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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE TO JOIN
THE PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
TO ANNOUNCE A NEW SCHOLARSHIP PARTNERSHIP**

BALTIMORE—City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake will join Dr. C.D. Mote, Jr., President of the University of Maryland, College Park to announce a new partnership with the City of Baltimore to support the University of Maryland Suzanne G. and Murray A. Valenstein Baltimore Incentive Awards Program. For the first time since the program's inception, the City of Baltimore will contribute financial support to the scholarship program, which was created to assist young Baltimore scholars to pursue academic excellence at Maryland's flagship University.

The University of Maryland Incentive Awards program was launched in 2000, when President C.D. Mote Jr. discovered that few students from Baltimore City Public High Schools applied to and attended the University of Maryland, College Park. The program, modeled after a similar effort at University of California—Berkeley, is designed to recognize and promote academic excellence among students from disadvantaged circumstances and to make it financially possible for selected students to matriculate at the University of Maryland.

"I'm looking forward to meeting these remarkable young scholars and hearing their empowering stories," Rawlings-Blake said. "These young individuals represent the future of Baltimore and our city will continue to find ways to make smart investments in our youth, despite tough economic times."

WHO: City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Dr. C.D. "Dan" Mote, Jr., President of the University of Maryland, College Park and the Baltimore City Incentive Awards Scholars

WHAT: At a reception for the scholarship recipients, the Council President and University President will announce a new partnership with the City of Baltimore to support the University's Incentive Awards Program. The Baltimore City Board of Estimates, chaired by Council President, is scheduled to approve the City's first contribution to the scholarship program.

WHERE: South Gallery, 1st Floor, City Hall, 100 North Holliday Street.

WHEN: TODAY: Monday, July 21, 2008. Speaking Program begins at 4:00pm.

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