



MEDIA INVITATION

More Than Bootstraps, a New Jersey Non-Profit, Prepares First-Generation College Students to Help Younger Peers

Members of the media are invited to attend an online graduation ceremony for the the first cohort of college student leaders to complete the More Than Bootstraps (MTB) summer training program. MTB has partnered with the Passaic Public Schools to help first-generation, low-income students access and succeed in higher education.

The virtual graduation ceremony will be held on **Friday, August 21, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.** Our student leaders will share their experiences and aspirations for More Than Bootstraps.

Scheduled speakers include:

- Jeannette Torres, Principal, Passaic High School
- Christina Schratz, President, Passaic Board of Education
- Richard Helldobler, President, William Paterson University
- Wilda Diaz, Mayor, City of Perth Amboy

To participate, please register using the following link: **RSVP**

Contact Audrey Fisch for more information, such as bios for the MTB college student leaders.

About More Than Bootstraps

More Than Bootstraps is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping first-generation students access and succeed in higher education. We employ a near-peer mentoring model to create a community of success. College students from within the community return to their high school to guide their younger peers through the college search, application, and assimilation process. These leaders, working as a mentoring cohort, in turn strengthen their own college-going identities and improve their own chances of success in higher education.

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