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Clark Montessori a Finalist in White House's Race to the Top Commencement Challenge

Dear Colleague,

AMS is delighted to share the news that [Clark Montessori Junior High and High School](#) (Cincinnati, OH) has been selected as one of six finalists in The White House's [Race to the Top High School Commencement Challenge](#). If they win, President Barack Obama will speak at the school's graduation exercises later this spring!

Soon, you and other members of the public will be able to view student-made films on the White House Web site, and to vote for the school that best meets the Challenge's criteria. The criteria include dedication to academic excellence and helping to prepare students for college and work. The President will select a winner from the finalists.

Of course, we're hoping that Clark, the nation's first public Montessori high school, will win—but we encourage you to watch all six videos before voting.

No matter what happens, we know that the attention brought to Clark Montessori from this project will go a long way in serving Montessori schools and programs worldwide. Thank you in advance for helping to spread the word about Clark and, in turn, spreading the word about Montessori.

We'll keep you posted as we learn more, so that you can take part in this exciting event!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Richard A. Ungerer'.

Richard A. Ungerer
Executive Director

How you can help:

- Share this e-mail with everyone on your contact lists—and ask them to forward it on.
- Post a note on your social networking pages.
- When the voting opens, ask your friends to view the videos—and vote!

Links:

- [President Obama announcing the Commencement Challenge](#)
- [Video submission made by Clark students](#)
- [Official White House press release announcing the finalists](#)
- [Video of White House phone calls to the six finalists](#)
- [Front page story in the Cincinnati Enquirer](#)



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