



In Response to:

“College Admissions Scandal: Actresses, Business Leaders and Other Wealthy Parents Charged,” New York Times 3.12.19

The federal government today announced charges against dozens of families that used their wealth to buy their child’s way into some of the most competitive colleges in the country. In announcing today’s charges, United States attorney Andrew Lelling said, “The real victims in this case are the hardworking students,” who lost out on the opportunity to attend these schools to “far less qualified students and their families who simply bought their way in.”

At Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE), we know so many of those hardworking students. They do not take shortcuts. They are the students who work every day after school to learn as much as they can. They are the students who have to spend extra time on their college essay to tell their story. They are the same students navigating situations no child should have to confront.

Our students have gotten into college and succeeded even when the deck may be stacked against them. Through the admissions process, they have shown who they are by sharing their authentic stories and what they are capable of. We appreciate the commitment of our college partners who have recognized our students’ potential.

Today’s news reminds us just how much harder our students have to work to earn college success. But we are also reminded that success is best when earned.

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