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## CityBridge Foundation Hosts 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Education Innovation Summit

*Summit Convenes Hundreds of Educators and Thought Leaders to Discuss Best Practices*

**Washington, D.C. – December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014** – Today, CityBridge Foundation – in partnership with NewSchools Venture Fund – hosted the second annual Education Innovation Summit, which brought together educators and thought leaders to share and celebrate the most promising and cutting-edge practices in personalized and blended learning in Washington, D.C. The event attracted more than 150 educators, and [featured a keynote speech](#) by **Jim Shelton, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education**.

During the summit, CityBridge also announced the winners of its second round of *Breakthrough Schools D.C.* grants. This year’s recipients were:

- Capital City Public Charter School
- Cleveland Elementary School
- D.C. International School
- Mundo Verde Public Charter School
- Sustainable Futures
- Thurgood Marshall Academy
- Two Rivers Public Charter School

“Today’s Education Innovation Summit convened a fantastic group of innovative educators who are truly passionate about ensuring our children have access to high-quality education in the District,” **said CityBridge Foundation President Katherine Bradley**. “Events like these are important to ensuring the best practices in education are shared, celebrated, and implemented in the District. We congratulate the winners of this year’s *Breakthrough Schools: D.C.* grant, and we look forward to seeing what these passionate groups and individuals come up with next.”

“The Education Innovation Summit provides educators with an invaluable opportunity to share best practices and new ideas with their peers across D.C.,” **said Maura Marino, managing director of NewSchools’ DC Schools Fund**. “By creating a community of practice around

personalized learning, we can move toward a future where every child receives an excellent education.”

Programming focused on both classroom and whole-school design and redesign, with an emphasis on principles of personalized learning. Members of one of CityBridge’s signature programs, the **Education Innovation Fellowship**, designed and presented content for morning sessions, and afternoon sessions focused on whole-school design and redesign and competency-based learning.

***Breakthrough Schools: D.C.*** is one of seven regional challenges across the U.S. modeled after the highly successful Next Generation Learning Challenges (NGLC) national competition, which has awarded grants to start-up schools around the country—including the D.C.-based Ingenuity Prep Public Charter School. CityBridge Foundation believes that this regional competition has the power to accelerate student achievement in Washington, D.C. through a systemic shift to new, personalized, mastery-based learning models.

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*CityBridge Foundation works to build a citywide system of high-performing schools in Washington, D.C. Using a best practices research model, we find, incubate, and invest in the most promising practices in public education, looking to assemble the critical mass of transformative public schools—traditional and charter—needed for all children in the District to succeed.*