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**MEDIA ALERT**  
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**Power of Propel to Benefit Afterschool Program and Post-Graduate Scholarships**  
– Annual fundraiser will feature student performances and \$29,000 awarded in scholarships –

**WHAT:** Propel leadership, families and supporters will gather to celebrate outstanding students at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual ***Power of Propel: Sit Among the Stars*** celebration event on May 3.

Hosted by Propel Schools Foundation, the fundraiser benefits Propel's award-winning afterschool program for more than 700 students and financial assistance for post-secondary scholarships.

Recycled Beats, a group of Propel Northside students in grades 6-8, will kick off the evening with a unique performance using neon-illuminated drums.

During the event, Propel Schools Foundation will award scholarships totaling \$29,000 to 21 seniors graduating from Andrew Street High School and Propel Braddock Hills High School to support their next steps beyond Propel.

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**WHEN:** **Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**

**WHERE:** Propel Braddock Hills High School  
1500 Yost Blvd.  
Braddock Hills, PA 15221

**SPONSORS:** *(Magna Cum Laude)* UPMC Health Plan; *(Merit Society)* Vivian and Bill Benter, Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky; *(Distinguished Scholar Society)* Fifth Third Bank, Henderson Brothers, Inc.; *(Honor Society)* Allegheny Plywood



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### **About Propel Schools Foundation**

*The Propel Schools Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, was established in 2004 as the philanthropic arm of Propel. The Foundation supports the work and mission of Propel Schools through fundraising and other strategic efforts.*

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