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**OISHEI HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR FALL OF 2018**

Buffalo, N.Y. (October 26, 2017) - The John R. Oishei Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of FULL tuition scholarships for incoming high school freshmen at area independent secondary schools for the **fall of 2018**. Oishei High School Scholarships are awarded to talented, dedicated students of color in the Western New York area who want to attend one of 15 participating high schools that are members of the Education Collaborative of WNY (EdCo).

The highly competitive, selective scholarship offers an educational opportunity to 15 local students of color each year and is intended to make a positive difference in the perception, attitudes and lives of the students, their families and the academic institutions themselves. Oishei's high school tuition support has funded nearly 300 scholarships to date and now invests **over \$800,000 per year, totaling approximately \$10,000,000 since 1998**.

Any student interested in being considered for an Oishei Scholarship must first complete the application process required by their first-choice EdCo-member school. Each school will forward its scholarship nominations to an independent scholarship selection committee which will announce its decisions in the spring of 2018.

Placement exams for the various independent secondary schools are scheduled to take place this fall/winter.

***For application information, students should contact the director of admissions at his or her first-choice participating EdCo -member school.*** Member schools include: Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School, Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart, Buffalo Seminary, Canisius High School, Cardinal O'Hara High School, Mt. Mercy Academy, Mount St. Mary Academy, Nardin Academy, Niagara Catholic High School, Nichols School, The Gow School, The Park School of Buffalo, St. Francis High School, St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, and St. Mary's High School. Note: scholarships to The Gow School are funded in-part by the Oishei Foundation and in-part by Gow

and have a unique application process. Interested families/students should contact The Gow School for details ([www.gow.org](http://www.gow.org))

More information on the Oishei High School Scholarship Program may be found at: [www.edcowny.org](http://www.edcowny.org)

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