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**2016 BATTELLE-UCM SCHOLARSHIP
OPEN TO AREA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

United Community Ministries (UCM), in partnership with global research and development organization Battelle, is pleased to announce the Battelle-UCM Scholarship program for 2016. The scholarship application is available for download at www.ucmagency.org, with a submission deadline of April 1, 2016.

The college scholarships are in the amount of up to \$2,000 per student for graduating seniors at Mount Vernon High School, West Potomac High School, and Bryant Alternative High School, all in Alexandria VA. Funded by a gift from Battelle, applicants must be planning to major in STEM studies (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), in preparation for a career in this expanding field.

“Battelle’s mission includes a strong charitable commitment to community development and education,” says Regina Schofield, Director of Corporate Engagement and Education Outreach. “We are proud to join with UCM to make a difference in the lives of students and their future career success by investing in access to educational opportunities for youth who need it most.”

Applicants must meet Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria and provide a copy of their Pell Grant application for the 2016 academic year. The graduating seniors must be U.S. citizens or otherwise legally eligible to work and study in the United States, planning to enroll full- or part-time in Fall 2016 as a first-year student at an accredited college or university, and seeking a two-year or four-year degree in STEM studies.

Scholarship candidates must demonstrate leadership, confidence in dealing with challenges, commitment to goals/tasks, and active participation in community service,

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extracurricular activities, or work. “2016 marks the third year of our partnership with Battelle for STEM scholarships,” says Nichelle A. Mitchem, UCM Executive Director. “We are grateful for the organization’s generous ongoing support, which focuses on keeping vulnerable youth and families moving forward to self-reliance and empowering people to create a better future for themselves.”

Battelle (www.battelle.org) conducts research and development, designs and manufactures products, and delivers critical services for government and commercial customers at major technology centers and national laboratories around the world.. Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, since its founding in 1929, Battelle serves the national security, health and life sciences, and energy and environmental industries.

United Community Ministries (UCM) mobilizes the power of community to equip, educate, and empower people to measurably improve their lives. For the past 46 years, UCM has provided a vital connection between people in need and the people committed to helping them thrive. Services include:

- **Immediate Help.** For families and individuals in crisis, UCM provides counseling, food, financial aid, and referrals to other resources.
- **Children’s Programs.** UCM provides the next generation with essential education and enriching experiences, including full-day early care and learning, new parent education, and after-school programs for youth leadership development and computer access.
- **Workforce Development.** UCM helps adults increase their employability with job counseling and computer training and with ESL and citizenship classes.

In Fiscal Year 2015, thanks to generous community support, UCM provided life-changing assistance to 10,200 individuals in 4,000 families in the Alexandria portion of Fairfax County. This included 5,000 children – more than any other private nonprofit agency in the Huntington-Mount Vernon area.

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