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Pittsburgh Community Called to Support CAPA in Commencement Challenge

PITTSBURGH, April 20, 2011- Beginning Thursday, April 21 at 8:00 a.m., the Pittsburgh community is invited to assist the 2011 senior class of Pittsburgh CAPA in their quest to host President Barack Obama as their commencement speaker through the Race to the Top Commencement Challenge. CAPA is one of six schools selected across the country for the challenge. Each finalist created a three-minute video that explains how the school uniquely prepares its students for college. To support the students of Pittsburgh CAPA and rate all six finalists' essays and videos, visit www.WhiteHouse.gov/Commencement. Rating of the six finalists will continue through 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 29.

The Commencement Challenge chooses six schools based on student-written essays that describe how their high school best prepares them for college. The CAPA senior class has worked tirelessly to film and edit the video entry for rating by the public. The video was produced with support from Viacom and the Get Schooled Foundation.

President Obama will view the top three rated videos and choose the winning school himself. The public is asked to rate on a scale of 1-5 (5 being the best) each school's video.

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