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The ranking is based on a sweeping survey of nearly 140,000 students across the 380 colleges included in the Princeton Review's annual and iconic book for prospective students, called — what else? — The Best 380 Colleges (http://www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings/best-colleges).
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Here are the nation's Top 10 colleges, based on the company's survey — with Brooklyn College in fourth place.

1. Bryant University (Smithfield, R.I.)

2. California State University, Stanislaus (Turlock, Calif.)
3. Chapman University (Orange, Calif.)

4. Brooklyn College (Brooklyn, N.Y.)

5. DePaul University (Chicago, Ill.)

6. Gettysburg College (Gettysburg, Pa.)

7. Marist College (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.)

8. Ohio Wesleyan University (Delaware, Ohio)

9. Stonehill College (Easton, Mass.)

10. The University of Texas at Dallas (Richardson, Texas)

"Every college in our book has outstanding academics," says Princeton Review VP Robert Frank in a statement. "While our purpose is not to crown one college academically 'best' overall or to rank the schools 1 to 380 on any single topic, our lists provide direct student feedback on the schools' campus culture, program offerings and cost."

"Our goal," he says, "is to help applicants choose and get into their dream college — the college best for them."

See also: Brooklyn College President Karen Gould Is Retiring Next Summer (http://patch.com/new-york/ditmaspark/brooklyn-college-president-karen-gould-retiring-next-summer)
3 more buildings test positive for Legionnaires' disease bacteria in Bronx as state fights outbreak

BY ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE, CORKY SIEMASZKO / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

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Three more Bronx buildings tested positive Monday for the bacteria that causes Legionnaires' disease as hundreds of state workers fanned out across the borough determined to stamp out a killer.

Gov. Cuomo did not give the locations of the buildings with the cooling towers where the Legionella bacteria was found.

But they were among the 500 spots that members of his task force hit over the past two days, Cuomo spokesman Frank Sobrino said at Hostos Community College, where the state set up a command center to deal with the disease that has killed 12 people this summer and sickened more than 100.

"The goal is to hit 1,500 locations today," Sobrino said.

Armed with fliers packed with vital information, the workers focused on what's been ground zero for Legionnaires' disease — the South Bronx.

Specifically, they hit the No. 4 train stops, including the Grand Concourse and 161st St. and River Ave. (Yankee Stadium) stations.

They also flooded the No. 5 train stops, including Third Ave. and 149th St. and Gun Hill Road (Co-op City) stations.
New York State Fire Protection Specialist Christopher Whitby tries on a gas mask while readying to test cooling towers in the Bronx over the Legionnaires' outbreak.
Fire protection specialists teams receive their kits to test water coolers for the bacteria that causes Legionnaires' disease.

Meanwhile, 20 state firefighters continued collecting water samples from cooling towers for testing.

"The idea is to get as many locations as possible," Sobrino said.

State officials stepping in to fight Legionnaires' Disease in the Bronx

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is aiding the effort by providing a mobile command unit. Also keeping tabs are the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and New York City's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

"Legionnaires' is a finicky type of bacteria," said Dr. Howard Zucker, commissioner of the State Department of Health, noting that it can take up to a week to determine if water is contaminated.

So fire protection specialist John Dalen did not waste any time as he passed out gloves, protective face masks and testing kits to the firefighters taking the samples.

"We've got a lot of buildings to check today," he said.
Cameron Bard, 27, who works in the governor's office, handed out fliers on 138th St. and Grand Concourse. He said the Bronx residents he spoke with were happy to see them.

"People are receptive to the idea," he said. "People are on edge and understandably so. That's where the state steps in."

Kevin Wisely, director of the state Office of Emergency Management, said Bronx building supers have been cooperating.

"It's been all positive," he said. "We've been trying to make sure everybody is safe."
At a mobile command unit provided by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services:
(From l.) Brett Chellis of Homeland Security; Dr. Howard Zucker, commissioner of the state health
department; B.T. Tygar of New York State Fire Protection; and Kevin Wisely, deputy director of the

Ahmed Elshazy, 38, a South Bronx resident who sells coffee and doughnuts out
of a cart on Grand Concourse, says he welcomes any kind of testing the state is
willing to do.

"This is important," he said. "They need to check everything, and check it often.
Everyone is scared. Just do it."

Cuomo says the state will keep at it until this Legionnaires' outbreak is licked.

"This outbreak has been a source of great concern for people throughout the
Bronx and the rest of New York City, but residents should know that we are
doing everything necessary to protect the public health," he said in a statement.

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What’s On TV Tuesday

By KATHRYN SHATTUCK  AUG. 11, 2015

6:05 P.M. (Encore) BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID (1969)
Does it get any prettier than this? Robert Redford and Paul Newman (above right, with Mr. Redford) star as the famous Wild West outlaws on the lam (destination: Bolivia), with Katharine Ross as the woman who sets their hearts aflutter. The soundtrack to their lives: Burt Bacharach’s Oscar-winning score, featuring “Raindrops Keep Fallin’ on My Head,” which won for best original song, written with Hal David. Much of the movie “is very funny in a strictly contemporary way — the last exuberant word on movies about the men of the mythic American West who have outlived their day,” Vincent Canby wrote in The New York Times. And while there are “some bothersome technical things about the movie (the camera is all zoom, zoom, zoom),” he added, “the overall production is very handsome, and the performances fine, especially Newman, Redford and Miss Ross, who must be broadly funny and straight, almost simultaneously. They succeed even if the movie does not.”

2:15 P.M. (Sundance) THE WRESTLER (2008) Mickey Rourke (left), in the comeback role that earned him an Oscar nomination, plays an aging pro wrestler trying to rally for a return to center ring in this drama from Darren Aronofsky. A. O. Scott, writing in The Times, said that “like its hero, the movie has a blunt, exuberant honesty, pulling off even its false moves with conviction and flair.” In “Requiem for a Dream” (2000), at 10 on Starz Cinema, a Brooklyn pretty boy (Jared Leto), his mother (Ellen Burstyn), his girlfriend (Jennifer Connelly) and his pal (Marlon Wayans) self-destruct as they search for a reality-blurring high in Mr. Aronofsky’s adaptation of the novel by Hubert Selby Jr. Mr. Aronofsky doesn’t put a gloss on his characters’ problems, Elvis Mitchell wrote in The Times. “Their drug gobbling is
highlighted, accompanied by slurps, gulps and other loud noises that infantilize their appetites. For them, it’s all sensation-seeking, and to a lesser extent it’s the case with the movie as well.

9 P.M. (ABC Family) NEXT STEP REALTY: NYC A Manhattan real estate firm helps recent college graduates find apartments in this new reality series, but not without a little angst. In “Startup U,” at 10, young adults take a seven-week course on the fundamentals of establishing a start-up company under the guidance of the venture capitalist Tim Draper, after which they pitch their ideas to investors.

10 P.M. (Esquire) THE AGENT This new documentary series follows four sports agents as they navigate the world of professional football, including contract negotiations, endorsement deals, recruiting and meeting with scouts and veteran players in the National Football League.

11 P.M. (CUNY) THE STOLER REPORT Former Gov. Eliot Spitzer of New York, now of Spitzer Engineering, joins Robert Knakal and Bruce Mosler of Cushman & Wakefield and Arthur Mirante of Avison Young to discuss the large residential and commercial development, including Hudson Yards, being built on the West Side of Manhattan.
A year ago, John Berryhill was taking notes in a LaGuardia Community College lecture hall when he learned that an 18-year-old unarmed black man named Michael Brown had been shot and killed by
police in Ferguson, Missouri. Immediately, Berryhill's class emptied out and began to march towards the Brooklyn Bridge in protest.

Berryhill, 35, of Red Hook, recalled that moment vividly as he marched yesterday afternoon in a protest to commemorate Brown's death.

"The blatant police brutality I experience on a daily basis, I feel like I need to be out here supporting the people who are being killed," Berryhill told us.

Over a hundred protesters gathered outside the Barclays Center in Brooklyn on Sunday, unfurling banners and giving impassioned speeches called for changes to police culture and America's justice system. Just after 1 p.m., demonstrators laid down for a four minute moment of silence, eulogizing Brown, then quickly set off. The group amassed at Fort Greene Place, and later the Fulton Avenue mall, chanting "New York is Ferguson and Ferguson is New York!"

Although NYPD presence remained light throughout the Brooklyn protests, two demonstrators were isolated and arrested on Fulton after only fifteen minutes of marching.

Berryhill watched, admitting he knew the feeling. "Cops are always harassing me, telling me to do things that aren't necessary. It's constant," he said.

A police spokesperson could not confirm the total number of protesters arrested.

Demonstrators paused briefly in Downtown Brooklyn to regroup, and then boarded subway trains uptown, where they planned to meet another group gathered in Harlem. Packed into just two cars, shouts of "Whose train? Our train!" rang out from the group, and many passed pamphlets detailing Brown's death to tourists and other commuters.

"Excuse me, do you have a minute for black lives?" one of the march's leaders asked as a couple boarded from a platform at 14th street.
Gathered together in Harlem, the protest swelled to over two hundred people, including National Lawyers Guild worker Chris Hermes.

"I'm here to support people who are demonstrating in the streets, and I've been to Ferguson and St. Louis to do the same thing," Hermes, 51, said. "We've got no indictment for Pantaleo, we've got murders in the streets. Things have not changed, and we've got police assaulting people who are marching today."

Another protester named Sadie Jordan said, "I'm tired of police brutality in my community, in every community. I have nephews and nieces that I'm worried about, that will get killed walking down the streets."
Just after 3 p.m., demonstrators left 125th street and made repeated attempts to take over lanes of traffic as they moved North through Harlem, but were blocked by columns of NYPD officers on motor scooters. The protest was eventually pushed to 135th Street, and then East on Madison Avenue, eventually crossing over into the Bronx.

Walking across the Madison Avenue Bridge was Harlem resident Monica Thompson and her five-year-old daughter, Zaire Weah. "Why are there police here?" the young girl asked her mother.

"Because they want to arrest us."

"Why?" the young girl said. "We didn't do anything."

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Crime fighter: McLay takes a new approach to public safety

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By the Editorial Board

Seven months after declaring the rising number of homicides and falling rate of solving them "a public health emergency," Pittsburgh police Chief Cameron McLay has announced a reorganization designed to address the crisis.

The chief said he believes the bureau is understaffed overall, but the city's budgetary constraints and the challenges of recruiting officers aren't likely to change anytime soon.

Starting in September, the bureau will be reconfigured so that homicide investigators and the robbery squad will be combined into one unit, with 32 detectives assigned to the task, 15 more than are now working on homicides alone. In addition, the city's burglary squad is being dissolved and, instead, six detectives will be working to prevent gang violence.

This is not the first time the city has combined robbery and homicide detectives in one section, but that doesn't mean it's not worth trying. Given the unenviable high-water mark reached last year with 66 homicides — the highest number since 2008 — and fewer solved cases, maintaining the status quo was no longer acceptable.

The challenge is one shared by urban police departments across the country, and Pittsburgh is looking for advice from the Police Executive Research Forum, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank that plans to study investigative practices in Pittsburgh, Baltimore and four other cities.

Pittsburgh could also benefit from the city's renewed commitment to a violence prevention initiative promoted by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice at City University of New York. Chief McLay said last week that police staff members will be sent to the college for training next month.
Administrative changes cause tension at CSUSB

Kristen Hwang | TBS | 4:21 p.m. PDT August 10, 2015

The faculty and staff at California State University, San Bernardino have grown increasingly uncomfortable with the dismissal of at least a dozen longtime administrators during the tenure of current university President Tomas Morales, who became president of CSUSB in 2012.

Their frustrations came to a head in June when university Provost Andrew Bodman was dismissed with little warning, said representatives from the faculty senate at CSUSB, an elected body which represents the approximately 400 (tenure and tenure-track) person faculty at the university.

“Our provost who was respected and well-liked was suddenly fired,” said faculty senate President Treadwell Ruml. “This was a jolt to staff and faculty and students.”

Ruml said that Bodman’s sudden dismissal crystallized a growing feeling of unease on campus. The sweeping changes are particularly unsettling because the provost’s departure is not isolated, he said. Though the president is entitled to make changes, Ruml said the manner in which he carried them out has affected everyone.

“The sheer number, that many people don’t disappear voluntarily. You don’t get that many retirements all at once,” Ruml said. “It’s only fair to say that when you have a new president there’s going to be a breaking in period,” he continued. “But the climate at the campus has taken a turn for the worse. People are anxious. Morale is down.”

But one member of the faculty senate disagreed with the characterization of an unhappy campus, saying that administrators serve “at the pleasure of the president” and can be removed if they are “not effective.”

“I’m not a cheerleader for anybody, but campus unrest? Not hardly,” said Terry Rizzo, chair of the kinesiology department.

Rizzo said the university is moving in a better direction under Morales’ guidance. Enrollment is growing, faculty is expanding and the university is investing in research. Those are all signs of a healthy university, he said.

Bodman said, in a June interview, he had received more than 200 emails from the campus community supporting him when it was announced that he would not be returning as provost.

Fred Jandt signs the steel beam for the topping-out ceremony of the Health and Sciences Building at California State University San Bernardino Palm Desert campus in 2007. (Photo: Marilyn Chung | The Desert Sun)

On June 26, the faculty senate issued three official statements regarding the recent administrative changes and called for Bodman’s reinstatement. They issued a “resolution of rebuke of President Tomas Morales for a remarkable lack of respect,” and requested that university Chancellor Timothy White...
assist them in conducting a campus climate survey.

The request to the chancellor stated that the anonymous survey should investigate "allegations of a climate of fear, distrust and bullying across all levels of the university."

White declined the request, Rumi said.

David Johnson, a spokesman for the university, said in an email that White looked into the matter and "encouraged the campus community to work together to address these issues collectively."

In a letter responding to the faculty senate's request, White said, "It is inevitable and desirable that a new president will bring in fresh ideas and style....I acknowledge, understand and appreciate the leadership change and new reality creates stress within a community of scholars, and I surmise it is part of the reason the resolution was drafted."

Dorothy Chen-Maynard, a member of the senate faculty executive committee, said in a practice called "shared governance" the president of a university usually consults with the faculty senate before making decisions that affect academics—including replacing the university provost.

Morales, who previously served as president of the College of Staten Island, The City University of New York (CUNY) for nearly five years said in an email response, that shared governance is "critically important to move a university forward" and that he has never heard a complaint about the lack of shared governance at CSUSB.

"This is the first time this issue has been raised, which coincidentally, occurred after I announced that Andrew Bodman was stepping down as provost," Morales said.

![Dean Fred Jandt with CSUSB President Tomas Morales.](Photo: Staff photo/Desert Sun)

Maynard suggested that's likely because the recent and unexpected changes have caused people to fear for their jobs.

"People are afraid. When people feel they might be next, it doesn't make the environment very safe," Chen-Maynard said. "I've been here for 23 years and I would say that the morale on this campus is the lowest I've ever seen."

Among those who have left the university was former CSUSB Palm Desert campus Dean Fred Jandt, whose retirement was announced in January 2014 ([story/news/education/2014/01/08/fred-jandt-to-re官方网站/137533/0].)

In October, Jandt filed a lawsuit against CSUSB, Morales and university Vice President Ron Fremont. The lawsuit alleges that Jandt suffered from discrimination and harassment based on sexual orientation and retaliation during his time as a dean at the university.

According to court documents, the lawsuit states that after Jandt filed a complaint with university officials stating that he was being harassed, he was fired on December 18, 2013.

Johnson said that the lawsuit was settled in April for $500 and that the settlement was not an admission of guilt. Johnson added that he could not offer
This Week: The Media’s Role in NYC Street Safety
by Streetsblog

If you believe New York’s local press can do a better job covering traffic violence and street safety issues, the event for you is happening Thursday. The CUNY Graduate School of Journalism and the American Society of News Editors are putting on a roundtable discussion “about the state of pedestrian safety in NYC, how it’s covered, how we talk about it in our communities, and what further information we seek.” Hear what NYC media pros, including Streetsblog’s Stephen Miller, think about how the press handles traffic safety issues. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Here’s the whole slate of events on the Streetsblog calendar this week:

► Tuesday: Campaigns for a safer Queens Boulevard and better access to Flushing Meadows Corona Park are on the agenda of Transportation Alternatives’s Queens Committee. 6:30 p.m.

► Thursday: CUNY J-School and the American Society of News Editors host a discussion of how the media covers traffic violence in New York City. Free event with RSVP required. 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

► Also Thursday: Get involved with campaigns for safer Manhattan streets at the monthly meeting of TA’s Manhattan Committee. 6:30 p.m.

► Saturday: It’s the last Summer Streets of 2015! The window of opportunity to slip ‘n’ slide on Manhattan streets may never open again. 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

► Also Saturday: Activists with the Southern Queens Greenway lead a walking tour of Conduit Boulevard to spark ideas about how to make it a safe, walkable street. 9 a.m.

► Sunday: The third and final Boogie on the Boulevard of 2015 opens up six blocks of the Grand Concourse for free music and activities. Noon.

Keep an eye on the calendar for updated listings. Got an event we should know about? Drop us a line.
A permanent resident child under age 18 gets automatic U.S. citizenship once parents naturalize

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Bikramjit Singh, 9, center, and his sister Parneet Kaur, 11, immigrants from India, joined more than a
dozen other young people who took an oath of citizenship earlier this year in Sacramento, Calif. The
children, aged 6-17, each have at least one parent who is a U.S. citizen and became U.S. citizens after
their parents were naturalized.

Q. I was born in 1977 in what is now Russia. I came to the United States as a
permanent resident at age 2. Both my parents became U.S. citizens before I
turned 18. Am I a U.S. citizen or must I apply to naturalize?

Name withheld, Lakewood, N.J.

A. You became a U.S. citizen the moment your parents became U.S. citizens.
The fastest, easiest and least expensive way to get proof you are a citizen is to
apply for a U.S. passport. Or, if you prefer, you can apply for a Certificate of
Citizenship by filing U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services form N-600.

It has been a while since I discussed derivative citizenship rules. Let’s take
another look, starting with the rules that apply to children like you, who were not
yet 18 on Feb. 27, 2001. Under these rules, a permanent resident child derived
U.S. citizenship upon the naturalization of a parent if:

1. The other parent was or became a U.S. citizen before the child turned 18.

2. The child is illegitimate and the parent naturalized was the mother.

3. The child’s other parent was deceased.

4. The parents were divorced or separated and the parent being naturalized had
legal custody of the child following the divorce or separation.

Under more liberal rules now in effect, a child not yet age 18 on Feb. 18, 2001
derives U.S. citizenship if:

1. At least one parent is a U.S. citizen by birth or naturalization.

2. The child is unmarried and not yet age 18.

3. The child is residing in the United States in the legal and physical custody of
the citizen parent.

4. The child is a permanent resident.

A child born “illegitimate” and not legitimated before age 18 cannot derive U.S.
citizenship from a U.S. citizen father.

Under either set of rules, the order of events makes no difference. If a child is a permanent resident and under 18, and then the parent or parents naturalize, the child gets automatic citizenship. If the parent or parents naturalize and then the child gets permanent residence before turning 18, the child becomes a U.S. citizen the moment he or she becomes a permanent resident.

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Pittsburgh foundation lifts message of black philanthropy

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By Joyce Gannon / Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

For too long, said Valaida Fullwood, African-Americans have been identified primarily as beneficiaries of philanthropy instead of recognized as donors who have provided money, time and talents to ignite change in communities and individual lives.

"We're also on the supply side of philanthropy," said the award-winning writer and consultant who believes August's designation as Black Philanthropy Month can help raise the profile of charitable giving among African-Americans and boost collaboration on philanthropic initiatives among all racial groups.

According to a 2012 study by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, black donors contribute 25 percent more of their income than white donors do. Almost two-thirds of black households make donations that total about $11 billion a year, the study said.

Despite those numbers, giving among African-Americans — other than charitable causes supported by high-profile athletes and entertainers — has gone largely unnoticed, say those connected to black foundations and nonprofits.

"People in the African-American community know generosity, but they don't link it to philanthropy," said Ms. Fullwood, who is based in Charlotte, N.C., and who last year was a distinguished visiting lecturer at Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. "To them, philanthropy means the high-net worth individuals."

She will be among the featured guests Thursday on a Twitter chat sponsored by Downtown-based Poise Foundation as part of Black Philanthropy Month events nationwide. The monthlong designation was launched in 2011 by the Pan-African Women's Philanthropy Network; this year marks the first time Poise is sponsoring an event.
“When you hear about philanthropy or philanthropists, you don’t hear the stories of the African-American community, and we have a rich history of giving,” said Karris Jackson, vice president of programs for the foundation, which last year reported $6.3 million in net assets and distributed $1.5 million in grants for scholarships, economic development and cultural programs for the black community.

“We want to lift up and get that message of philanthropy out there.”

**Everyday philanthropists**

Part of the goal of Black Philanthropy Month, said Ms. Jackson, is to “start to change the narrative around who our philanthropists are: everyday people.”

To that end, Poise’s Twitter chat, titled “Because I Give,” will also include people who have raised modest funds or whose business and volunteer activities support black causes.

Among them is Sharnay Hearn, 26, community affairs liaison for the city of Pittsburgh’s Office of Community Affairs.

As a delegate to the One Young World summit held in Pittsburgh in 2012, Ms. Hearn of Garfield connected with other young community ambassadors and came away thinking more African-Americans should be represented in global affairs.

She used her 25th birthday to launch the World Changers Fund and to date has raised $1,500 from family and friends to help young African-Americans travel and study internationally. The fund is a partnership with the Poise Foundation.

“It’s my passion to get urban youth, particularly African-Americans, to see the world,” said Ms. Hearn, who studied at the University of Buea, Cameroon, while she was an undergraduate at Slippery Rock University.

Akira Barclay, a Chicago-based philanthropy consultant and researcher, said she has focused her studies on “black, middle-class people engaged in their communities every day” to help dispel the notion that black philanthropy is exclusive to celebrities.

“We already had the image of Oprah, Bill Cosby and Denzel Washington,” said Ms. Barclay, who studied black giving circles and community philanthropy as a fellow at the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at the City University of New York.
"The work that everyday philanthropists — the black, middle-class people engaged in their communities every day — flies under the radar because of the millions of dollars in the headlines."

**Giving circles**

Much of black philanthropy, said Ms. Barclay, can be traced to neighborhood giving circles where donors "join with like-minded people from their community and pool their funds and figure out where to donate that money where it can make the most good."

Ms. Fullwood linked a lack of awareness among African-Americans about how significant and impactful their personal contributions can be to a historical lack of access to foundations and community funds such as United Way.

"For centuries, we had to create our own institutions of giving for civil rights and for black universities," she said. "Now we have access to many institutions and tools that some weren't aware of or weren't in our scope because our parents didn't have a fund at a community foundation or they didn't follow mainstream philanthropy."

Her 2011 book, "Giving Back: A Tribute to Generations of African-American Philanthropists," was inspired in part by her participation in a North Carolina giving circle "where so often I heard from fellow members about the importance of lifting up stories that were untold. The images around philanthropy show African-Americans only as beneficiaries on the recipient side."

The primary inspiration for the book, however, was Ms. Fullwood's 94-year-old aunt who in her 70s founded a soup kitchen in Asheboro, N.C., to supply meals to a public housing community.

The book includes vignettes, tributes and 200-plus photographs of people who were involved in charitable works and giving. The book served as the basis of a touring exhibit, "The Soul of Philanthropy: Reframed and Exhibited," now on display in Denver.

In addition to Ms. Fullwood and Ms. Hearn, guests on the Twitter chat include Emmai Alaquaiva, musician, filmmaker and producer; Vernard Alexander, owner, The Minority Networking Exchange; and Darcel Madkins, enterprise risk manager at PNC Financial Services who chairs the Community Investment Network.

The Twitter event is scheduled for 6 to 7 p.m. To join the conversation, use hashtags #GivingBlack or #BPM2015.