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WHYY Accepting Nominations for American Graduate Champions

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PHILADELPHIA, January 15, 2015 — WHYY is currently accepting nominations for its American Graduate Champions project. An American Graduate Champion is an individual or organization that goes above and beyond to help a student, a classroom or a community succeed by setting high expectations, building and finding effective supports and/or assisting students or schools make the successful journey from preschool to high school graduation.

Ideal candidates for WHYY's American Graduate Champions project live and work in WHYY's coverage area and are actively engaged in the K-12 education community through work and/or volunteerism. Nominees may include parents that are actively engaged in the lives of young people, teachers that go the extra mile, students that take time to mentor or tutor peers, school leaders focused on creating positive learning environments, state leaders that advocate for students, public figures that inspire the education community, business leaders who encourage colleagues to get involved, funders that actively invest in what works for students and nonprofit staff and volunteers that work to support all youth every day.

"All successful students have caring adults and peers in their corner, lending helping hands along the way in their educational journeys," said Craig Santoro, WHYY Director of Educational Programs. "The American Graduate Champions project honors regular people who go the extra mile to keep students on the path to graduation."

Nominations for WHYY's American Graduate Champions project can be submitted online at WHYY.org/amgradchampion. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, March 1, 2015. Select individuals and organizations that excel in helping students, classrooms or communities succeed will be featured in spots on WHYY-TV and WHYY.org. All American Graduate Champions will be honored at an event held at WHYY.

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