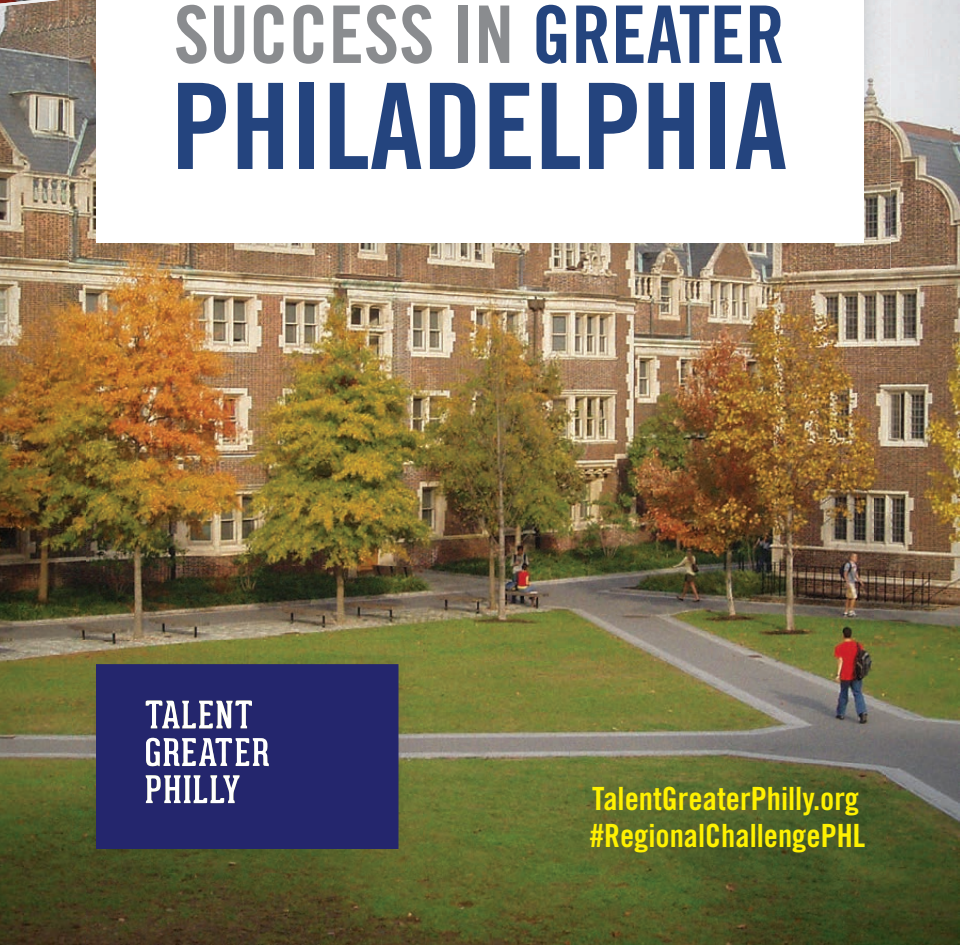


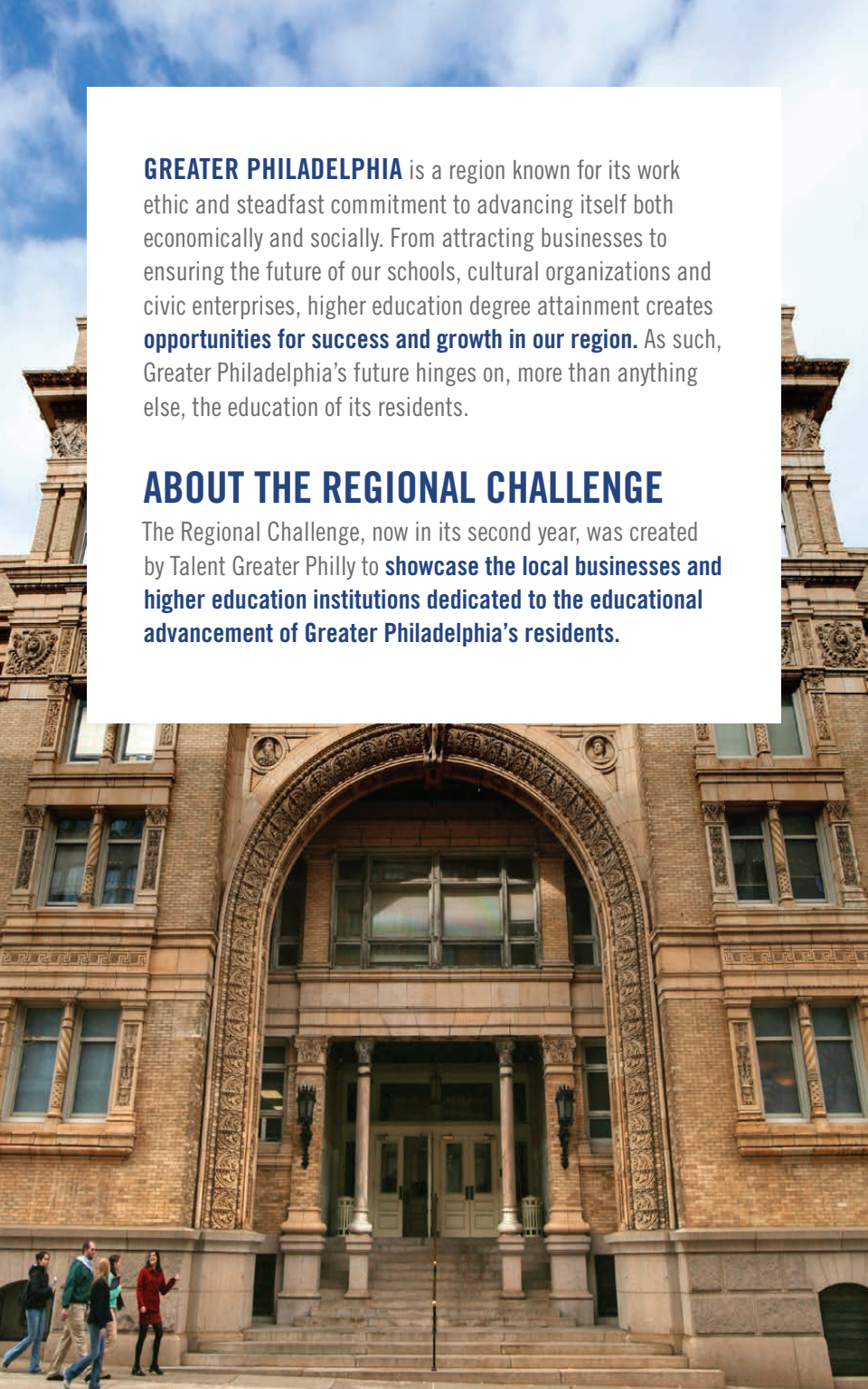


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GREATER PHILADELPHIA is a region known for its work ethic and steadfast commitment to advancing itself both economically and socially. From attracting businesses to ensuring the future of our schools, cultural organizations and civic enterprises, higher education degree attainment creates **opportunities for success and growth in our region.** As such, Greater Philadelphia's future hinges on, more than anything else, the education of its residents.

ABOUT THE REGIONAL CHALLENGE

The Regional Challenge, now in its second year, was created by Talent Greater Philly to **showcase the local businesses and higher education institutions dedicated to the educational advancement of Greater Philadelphia's residents.**

ABOUT THE HONOREES

Community College of Philadelphia Center for Male Engagement

HIGHER EDUCATION HONOR

Geared towards African-American males, the Center for Male Engagement provides support coaches, computer labs and study spaces, learning specialists, career development and social events to help students cultivate a sense of belonging and build resolve as they pursue a post-secondary degree.

Peirce College

HIGHER EDUCATION HONOR, INNOVATIVE PRACTICE

In 2013, Peirce College, in collaboration with Year Up/Professional Training Corps (PTC), launched a unique, holistic partnership to reduce the workforce and degree attainment barriers experienced by 18–24 year old regional youth from low-income families. Peirce's focus has been threefold: 1) to provide low-income students the opportunity to gain college credits 2) to create a pathway to degree completion and 3) to help students gain employability skills and relevant work experience.

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

BUSINESS COMMUNITY HONOR, LARGE EMPLOYER

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Education Assistance Program was created over a decade ago to encourage employees to advance their education and skills. A team of highly experienced education consultants work directly with employees to provide assistance with educational plans, financial aid, and scholarships. The program enables employees to advance both personally and professionally and helps CHOP to align the talent needs of its workforce with its institutional business needs.

Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Southeastern PA

BUSINESS COMMUNITY HONOR, SMALL EMPLOYER

Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Southeastern PA helps employees pursue higher education through flexible work schedules and an Employee Educational Assistance Program. These efforts have helped Ben Franklin Technology Partners attract high quality employees, avoid costly turnover, and provide opportunities for personal and professional growth.

USLI

BUSINESS COMMUNITY HONOR, INNOVATIVE PRACTICE

USLI's College Help program employs approximately 130 undergraduate students year-round who are currently enrolled in degree programs at two-year and four-year colleges and universities. The goal of the program is twofold: to provide meaningful, professional work experiences for undergraduate students and to reduce their student loans through an established Qualified Educational Assistance program.



ABOUT TALENT GREATER PHILLY

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Talent Greater Philly was formed in 2010 in an effort to amplify the efforts of the region's many educational support partners. As a collective, Talent Greater Philly collaborates on strategies designed to position students to obtain a post-secondary education. Learn more at TalentGreaterPhilly.org.

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