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### Tips from 2013 Seniors

**Giancarlos Herrera:** “Never give up. There is always room for improvement.”

**Sarah Ogundare:** “Start well. Don’t waste time thinking that you’ll work hard when you’re older. Make the right friends. Be who you really are, because people will respect you for it.”

**Oluwadamilola Animashaun:** “Stay focused because it will pay out later. There will be bumps in the road, but that’s all part of life.”

**Catherine Lantigua:** “Never give up on your dreams. Don’t let other influences overcome them. Study hard and attend all the College Crusade programs that you can.”

**Oyindamola Akingbile:** “You might think what you do at the beginning of high school doesn’t matter, but it does. Starting right helps you finish right.”

See more advice from seniors on page 3!

### Congratulations to our 1000 Hour Club for 2013!

The 1000 Hour Club recognizes Crusaders who have high levels of participation in our programs since sixth grade. Governor Lincoln Chafee and other state dignitaries honored the members of this year’s 1000 Hour Club in a celebration at the Rhode Island State House on June 4. Kudos and congratulations to everyone for your achievement! We applaud you for showing true dedication to your postsecondary goals.

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

- **Estefania Clavijo**, grade 11, Shea Senior High School, 1383 hours
- **Kaine Sanchez**, grade 12, Barrington High School, 1208 hours
- **Carissa Renshaw**, grade 12, William M. Davies Career Technical High School, 1192 hours
- **Anabel Lopez**, grade 12, RI Nurses Institute Middle College, 1152 hours
- **Henry Flores**, grade 11, Blackstone Academy, 1118 hours
- **Sarah Ogundare**, grade 12, William M. Davies Career Technical High School, 1102 hours
- **Rolando Clavijo**, grade 11, Shea Senior High School, 1096 hours
- **Nathan Mensah**, grade 11, Blackstone Academy, 1077 hours
- **Oluwadamilola Animashaun**, grade 12, Mount Pleasant High School, 1045 hours
- **Giancarlos Herrera**, grade 12, Central High School, 1045 hours
- **Rafael Sanchez**, grade 12, Barrington High School, 1037 hours
- **Erika Carter**, grade 11, Blackstone Academy, 1000 hours

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Dear Crusaders and families,

Congratulations for successfully completing another school year, and welcome to summer at The College Crusade! We hope you have signed up to participate in our great summer programs, which offer many opportunities for academic enrichment, career exploration, leadership, teamwork, and fun.

This newsletter is full of advice from graduating Crusaders who are headed to college in the fall. They are on the pathway to bright futures and being productive members of our community, and their advice is valuable for every student who wants to achieve. It all comes down to hard work and determination.

This summer, set time aside to think about your interests and passions and what you love to do. Get to know yourself more deeply. Set goals and decide what you need to achieve. Be determined to achieve those goals, and don’t give up. Be persistent in attempting different tasks. Be honest with yourself and identify what skills you need to improve. Learn to ask for help.

See you this summer!

President & CEO

Middle school Newsbytes:
It’s a busy summer ahead. At Wheeler Summer Program, SPIRIT, our special math and writing programs, and CAAP, the Crusade Adventure & Academic program, everybody keeps learning, even though school is out!
Seniors Speak:
More tips for getting a great start on high school
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Glarkis Gomez: “Don’t think only about the moment but also about the future. Everything you do as a freshman reflects on your senior year.”

Sebastian Mercado: “Don’t take high school at your leisure. The teachers don’t babysit. Realize you need to step up to your responsibilities.”

Caroline Akiode: “Always aim higher. Get good grades and good SAT scores. You have people to help you, so take advantage of it.”

Diogenes Sarit: “High school is a new environment. Keep track of your grades. Don’t slip up.”

Julia Lopez: “Be yourself. Explore your interests. Don’t get involved with the wrong crowd, because once you lose yourself, what else do you have?”

Learn more about all these graduating seniors on our website at www.thecollegecrusade.org/spotlights

Junior Spotlight: Alejandro Claudio

Attends: Central High School. Favorite subject: History. Why: “Because history is bound to repeat itself, and studying it gives us a broad view of what can happen in the future.” The book he’s carrying around: Nemesis: The Last Days of the American Republic, by Chalmers Johnson. Rank in class: 1. Latest accomplishment: Was named a LEDA Scholar and will spend much of this summer on the campus of Princeton University, participating in academic and leadership seminars. Favorite Crusade program: Choices. “It teaches morals, time management, how to interact with others. The more times I go, the more I learn about how to live and prosper.” About my Crusade Advisor: “She has helped me with every stepping stone toward my accomplishments. I don’t know what I would do without her.” Advice for Crusaders going into high school: “When you enter high school, there will be many different paths to take, and you must learn how to choose the right one. Do your best. Never give up.” First choice for college: Harvard University. To major in: Political science. Then: Law school. “I want to become a corporate lawyer and then have a career in politics.” What he looks for in a friend: “Personality. Someone who can challenge me and introduce me to things I didn’t know. Someone to travel a great journey with.” Believes in: Public service.
We hosted the first annual College Crusade Alumni Career Fair at Saturday Cru Club on April 13. Twenty talented Crusade alums came back for the day to share their college and career stories with Crusaders. Here’s everyone all together in the sunny atrium at CCRI Providence!

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