrace their academic journey.

In collaboration with Hoboken High School, Computers 4 People launched the College-Bound Laptop Scholarship program in Spring 2021, initially awarding laptops to four deserving graduating seniors. Witnessing the transformative effect of the scholarships on the lives of these students, Computers 4 People decided to expand the program in 2022. Partnering with 27 high schools, they awarded 110 laptops to talented individuals eager to pursue their dreams.

This year, Computers 4 People received an overwhelming number of applications from across New Jersey and New York City, illustrating the pressing need for support. Students exhibited their dedication by submitting well-crafted written applications, accompanied by recommendation letters from their school counselors or teachers. As a result, Computers 4 People proudly granted 220 laptop scholarships to deserving graduating seniors from 63 high schools.

Malik Muhammad Umer Bilal, a recipient from Mahwah High School, eloquently expresses the profound impact of the scholarship on his academic journey: "As I pursue my education at UTI in Bloomfield, NJ, this laptop will be instrumental in enhancing my learning experience. It will allow me to access a wide range of resources, collaborate with peers, and stay connected with my professors, enabling me to fully immerse myself in the world of mechanics and engineering."

Carolann Grady, a dedicated member of the guidance office at Delran High School, enthusiastically highlights the profound impact the scholarship has had on her students. She articulates the transformative effects, stating, "The transition from high school to college can be challenging for every student, but most especially for those students who struggle financially. The generous contributions of Computers4People empower students in need with an essential tool for success in college. Receiving this support removes a huge obstacle for these students and brings them closer to achieving their goals."

Dylan Zajac, the Founder & Executive Director of Computers For People Inc., passionately expresses his commitment to addressing a pervasive issue impacting students nationwide. He shares, "The significance of bridging the gap I have witnessed in countless students across the country is deeply meaningful to me. Understanding the formidable challenges faced by individuals striving for academic success, I am driven to provide powerful Windows 10 laptops that empower 220 students to excel in their chosen fields. The opportunity to make a lasting impact and level the playing field is both humbling and exhilarating. Witnessing the transformative potential of this program fills me with immense pride and reinforces my unwavering belief in the power of our mission."

Computers 4 People's commitment to breaking barriers and empowering students from low-income families is transforming lives, one laptop at a time. By bridging the digital divide, they are creating a level playing field for these talented individuals to thrive academically and pursue their passions.

<b>Awardees</b>	<b>High Schools</b>
<b>2</b>	47 The American Sign Language and English Secondary High School
<b>8</b>	Academy for Young Writers
<b>4</b>	Arthur P. Schalick High School
<b>1</b>	Arts High School
<b>2</b>	Barringer High School
<b>4</b>	Bridgeton high school
<b>5</b>	Brooklyn High School for Law and Technology
<b>5</b>	Buena Regional High School
<b>3</b>	Butler High School
<b>1</b>	Central Park East High School
<b>1</b>	Chelsea Career and Technical Education High School
<b>1</b>	Cinnaminson High School
<b>6</b>	Cliffside Park High School
<b>1</b>	Clifton High School
<b>2</b>	Creative Arts High School
<b>2</b>	Cumberland Regional High School
<b>3</b>	Delran High School
<b>2</b>	Donald M. Payne Sr. School Of Technology
<b>1</b>	East Side High School

6	Eastside High School
1	Freehold High School
3	High School for Dual Language and Asian Studies
1	High School For Health Professions and Human Services
2	High School For Language And Diplomacy
1	High School of Economics and Finance
3	Hillcrest Academy North
1	Hillcrest High School
14	Hoboken High School
1	Hostos Lincoln Academy of Science
2	Humanities Preparatory Academy
14	International High School
9	James Caldwell High School
1	James J. Ferris High School
5	John f Kennedy high School
3	Lawrence High School
2	Mahwah High School
5	Malcolm X Shabazz High School
1	Manasquan High School
6	Manhattan Academy for Arts and Language
1	Manhattan Business Academy
1	Marie Curie High School
2	New York City Museum School
2	NYC iSchool
4	Orange High School
1	P-Tech
6	Park East High School
6	Passaic High School
1	Paterson STEAM High School
3	Richard R. Green High School of Teaching
1	Scholars' Academy
2	STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges
3	Talent Unlimited High School
2	Teachers Preparatory High School
3	The High School of Fashion Industries
9	The Young Women's Leadership School of Astoria
8	The Young Women's Leadership School of Brooklyn
10	The Young Women's Leadership School of Queens
6	The Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx
3	Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Education High School
3	Union City High School
1	Union County Vocational-Technical High School

1	Unity Center for Urban Technologies
5	Weehawken High school
1	West Side High School

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**About Computers 4 People - <https://www.computers4people.org/>**

Computers 4 People is a non-profit organization dedicated to closing the digital divide by providing technology resources to underserved communities. Through their College-Bound Laptop Scholarship initiative, they offer deserving students the tools they need to succeed in their educational journey and beyond. To learn more about Computers 4 People and their impactful work, please visit [www.computers4people.org](http://www.computers4people.org).