

Senator Montgomery, Senator Adams & Education Leaders
Announce Brooklyn Launch of "Smart Scholars" Early College High
School Program

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NYS Senator Montgomery supported by Senator Adams, Assemblymember Hakeem Jeffries, Assemblymember Annette Robinson, Councilmember Letitia James and Councilmember Albert Vann at Long Island University with Brooklyn high school principals, college presidents, students, state education officials and union leaders announced the start of four new *Smart Scholars* Early College High School (ECHS) programs in Brooklyn, NY. There are currently 27 high school/college partnerships in New York State serving over 5,000 students. In 2009, eleven (11) were formed with the aid of a \$6 million grant from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. In 2011 Executive Budget included an additional match of \$6 million to create twelve (12) partnerships and enhance or grow four continuing ones. The grant program is administered by the State Education Department.

The new Brooklyn partnerships include:

1. Boys and Girls High School, in partnership with Long Island University, was awarded \$405,864 in FY 2011-12 to serve up to 100 students.

- 2. City Polytechnic High School, in partnership with NYC College of Technology, was awarded \$447,471 in FY 2009-10 to serve up to 300 students and \$450,000 awarded in FY 2011-12 to serve an additional 100 students and expand services.
- 3. Medgar Evers College Preparatory School in partnership with Medgar Evers College, was awarded \$450,00 in FY 2011-12 to serve up to 300 students.
- 4. Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) in partnership with NYC College of Technology, was awarded \$450,000 in FY 2011-12 to serve up to 300 students.

