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Middle School to Dental School Program Welcomes Promise

March 31, 2023 (Owings Mills, Maryland). The Middle School to Dental School™ Mentoring Initiative was developed by The Children's Oral Health Institute in 2017 and introduced to other oral health professionals for the first time in 2018. The official launch was held at the Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys on January 20, 2023, and followed by presentations during February which is recognized as National Children's Dental Health Month. The chronology is documented by The Children's Oral Health Institute through several information channels. The photographs obtained, video recordings, press releases, enthusiastic word-of-mouth accounts and most certainly the heartfelt thank you letters from the youth welcomes the promise of this important initiative.

The culmination of the three presentations translates into some 400-youth receiving the exclusive white doctor coat with "I can become a Dentist," printed on the back and the program logo on front. Dr. Leslie Grant, The Children's Oral Health Institute Director of Advocacy and Outreach, stated, "Our Middle School to Dental School program is an exciting hands-on opportunity to inspire youngsters at a critical developmental stage to understand the great value careers in dental medicine bring to communities. We are thrilled to encourage these young folks to see themselves becoming a dentist!"

The commitment of so many dedicated stewards speaks volumes to the promise of the program. Dr. Bill LeBoe, president of the Baltimore City Dental Association, remarked, "The students were all very engaged and clearly appreciated being introduced to careers in dentistry and health care." Participation and support from Maryland's Office of Oral Health, student dentists from the University of Maryland and a host of volunteers from allied health, education and civic groups further backs the program vitality. The events held at all three schools, including the Beth Tfiloh Community School on February 3rd and the Mother Mary Lange Catholic School on February 10th convey the importance of this influence to expose middle school youth to careers in health care.

Visit The Children's Oral Health Institute at www.mycohi.org to view the photos, videos and find press release documentation for all of these program presentations.



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