

## 2008 Crusader Recognition Awards

### *Hundreds of students win Excellence Awards*

Congratulations to the recipients of our **2008 Crusader Recognition Awards** for their excellence in academics, school attendance, and Crusade program participation during the 2007-2008 school year! Their names appear throughout this special issue of *CruNews* in recognition of their hard work and many accomplishments.

We are also honored to announce the seven College Crusade All-Stars who placed in all three categories of excellence. They are **Qiana Carter, Cindy Cesar, Richelene Cesar, Alicia Mello, Ayomide Olugbemi, Chavelin Romero, and Mohammed Seck**. Read on to learn more about them!

### *Seven honored as College Crusade All-Stars*

#### **Chavelin Romero**

*Grade 7, Oliver Hazard Perry Middle School*

*Mayamu Kamara, Advisor*



**Favorite subjects:** Math (pre-algebra), plus her science and technology class.

**Latest challenge:** An essay she wrote in response to the film *Searching for Bobby Fischer*. **Favorite Crusade program:** Wheeler Summer Camp, especially the crime scene investigation they did last summer, plus Career Day and Ways to A's. **College and the future:** Wants to be a fifth-grade teacher and a chef. **About my Advisor:** "She's really fun and helps you out with homework and any troubles that you have." **Being a Crusader:** "It helps us get ready for college."

#### **Qiana Carter**

*Grade 8, Dr. Earl F. Calcutt Middle School*

*Huascar Beato, Advisor*



**Favorite subject:** Science, "because you get to do a lot of experiments." Latest book read: *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, by

J. K. Rowling. **Favorite Crusade program:** CAAP, especially the time they read *Bronx Masquerade*, by Nikki Grimes. **Likes to play:** Basketball (and wants to learn volleyball). **College and the future:** Has considered becoming a pediatrician or a lawyer but is still thinking about it. **About my Advisor:** "I get to ask him questions about Crusade programs, and I can go to his program after school and help other people with homework." **Being a Crusader:** "I get a lot of opportunities to go and explore stuff that I didn't know about, and I can go on visits to decide what college I want to go to."

### **A reminder to high school seniors:**

Remember to file your FAFSA by March 1, 2009, to see if you qualify for scholarship support!

### **Saturday Cru Club dates!**

January 10, 24, 31	April 4, 25
February 7, 28	May 9, 16, 30
March 14, 21, 28	June 6

Sign up soon and fulfill your 10-hour requirement.

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#### **Thank You:**

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#### **Inside:**

Excellence award winners and more All-Star profiles.

#### **On the web:**

Have you visited **CruBlog** yet? It tells you all about the latest and greatest Crusader activities. Check it often to keep up with the news and find yourself in the photos! Just go to [www.thecollegecrusade.org/blog](http://www.thecollegecrusade.org/blog).

## Excellence in academics

These Crusaders earned a GPA of 85 or better in all four quarters during 2007-2008:

### High School

Laura Angulo  
Sidney Argueta  
Jessica Blandin  
Rosibel Blandin  
Jimmy Bouakhasith  
Natali Burdie  
Savannah Burns  
Elta Calcano  
Christopher Calderon  
Yocasta Calzadilla  
Cindy Cesar  
Richelene Cesar  
Kevin Chhin  
Sotheavy Chhin  
Dominique Clement  
Veronica Concepcion  
Frank Constanza  
Elizabeth Cruz  
Leslie Dominguez  
Christian Durango  
Bryant Estrada  
Abisag Flores  
Anthony Franco  
Jessica Godinez  
Joseph Gomes  
Alexander Gonzalez  
Josue Gonzalez  
Alana Goodinson  
Jessica Guerrero  
Jeffrey Handrich  
Joshua Hernandez  
Shirley Hernandez  
Abigail Hiralien  
Gemima Jacinthe  
Isha Johnson  
Mildred Johnson  
Erick Jolon Jr  
Jane Khang  
Kenia Lara  
Sai Lee  
Kevin Lima  
Kelly Lopez  
Moris Lopez  
Edgar Meza-Lopez  
Daniel Miya  
Stacy Monteiro  
Frankleid Mora  
Tomas Morales  
Janine Moreno  
Kenia Orozco  
Christine Ortiz  
Victor Parra  
Maria Paz  
Omar Perez  
Kevin Porras  
Ismaray Reigosa  
Lizandra Robles  
Luis Rodriguez  
Ramon Rodriguez  
Astrid Ruano  
Joniel Santana  
William Sarmiento  
Gerwin Sena

Patricia Silverio  
Luz Sosa  
Phyllis Sosa  
Daylin Sucuqui  
Licelot Suriel  
Stephanie Taveras  
Nidda Thadavong  
Sophea Thuong  
Andrea Vaca  
Julimar Vega  
Jennifer Ventura

### Middle School

Khadijah Aigoro  
Faith Akinbo  
Elizabeth Akindolie  
Oyindamola Akingbile  
Caroline Akiode  
Monica Almonte  
Carolina Alvarez  
Bryant Ayala  
Emely Baez  
James Baez  
Marylissa Barbosa  
Marydjina Barionnette  
Maria Barrios  
Genesis Bautista  
Devin Beasley  
Santiago Beltran  
Keving Bergiste  
Alondra Berrios  
Princess Brapoh  
Alexis Cabrera  
Kurtlin Candelario-Harmon  
Melvin Caraballo  
Qiana Carter  
Ana Castillo  
Katherine Chacon  
Montha Chao  
Ciara Choquette  
Lenny Chroek  
Angela Collazo  
Rishelly Colon  
Elia Compean  
Tyneil Cooper  
Kerri Coppinger  
Amy Correa  
Devon Cournayer  
Ashley DaLomba  
Brian De La Cruz  
Isabella DeGrasse  
Edwin DeJesus  
Kelley Diaz  
Yaimary Diaz  
Ashley Dominguez  
Karla Duran  
Christian Escobar  
Brittney Esquilin  
Rachel Feliz  
Katherine Fernandez  
Jennifer Figueroa  
Heckerly Flores

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## 2008 College Crusade All-Stars, continued



**Mohammed Seck**  
Grade 9, Woonsocket  
High School  
Ralph Toribio, Advisor

**Favorite subject:** World History ("It teaches me about things I didn't know, like ancient Rome"). **Latest achievement:** He got a complicated math problem

right. **Favorite book:** *Something Upstairs* by Avi ("I've read it about 13 times"). **College and the future:** Wants to study graphic design and animation. **Is set on:** Emerson College. **Favorite latest video game:** Final Fantasy X. **Favorite Crusade programs:** CAAP, plus Saturday Academy. **About my Advisor:** "He's fun, and I can ask him a question whenever I need to." **Being a Crusader:** "It's a privilege. I've had some of my best times in the Crusade, and I've made good friends from other towns."

### Richelene Cesar

Grade 12, Mount Pleasant  
High School  
Dwayne Clement, Advisor

**Favorite subject:** "I like science, because it gives you broader knowledge about the world." **Latest fascinating topic:** The

parts of the brain, especially the medulla oblongata. **Latest achievements:** Being accepted into the Rhode Island College dual-enrollment program and placing seventh in her class this term. **College and the future:** Wants to study psychology ("I love helping people figure out how to solve their problems"). **Her first choice:** Wheelock College. **Favorite Crusade program:** Crusade Summer Experience ("We made so many lifelong friends in that program and learned so much about college"). **About my Advisor:** "Oh, he's like our father, he's mad cool. He's always asking, what did you get on that test? I know you can do better than that." **Being a Crusader:** "You make a commitment to dedicate yourself to achievement and to never give up. You decide you are going to reach for the stars and succeed."



**Ayomide Olugbemi**  
Grade 7, Nathanael  
Greene Middle School  
Brandon Ramos, Advisor

**Favorite subject:** Math ("It started to make sense in fifth grade, and now it's just easy for me"). **Latest achievement:** His recent

report card, with As in math and science. **Likes to play:** Quarterback. **College and the future:** "I want a college that will give me a good job and good degrees. The more degrees you get, the more jobs you can do." **Career leanings:** Engineering, "because they get to call all the shots." **Favorite Crusade program:** Wheeler Summer Camp ("It's not all fun – you have to use your brain"). **About my Advisor:** "It's good to have someone who will talk to my teachers when I have questions." **Being a Crusader:** "Be the best you can be."



### Cindy Cesar

Grade 12, Mount Pleasant  
High School  
Dwayne Clement, Advisor

**Favorite subject:** "Hands down, it's English. I love to read, and I really love to learn new words." **Latest favorite word:**

*finicky*. **Latest book read:** *Les Misérables* by Victor Hugo ("There are so many twists and turns, you never know what will happen next"). **Latest achievements:** Being accepted into the Rhode Island College dual-enrollment program and placing fourth in her class this term. **College and the future:** Wants to study veterinary medicine, with dentistry a close second. **Favorite Crusade program:** Crusade Summer Experience. ("It's a great opportunity to see what a college campus is like and to meet new friends"). **About my Advisor:** "He has provided us with so many ways to better ourselves. Honestly, I don't know what I would have done without him. He's not a teacher, he's like a grown-up friend." **Being a Crusader:** "It's about having the opportunity to become who you want to become. It gave me the courage to pursue my life goals."

## Excellence in academics Continued from page 2



### Alicia Mello

Grade 8, Woonsocket Middle School

Ranika Spiver, Advisor

#### Favorite subject:

"That would be art. I'm always drawing.

My dad got me started." **Also likes:** English and Chorus,

plus writing poetry and songs. (Her poem

"I Am the Ocean" won a prize and was

published in the Pawtucket *Times*.) **Latest**

**achievement:** High honors for first quarter

this year. **Latest book read:** *Peeling the*

*Onion* by Wendy Orr. **College and the**

**future:** Wants to be an artist, an elementary school art teacher, or a first-grade teacher.

**Would love to attend:** Rhode Island School of Design. **Favorite Crusade program:** "I like

all of them, especially the college visits and having a quiet place to do my homework and get help if I need it." **About my Advisor:** "I

can talk to her about anything. She's basically my hotline for getting the answers I need."

**Being a Crusader:** "It's to be someone unique, and to believe in yourself and have friends you can trust. You get to be a better person and become someone you know you can be."

Indigo Forbes	Nancy Lee	Jyiamein Perez	Tania Santos
Ty-asha Forbes	Jennifer LePiors	Liselennys Perez	Yessica Santos
Coleena Foster	Brianna Lopes	Rafael Perez	Deborah Sareth
Julia Franco	Anabel Lopez	Ta'Naeshia Perry	Kimberly Savinon
Anais Frias	Doris Lopez	Alliyah Phin	Varsana Schobel
Daniella Garcia	Julissa Lopez	Julie Phin	Mohammed Seck
Eduardo Garcia	Mozart Louis	Sheila Pho	Victoria Siharath
Kevin Garcia	Luis Macotela	Prinyavong Phongsavan	Belinda Sloan
Mariela Garcia	Darny Mao	Guy-maly Pierre	Natalie Smith
Carlos Giron	Marcos Martinez	Argenis Placencia	Jennifer Solares
Katherine Giron	Crisanta Martins	Sierra Pope	Sheila Solarez
Randy Gomez	Timothy McPartlen	Jalill Prince	Prachack Sonevong
Steven Gomez	Massiel Mejia	Sethbonnyem Quire	Giselle Soto
Angelica Gonzalez	Brandon Melgar	Esther Quiroz	Kelmary Soto
Aidee Guerrero	Alicia Mello	Shakira Raman-Davies	Ashley Szewczyk
Daniel Guerrero	Tiffany Mencos	Felix Ramirez	Wilfredo Tangui
Jeraldin Guerrero	Sebastian Mercado	Jarixa Ramirez	Allen Tat
Clary Guzman	Yomaira Messon	David Ramos	Amy Te
Amanda Harvey	Aalyssa Moore	Tulissa Reeves	William Thao
Gerson Hernandez	Joshua Moore	Joshua Renaud	Joshua Tolentino
Haroni Hernandez	Sarah Morales	Jalitz Reyes	Brianna Torchon
Giancarlo Herrera	Rayven Moreland	Lauren Rochefort	Jose Torres
Malvin Herrera	Jennifer Moscoso	Aleisa Rodriguez	Rosaliz Torres
Melissa Hidalgo	Kayla Mousseau	Orlando Rodriguez	April Tout
Jhavel Higgins	Nestor Munoz	Rosemely Rodriguez	Kristen Treganowan
Jimmy Hiraldo	Matricial Nathan	Billy Roenun	Nathan Vang
Michael Holman	Jackeline Nerio	Zoe Rogers	Stacy Vang
Tanaiya Jefferies	Vanessa Nieves	Adrian Rojas	Evelyn Vargas
Wilsander Jimenez	Beatriz Noriega	Chavelin Romero	Tanisha Vazquez
Nicole Johnson	Darla Norkham	Joel Roque	Henry Velasquez
Brittany Jordan	Devin Northup	Carly Rosas	Jason Ventura
Arnold Kachittavong	Ayomide Olugbemi	Todd Ruffin	Steven Ventura
Jennifer Kalbourji	Heidy Orellana	Anthony Ruiz	Tatyana Ventura
Jasmine Keo	August Packard	Melissa Saengsaisouk	Ivanna Villaman
Alecia Kingston	Cecilia Pea	Adeliris Sanabria	William Virasak
Kasandra Kubbe	Pedro Pedraza	Abner Sanchez	Zia Xiong
Gao Kue	Katherine Pena	Steven Sanchez	Kong Yang
Brianna Landry	Paola Pena	Selena Santamaria	Yer Yang
Edward Larios	Ondina Perdomo	Joshua Santiago	Ana Zabala
Debbie Lawrence	Joann Perez	Talia Santos	Kassandra Zarzuela

## Excellence in school attendance

These Crusaders had perfect school attendance during 2007-2008:

<b>High School</b>	Phyllis Sosa	Xavious Dorego	Adilson Monteiro	Chavelin Romero	Jennifer Solares
Ganiatu Afolabi	Angel Torres	Ivan Espinal	Joshua Moore	Carly Rosas	Allen Tat
James Belcher	Ashley Turner	Alaide Faria	Aalyssa Moore	Carolina Ruiz	Amado Tate
Christopher Calderon		Indigo Forbes	Alexander Neang	Amida Saenbounmy	Steve Tavares
Cindy Cesar	<b>Middle School</b>	Roxanna Francisco	Brian Nunes	Jose Sanchez	Amy Te
Richelene Cesar	Khadijah Aigoro	Yair Godinez	Ayomide Olugbemi	Elizangela Santos	Sonia Torres
Amber Charette	Faith Akinbo	Suheidy Guzman	Abdul-Lateef Orulebaja	Jasmine Santos	April Tout
Rosalinda Cruz	Oyindamola Akingbile	Teshona Hammond	Daniel Parra	Varsana Schobel	Anthony Trinidad
Marie Da Silva	Keon Andrews	Haroni Hernandez	Jessica Pawlowski	Mohammed Seck	Chantal Vieira
O'lando DelValle	Marylissa Barbosa	Edrice Jean	David Pece	Jenneh Sheriff	Yara Vinas
Kelsey Freeman	Keving Bergiste	Arnold Kachittavong	Pedro Pedraza	Jessica Sicaju	Yer Yang
Jordan Isom	Andrea Briggs	Michael Kelvey	Katherine Pena		
Samuel Joseph	Sarah Candeiaas	Brianna Landry	Rafael Perez		
Edgar Meza-Lopez	Melvin Caraballo	Carlos Lucario	Sheila Pho		
Kenneth Norman	Patrick Cardoso	Luis Macotela	Prinyavong Phongsavan		
Christian Plasse	Erika Carter	Jovany Martinez	Argenis Placencia		
Maria Pon	Qiana Carter	Cindy Martins	Kelsey Polion		
Michelle Rodrigues	Aissatou Cisse	Janazhia Matos	Santo Puello		
Carlos Rosario	Jayson Depina	Brandon Melgar	Felix Ramirez		
Gerwin Sena	Arron DesRocher	Alicia Mello	German Rodriguez		
Luz Sosa	Fazion Dingle	Thaleyska Montanez			

## News from Crusade Alumni!

Now you can find out what older Crusaders have been doing since they graduated from college. Go to [www.thecollegecrusade.org/alumninews](http://www.thecollegecrusade.org/alumninews) to read what they have to say!

## Excellence in Crusade participation

These Crusaders spent the most hours participating in our programs in 2007-2008:

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Kenneth Batista	Anthony Agudelo	Sharika Arrington	Nicholas Alves	Jessica Abel	Antonio Albizures	Santiago Alvizures
Francelly Brito	Jose Alamo	Daniela Castaneda	Katheryn Arias	Jonathan Almeida	Sidney Argueta	Antoinette Archambault
Paloma Cabral-Moreno	Oluwadamilola	Henry Chaparro	Nathan Carreno	Doreen Andrade	Rosibel Blandin	Claudia Blanco
Amilcar Da Rosa	Animashaun	Angela Collazo	Kevin Cleveland	Jackeline Cano	Dianna Bonilla	Claudia Bonilla
Eliza Diaz	Qiana Carter	Micheal Cosby	Steven Cleveland	Jessica Castaneda	Julio Cabral	Frank Daniel
Christian Hernandez	Omaira Escobar	Frank Fernandes	Kevin Donis	Raul Esquivel-Garcia	Cindy Cesar	Jonathan Daniel
Elliannah Jimenez	Rachel Feliz	Carlos Figueroa	Jose Flores	Neri Franco	Richelene Cesar	Anna Ferenc
Kassandra Jimenez	Carlos Garcia	Oscar Giron	Wilton Garcia	Amy Gonzalez	Joel Colon	Enlly Fuentes
Jennifer LePiors	Manuela Garcia	Cassandra Gomes	Frederick Gobewole	Elvis Huertas	Darmelis Cruz	Jackelin Garcia
Doris Lopez	Randy Gomez	Malvin Herrera	Natalie Gonzalez	Jaime Jaramillo	Melanie Gonzalez	Elizabeth Johnson
Rudy Martinez	Giancarlo Herrera	Carlos Lucario	Anel Jimenez	Stephanie Lopes	Abigail Hiralien	Janet Lopes
Matricial Nathan	Romer Lagrange	Adilson Monteiro	Jaquan Jones	Erika Morales	Stephanie Luiz	Jordan Lopez
Ayomide Olugbemi	Bolivar Maldonado	Edward Pena	Shaun McAuslan	Hector Paulino	Stacy Monteiro	Yessenia Nunez
Heidy Orellana	Zeyra Martinez	Jessica Recio	Jessika Morales	Bruce Reis	Raymond Nary	Alejandra Olivo
Franchesca Pena	Alicia Mello	Carissa Renshaw	Crizabell Moreno	Johana Rojas	Dominique Reid	Milena Ortiz
Chavelin Romero	Amanda Michon	Kaine Sanchez	Nathan Nunez	Joana Ruano	Stephanie SaintClair	Nisper Rivera
Yessica Santos	Stephanie Montaleza	Elizangela Santos	Ezequiel Perez	Sofia Silva	Jefferson Samayoa	Charles Rodriguez
Anthony Townsend	Shade Olowookere	Mohammed Seck	Olga Roson	Bonnie Sirois	Claritza Tejeda	Franchesca Sevigny
Genesis Trinidad	Dulce Quezada	Donnie Shannon	Jeirel Ruiz	Fernando Terrero	Rumaldo Urizar	Adilson Silva
Ana Zabala	Rafael Sanchez	India Young	Alexander Tecun	Kayla Trenteseaux	Lillian Velasco	Alexander Zorrilla

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