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Dear Friend and Supporter of Higher Edge -

As the only program in Eastern Connecticut dedicated solely to college access and retention for limited income, minority students; Higher Edge is a leading voice in student advocacy and education equity. Since 2016, 155 program participants have earned their college degree. This year's graduating class was small (15), but this is the group whose educational trajectory was disrupted by COVID. The group who was sent abruptly sent home, a salutation of "see you in two weeks" proved to be a lie. I know we want to put the pandemic behind us, but the effects are still being felt by these students, OUR students. Yet, Higher Edge's students continue to persevere. In addition to earning their college diplomas; students are pursuing professional degrees. From law school at UCONN to medical school at Duke University and Quinnipiac. To Masters Programs in Social Work, Environmental Engineering and Public Health. Moreover, in the last 2 years; three students have been appointed to positions on community Boards - Higher Edge, New London Maritime Society and Eleven Plus. Higher Edge has also expanded its reach to more area high schools including: Fitch & Saint Bernards.

So if you share in our belief that all young people should have an equal opportunity to pursue their educational goals and dreams, please invest in our work by supporting our upcoming event. Higher Edge's Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, October 21, 2024 at Great Neck Country Club in Waterford, CT. Sponsorships are available at various levels and a detailed sponsorship benefit levels sheet is included. If interested, please contact Katie, Executive Director at katie@higheredge.org.

Of course, there is also the chance to play for a great cause. Player cost is \$125, which includes green fees, golf cart and dinner. To register, please email Katie (katie@higheredge.org). Accepted forms of payment include: check (made payable to Higher Edge), via PayPal (@higheredge), via Venmo (@higheredge) or cash.

**Payment is accepted up to the day of the event.*

We are looking forward to another successful day at the golf course, welcoming back many familiar faces and meeting new people.

In Community –

Katie Hallisey

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Executive Director