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In May, The College Crusade of Rhode Island announced three grant awards totaling \$85,000 to support college-readiness programs and services for youth in Rhode Island's low-income urban school districts. The organization received a gift of \$50,000 from the Lloyd G. Balfour Foundation, Bank of America, Trustee; a gift of \$20,000 from the Amgen Foundation; and a gift of \$15,000 from Textron Charitable Trust.

"These are challenging times for funders and for organizations working to address the fundamental needs of our communities," said Robert Oberg, director of development for The College Crusade. "On behalf of thousands of Rhode Island students who have dedicated themselves to academic achievement despite economic and cultural obstacles, we thank these foundations for investing so generously in college readiness at this critical juncture. Their important gifts will make a lasting difference in the lives of many hard-working young people – from high school seniors looking forward to a college acceptance letter to sixth graders who are just starting out on the college path."



A successful Career Day event in April drew more than 100 middle school students from **The College Crusade of Rhode Island** to Bryant University. Working professionals from the community were on hand to share their educational experiences and to give students a close-up view of careers in law, healthcare, business, technology, and design. Career awareness and exploration for students in grades 6-12 is a major focus of College Crusade programming.