Welcome to The College Crusade's second annual 1000 Hour Club! We are excited to have a lot of new members this year. The 1000 Hour Club recognizes and celebrates Crusaders who have high levels of participation in our programs since sixth grade. It takes a big investment of time and energy to succeed in life. Congratulations to all our new members for getting a great start!

**Crusaders with more than 1000 hours of participation:**

- **Neri Franco**, grade 12, Blackstone Academy, 1240 hours
- **Elvis Huertas**, grade 12, Blackstone Academy, 1221 hours
- **Erika Morales**, grade 12, William M. Davies Jr. Career & Technical High School, 1173 hours
- **Bruce Reis**, grade 12, Blackstone Academy, 1084 hours
- **Jackeline Cano**, grade 12, Blackstone Academy, 1059 hours
- **Nathan Nunez**, grade 11, Hope High School, 1033 hours
- **Juliana Beltran**, grade 12, Central Falls High School, 1001 hours

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**Inside:**
How to keep your brain awake this summer, plus names of Crusaders who have earned a spot in our 500 and 750 Hour Club!

**On the web:**
Read what Crusade Alumni have to say about their college experiences and their careers! Go to www.thecollegecrusade.org/alumninews.

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See inside for Crusaders who have earned 500 and 750 participation hours. Want to get your name on the list? Sign up for our programs and stay involved!

**2010 college acceptances**

Our senior graduating class of Crusaders has started to receive their college acceptances! Here are some of the schools where they have been accepted for next year:

- Assumption College
- Academy of Art University
- Bryant University
- Castleton State College
- City College of New York
- Clark University
- College of Mount Saint Vincent
- College of Saint Joseph
- Community College of Rhode Island
- Florida Southern College
- Herkimer County Community College
- Ithaca College
- Johnson & Wales University
- Marymount University
- Newbury College
- New England College
- New England Institute of Technology

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High school Crusaders Emmanuel Candalario, Fidel Escobar, and Ty-esa Forbes display their work during our February school vacation program.
**Summer advice from your middle school Advisors!**

Q. How can middle school Crusaders keep their brains in shape this summer?

Huascar says: “Here are my seven top pieces of advice: (1) Look into library programs for the summer. (2) Go to sleep early and eat well in the morning. (3) Participate in Crusade summer reading assignments. (4) Ask your friends what they are doing and get involved. (5) Check your local community center for summer activities. (6) See if there are jobs available at parks and recreation areas. (7) Look into family-oriented activities and programs. — Huascar Beato, Calcutt Middle School, Calcutt Too, Segue Institute for Learning

Kristina says: “Make sure you stay healthy and exercise during the warm weather in the summer. Swim, play basketball, baseball, or dance — anything you enjoy! Also, bring your favorite magazine or book with you and keep your brain active by reading things you enjoy.” – Kristina Moyet, Roger Williams Middle School

Ama says: “This summer, read at least one book to stimulate your brain for the next school year. Remember, all play and no work will make any Crusader a lazy one!” – Ama Akoto, Esek Hopkins Middle School, DelSesto Middle School

Rich says: “Crusaders, keep your minds active for the summer by traveling to as many new places as possible. Read newspapers, books, and magazines. Play new games and meet new people. If possible, discover who the professional people are in your neighborhood and speak to them about their careers.” – Richlieu Norris, Gilbert Stuart Middle School

Javier says: “The vacation period comes at a great time because it gives you the opportunity to evaluate where you are at. Many distractions may arise, but my advice is to remain focused on your goals this summer.” – Javier Cabreja, Nathanael Greene Middle School

Maya says: “So Crusaders, keep your brains active by playing a little Sudoku everyday during the summer. Just a little goes a long way!” – Mayamu Kamara, Perry Middle School, Times2 Academy

Harry says: “As the summer approaches, students are looking forward to jumping in sprinkler systems, visiting amusement parks, and traveling. All of that is fun, but here are a few activities that will exercise your brain as well — without making you feel as though you are back in school! (1) Collect positive, affirming quotes and add your own meaning to them. (2) Read any possible book of your choice. (3) Do crossword puzzles. (4) Play Sudoku. (5) Read the newspaper. (6) Watch the news, especially CNN or MSNBC. (7) Enjoy Internet reading and research. And finally: (8) Go into the new school year with an open mind and a positive mindset. That will set you on a course to success!” – Harry Moore III, Bridgham Middle School

Jennifer says: “Summertime is just around the corner. School will be out, and you’re asking yourself, What is there for me to do? Take advantage of College Crusade summer programs and keep your brain active in a fun way. From scavenger hunts and ropes courses to team-building activities, there’s so much to do!” – Jennifer Rivera, Nathanael Greene Middle School, Slater Junior High School

Middle school Crusaders:
Save these dates!
Crusade Adventure & Academic Program (CAAP) –
Session 1, July 6-16; Session 2, July 19-30; Session 3, Aug. 2-13
Wheeler Summer Camp –
July 6-26

Running the snack shop at Exchange City during February vacation took a lot of planning and coordination! From left are sixth-graders Rosa Rodriguez, Johenly Rodriguez, Jaicia George, McKayley Gomez, Andrea Vega, and Keila Morataya.
Graduating from: Blackstone Academy. Favorite subject: Math. “There are so many ways to solve a problem. You can come at it from more than one angle and solve the puzzle your own way.” Currently taking: Precalculus. Senior project: In collaboration with friends, starting a hip-hop record label called Forever Legend. His part in the project: The business end. Recent accomplishment: Getting into Nichols College. What he plans to study: Business entrepreneurship. Dream job: Being his own boss. Recent challenge: A research paper on financial illiteracy. “It’s about how teenagers should know more about money in the real world and how economics is undertaught in our schools.” Latest book read: The Millionaire Mind, by Thomas J. Stanley. Favorite Crusade program: CAAP 101 in middle school. What Crusade Advisors offer: “Being able to communicate. They aren’t much older than we are, so we can connect with them.” Advice for Crusaders going into high school: “Do not procrastinate. Learn to balance your social life and your academic life. Learn from your mistakes.” What he looks for in a friend: Honesty and mutual respect. Biggest unknown about college: “Am I prepared for it?” Biggest opportunity: Having the freedom to be what he wants to be.

Senior Spotlight: Neri Franco

High school Crusaders: Save these dates!

Media Literacy Writing Program – Session 1, July 6-15; Session 2, July 19-30
Choices – Week 1, July 12-15; Week 2, July 19-22.
Crusade Summer Experience (CSE) – Week 1, July 26-30; Week 2, August 2-6; Week 3, August 9-13.
Plus all these others: NEIT Tech Camp, Bridge to Success at Roger Williams University, Brown University Summer High School, and University of Rhode Island Construction, Business, and Engineering Academies. Watch for more info and sign up for summer!
More 2010 college acceptances

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Nova Southeastern University
Pace University
Pine Manor College
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island College
Roger Williams University
Sacred Heart University
Saint John's University
Sienna College
Simmons College
Slippery Rock University
Springfield College
University of Bridgeport
University of Hartford
University of Maine
University of New Haven
University of Rhode Island
University of Vermont
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Western New England College
West Point Military Academy
Wheelock College
Yale University

Mayor Andres Reyes (in red shirt) takes a break from City Hall duties to pose with his law enforcement, judicial, and administrative staff at Exchange City in February. From left are Anthony Pena, Edwin Vasquez, Josehabel Sanchez, Jonathan Blanco, Neftaly Sanchez, and Juan Ramirez.

Please keep us notified
Have you changed your address or phone number, or has your Crusader changed schools? Call (401) 854-5500 or write to info@thecollegecrusade.org.