About Opportunity Nation:

Opportunity Nation is a bipartisan, cross-sector national campaign made up of more than 250 nonprofits, businesses, educational institutions, social entrepreneurs, youth leaders and others working together to expand economic mobility and close the opportunity gap in America. The Opportunity Nation campaign works to raise awareness nationally about the urgent need to expand opportunity; advocate for issues, programs and bipartisan federal legislation that will help to move the needle; and accelerate the good work being done on the ground with our tools and resources, specifically the Opportunity Index, a measure of a region’s economic, educational and civic health.

The Opportunity Nation campaign launched publicly in November 2011, landing on the cover of TIME and a national summit convened by TIME, AARP, United Way Worldwide and the Ford Foundation included speakers such as Pastor Rick Warren, Angela Glover Blackwell, Arianna Huffington, Michael Gerson, Serena Williams and others. Opportunity Nation’s 2012 Summit featured US Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, Jordin Sparks, Judy Woodruff and other notable Americans.

Engagement Opportunities for GradNation Community Summits:

• **Presentation on the 2013 Opportunity Index**
  The Opportunity Index was created in partnership with Measure of America in 2011 and is now in its third year. It provides a comprehensive approach to measuring access to economic mobility in the United States. The Opportunity Index produces an overall opportunity score for all 50 states plus Washington, D.C. as well as grades for 2,900 counties. A highly visual, locally focused presentation will provide information on the 2013 Index, highlighting national, regional and local trends with a focus on conditions for young adults.

• **2013 Opportunity Index materials for summit participants**
  A customized handout for the state and county where the event is held that includes the latest data (with comparisons to prior years) and how a county can increase its grade over time.

• **Invitation to local Opportunity Nation leaders to join planning Summit planning committee**
  Opportunity Leaders and Scholars and coalition member staff can make excellent additions to a local Planning Committee. The Opportunity Leaders and Scholars are a national network of 150 vocal advocates with personal experience facing barriers to opportunity and a track record of making meaningful change in their respective communities. Acting as community mobilizers and policy advisers within the campaign and their communities, they work towards increased mobility for all Americans. Our coalition is made up of over 250 organizations expanding opportunity; together they serve over 100 million Americans.

• **Break out sessions led by local partners of Opportunity Nation:**
  o **Opportunity Community working session:** The Opportunity Index can help communities promote opportunity and develop concrete goals to improve their Index Scores over time. Opportunity Nation partners can facilitate a session to discuss how the shared measurement of the Index can facilitate multi-sector engagement to increase opportunity. This is a great conversation for a sub-sect of the Summit’s attendees, following a general presentation on the Opportunity Index.
  o **Young Leaders Forum:** At our 2012 Summit and smaller events throughout the year, Opportunity Nation creates meaningful engagement and leadership opportunity for young people. We believe that young people are experts in their own circumstances and can best inform the broader about the challenges and propose and debate solutions for positive academic and career pathways. We can help plan a breakout session to engage current and former students from the high schools with high dropout rates in each city to lead a solutions-oriented conversation with their peers and other summit attendees.

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