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
February 7, 28
March 14, 21, 28
April 4, 25
May 9, 16, 30
June 6
Sign up soon and fulfill your 10-hour requirement.
2008 College Crusade All-Stars, continued

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

Richelle 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

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 Bouakhaisht
- Natali Burdile
- Savannah Burns
- Elta Calcano
- Christopher Calderon
- Yocasta Calzadilla
- Cindy Cesar
- Richelle Cesar
- Kevin Chin
- Sotheavy Chin
- 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 Goodson
- Jessica Guerrero
- Jeffrey Handrich
- Joshua Hernandez
- Shirley Hernandez
- Abigail Hiralien
- Gemina 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
- Lizzandra Robles
- Luis Rodriguez
- Ramon Rodriguez
- Astrid Ruano
- Joniel Santana
- William Sarmiento
- Gerwin Sena

**Middle School**
- Patricia Silverio
- Luz Sosa
- Phyllis Sosa
- Daylin Sucuqui
- Liceolot Suriel
- Stephanie Taveras
- Nidha Thadavong
- Sophiea Thuong
- Andrea Vaca
- Julimar Vega
- Jennifer Ventura

**Favorites**

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Alicia Mello
Grade 8, Woonsocket High 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.”

Excellence in academics

These Crusaders had perfect school attendance during 2007-2008:

High School
Ganiatu Afolabi
James Belcher
Christopher Calderon
Cindy Cesar
Richelene Cesar
Amber Charette
Rosalinda Cruz
Marie Da Silva
O’Lando DelValle
Kelsey Freeman
Jordan Ison
Samuel Joseph
Edgar Meza-Lopez
Kenneth Norman
Christian Plasse
Maria Pon
Michelle Rodrigues
Carlos Rosario
Gervin Sena
Luz Sosa
Phyllis Sosa
Angel Torres
Ashley Turner

Middle School
Khadijah Algore
Faith Akinbo
Oyindamola Akingbile
Keon Andrews
Marylissa Barbosa
Keving Bergiste
Andrea Briggs
Sarah Candeias
Melvin Caraballo
Patrick Cardoso
Erika Carter
Qiana Carter
Aissatou Cisse
Jayson Depina
Arron DesRocher
Fazion Dingle

Xavious Dorego
Ivan Espinal
Alaide Faria
Indigo Forbes
Roxanna Francisco
Yair Godinez
Suheidy Guzman
Teshona Hammond
Haroni Hernandez
Edrice Jean
Arnold Kachittavong
Michael Kelvey
Brian Landry
Carlos Lucario
Luis Macotela
Joany Martinez
Cindy Martins
Janazha Matos
Brandon Meglar
Alicia Mello
Thaleyska Montanez
Indigo Forbes
Ty-eshal Forbes
Coleena Foster
Julia Franco
Anais Frias
Daniella Garcia
Eduardo Garcia
Kevin Garcia
Mariela Garcia
Carlos Giron
Katherine Giron
Randy Gomez
Steven Gomez
Angelica Gonzalez
Aidee Guerrero
Daniel Guerrero
Jeraldin Guerrero
Clary Guzman
Amanda Harvey
Gerson Hernandez
Haroni Hernandez
Giancarlo Herrera
Melvin Herrera
Mishaela Hidalgo
Jhavel Higgins
Jimmy Hiraldo
Michael Holman
Tanaya Jefferies
Wilsander Jimenez
Nicole Johnson
Brittany Jordan
Arnold Kachittavong
Jennifer Kalbourji
Jasmine Keo
Alecia Kingston
Kasandra Kubbe
Gao Xue
Brianandra Landry
Edward Larios
Debbie Lawrence
Nancy Lee
Jennifer LePiors
Brianra Lopes
Anabel Lopez
Doris Lopez
Juliisa Lopez
Mozart Louis
Luis Macotela
Darno Mayo
Marcos Martinez
Crisanta Martins
Timothy McPartlen
Massiel Mejia
Brandon Melgar
Alicia Mello
Tiffany Mencos
Sebastian Mercado
Yomaira Messon
Aylsysa Moore
Joshua Moore
Sarah Morales
Rayven Moreland
Jennifer Moscoso
Kayla Mousseau
Nestor Munoz
Matricil Nathan
Jackeline Neria
Vanessa Nieves
Beatriz Noriega
Dalr Norkham
Devon Northup
Ayomide Olugbemi
Heidy Orellana
August Packard
Cecial Pea
Pedro Pedraza
Katherine Pena
Paola Pena
Fenny Perdomo
Joan Perez
Jyamee Perez
Lisellenys Perez
Rafael Perez
Ta’Naeshia Perry
Aliyah Phin
Julie Phin
Sheila Pho
Prinyavong Phongsavan
Guy-maly Pierre
Argenis Placencia
Sierra Pope
Jailil Prince
Setbonyem Quire
Esther Quiroz
Shakira Raman-Davies
Felix Ramirez
Jarisa Ramirez
David Ramos
Tulissa Reyes
Joshua Renaud
Jailiza Reyes
Lauren Rochefort
Aleisa Rodriguez
Orlando Rodriguez
Rosemary Rodriguez
Billy Roeun
Zoe Rogers
Adrian Rojas
Chavelin Romero
Joel Roque
Carly Rosas
Todd Ruffin
Anthony Ruiz
Melisa Saengsaisouk
Adeliris Sanabria
Abner Sanchez
Steven Sanchez
Selena Santamaria
Joshua Santiago
Talia Santos
Tania Santos
Yessica Santos
Deborah Sareth
Kimberly Savinon
Varsana Schobel
Mohammed Seck
Victoria Siharath
Belinda Sloan
Natalie Smith
Jennifer Solares
Sheila Solarez
Prachak Sonevong
Giselle Soto
Kemayr Soto
Ashley Szweczyk
Wilfredo Tangu
Allen Tat
Amy Te
William Thao
Joshua Tolentino
Brittiana Torchon
Jose Torres
Rosaliz Torres
April Tout
Krisst Tregowan
Nathan Vang
Stacy Vang
Evelyn Vargas
Tanisha Vazquez
Henry Velasquez
Jason Ventura
Steven Ventura
Tatyana Ventura
Ivanna Villamam
William Virasak
Zia Xiong
Kong Yang
Yer Yang
Ana Zabala
Kassandra Zarzuela

Excellence in school attendance

These Crusaders had perfect school attendance during 2007-2008:
Excellence in Crusade participation

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

Grade 6
- Kenneth Batista
- Francely Brito
- Paloma Cabral-Moreno
- Amilcar Da Rosa
- Eliza Diaz
- Christian Hernandez
- Ellianneh Jimenez
- Kassandra Jimenez
- Jennifer LePiors
- Doris Lopez
- Rudy Martinez
- Matricial Nathan
- Ayomide Olugbemi
- Heidy Orellana
- Franchesca Pena
- Chavelin Romero
- Yessica Santos
- Anthony Townsend
- Genesis Trinidad
- Ana Zabala

Grade 7
- Anthony Agudelo
- Jose Alamo
- Oluwadamilola Animashaun
- Qiana Carter
- Omaira Escobar
- Rachel Feliz
- Carlos Garcia
- Randy Gomez
- Giancarlo Herrera
- Romer Lagrange
- Bolivar Maldonado
- Zeyra Martinez
- Alicia Mello
- Amanda Michon
- Stephanie Montaleza
- Shade Olowookere
- Dulce Quezada
- Rafael Sanchez
- Carlos Velazquez

Grade 8
- Shanika Arrington
- Daniela Castaneda
- Henry Chaparro
- Angela Collazo
- Micheal Cosby
- Frank Fernandes
- Carlos Figueroa
- Oscar Giron
- Cassandra Gomes
- Malvin Herrera
- Carlos Lucario
- Adisson Monteiro
- Edward Pena
- Jessica Recio
- Carissa Renshaw
- Kaine Sanchez
- Elizangelia Santos
- Mohammed Seck
- Donnie Shannon
- India Young

Grade 9
- Nicholas Alves
- Kathryn Arias
- Nathan Carreno
- Kevin Cleveland
- Steven Cleveland
- Kevin Donis
- Jose Flores
- Wilton Garcia
- Frederick Gobewole
- Natalie Gonzalez
- Anel Jimenez
- Jaquan Jones
- Shaun McAuslan
- Jessika Morales
- Crizabelle Moreno
- Nathan Nunez
- Ezequiel Perez
- Olga Roson
- Jerel Ruiz
- Alexander Tecun

Grade 10
- Jessica Abel
- Jonathan Almeida
- Doreen Andrade
- Jackeline Cano
- Jessica Castaneda
- Raul Esquivel-Garcia
- Neri Franco
- Amy Gonzalez
- Elvis Huertas
- Jaime Jaramillo
- Stephanie Lopes
- Erika Morales
- Hector Paulino
- Bruce Reis
- Johana Rojas
- Joana Ruano
- Sofia Silva
- Bonnie Sirois
- Fernando Terrero
- Kayla Trenteseaux

Grade 11
- Antonio Albizures
- Sidney Argueta
- Rosibel Blandin
- Dianna Bonilla
- Cindy Cesar
- Richelene Cesar
- Joel Colon
- Darmelis Cruz
- Melanie Gonzalez
- Abigail Hiralen
- Stephanie Luiz
- Stacy Monteiro
- Raymond Nary
- Dominique Reid
- Stephanie SaintClair
- Jefferson Samayoa
- Claritza Tejeda
- Rumaldo Urizar
- Lillian Velasco

Grade 12
- Santiago Alvizures
- Antoinette Archambault
- Claudia Blanco
- Claudia Bonilla
- Frank Daniel
- Jonathan Daniel
- Anna Ferenc
- Emily Fuentes
- Jackelin Garcia
- Elizabeth Johnson
- Janet Lopes
- Jordan Lopez
- Yessenia Nunez
- Alejandra Olivo
- Milena Ortiz
- Nisper Rivera
- Charles Rodriguez
- Francesca Sevigny
- Addison Silva
- Alexander Zorrilla

Please keep us notified

Have you changed your address or phone number, or have you changed schools? Call (401) 854-5500 to let us know.