

CruNews

Happy 20th to The College Crusade! Crusaders celebrate at the State House in June



Pictured at the RI State House above from left are: (front row) Middle School Advisor **Kristina Moyet, Nathan Nunez, Jackeline Escolastico, Tempestt Spivey, Thony Greene, Syediah Soko, Lawrence Reed, Kenny Recio**, High School Advisor **Kalomo T. Vanterpool, Jexi Gutierrez**; (back row) **Dr. Warren Simmons, Stuart Yarlas, Paul Moran, Dr. Irving Schneider, Saikon Gbehan, CEO Todd Flaherty, Gov. Donald Carcieri, Commissioner Ray Di Pasquale, Sen. Harold Metts, Rep. Joseph Almeida.**

**Inspire.
Support.
Believe.**

Governor Donald L. Carcieri helped us celebrate the 20th anniversary of The College Crusade of Rhode Island at the Rhode Island State House on June 2. More than a hundred middle school and high school Crusaders joined in! The Governor and other honored guests offered their congratulations to you and to every other Crusader for recognizing the importance of education and for working hard to prepare for college.

As a Crusader, you are part of something big. More than 17,000 Rhode Island students have participated in the Crusade over the past 20 years, and Crusaders have received over \$22 million in college scholarships. Many dedicated staff members, funders, and friends have contributed their time and talent because they believe in you and want to help you achieve your best. Remember: We are behind you all the way. You can do it!

Thank You:

Many thanks to these funders for their recent support: TG, Bank of America, Verizon, Newport Coffee Traders.

Inside:

Lots of names of Crusaders who participated in academic and career programs this summer.

On the web:

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Focus on media literacy

Crusade alumnus **Victor Omoayo** taught in our Media Literacy program this summer! Victor has a B.A. in Journalism from the University of Rhode Island and an M.A. in Visual Media Arts from Emerson College. With him are high school Crusaders **Ranishia Jordan, Yer Yang, Sesamuel Batista, Ivan Parenteau, and Anyi Montalvo.**



A message from the President

Dear Crusaders and families,

As the new school year begins, remember how important it is to get off to a fresh start! This is a great opportunity to develop the right attitudes that will lead to success in school. Establishing good study habits and discipline is an essential part of achieving at the highest levels of learning. When you have a quiet place to study and you do your homework every day, you give yourself a better chance of doing well in your classes.

There are very good reasons for you to set high goals for yourself as a student. If you reach high and work hard, you can accomplish a lot. Achieving high goals will help you be ready for college after graduation. It will also prepare you to take steps toward a great career in the future.

So, what can you do? Decide now that you will try to get better grades than you did last year. Take advantage of every opportunity for academic support and skills building to develop your own strategies for higher academic achievement. If you do all this, you can make your goal of college admission a reality.

Sincerely yours,

Todd D. Flaherty
President & CEO

Middle school Newsbytes:

Middle school Crusaders in 14 different schools are participating in the Junior Achievement **Economics for Success** program this fall. A new writing workshop called **The Write Stuff** has started up at Saturday Cru Club.



8th graders are tops in participation for 2010

McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket was the place to be on August 7. We honored 24 graduating 8th graders who had the highest participation in Crusade programs in their schools. **CEO Todd Flaherty** congratulated everyone in attendance and presented each Crusader with a certificate of accomplishment. The College Crusade's top 8th graders for 2010 are:

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| Jacqueline Aguilera | Daniella Garcia |
| Jason Aguilera | Kayla Hazard |
| Ivy Barclay | Christian Hernandez |
| Kenneth Batista | Doris Lopez |
| Juan Bravo | Vanessa Nieves |
| Francelly Brito | Ayomide Olugbemi |
| Raven Cannon | Keira Pierre |
| Estefania Clavijo | David Roberts |
| Rolando Clavijo | Chavelin Romero |
| Amilcar DaRosa | Estelle Tapia |
| Heckerly Flores | Ana Zabala |
| Henry Flores | Kassandra Zarzuela |



In August, this crew of middle school Crusaders took a quick break from CAAP for a photo on the front steps of Roger Williams Middle School!

Crime investigators on the scene

Thirty middle school Crusaders participated in a three-week program at Wheeler Summer Camp in Providence, which featured a weeklong unit on forensic science. They learned fingerprinting, blood typing, fiber analysis, and other forensics techniques. They analyzed a mysterious crime scene and produced a movie based on what they discovered. They worked with ratios and other mathematics for forensics. They also read and discussed the novel *Before We Were Free* by Julia Alvarez. After all that, they braved the high ropes and zip line at Wheeler Farm. Congratulations to all the Crusaders who completed this challenging course! They are:

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| Muriel Brito | David Johnson |
| Dallas Bullard | Lony Martinez |
| Kimberley Caballero | Chris Miranda |
| Shaniqua Cannal | Crystian Morroquin |
| Jasmin Cantera | Esther Olugbusi |
| Kayla Cardoso | Gisselle Orellana |
| Jose Castro | Passion Pereira |
| Martin Cephas | Kassielle Ramos |
| Luisa DaSilva | Miguel Rodriguez |
| Yarisa Diaz | James Somdee |
| Rute Gidey | Kazandra Taysavang |
| McKayley Gomez | Alejandro Vargas |
| Nathan Gyampo | Leslie Velasquez |
| Aura Hernandez | Alexis Wierzbicki |
| Daniel Jimenez | Sebastian Yidana |

Hot studies for high school

High school Crusaders dove into academics and career exploration this summer. Some Crusaders spent an intensive three-day weekend in residence on the Johnson & Wales University campus, exploring what it's like to work in business, culinary arts, hospitality, and technology careers. Some attended Brown University Summer High School for the entire month of July, engaging in coursework and discussion groups across a wide range of subjects. And many participated in The College Crusade's two-week writing program in Media Literacy, where they learned to analyze a broad spectrum of media messages and collaborated on small-group presentations. Congratulations to everyone for your achievements!

Johnson & Wales University Career Explorations

Valerie Arce	Haide Munoz
Jessica Blandin	Skye Nina
Celia Cabrera	Josefa Nix
Alexandra Castillo	Yaranys Nunez
Tiffany Darosa	Marilenis Perez
Julia Franco	Audra Rabator
Juliana Franco	Kevin Ramos
Carolina Gomez	Jalitz Reyes
Pamela Halloway	Adeliris Sanabria
Dominic Morgado	Jasmine Washington

Brown Summer High School

Caroline Akiode	Ivette Oyola
Monica Almonte	Marilenis Perez
Noe Cabrera	Yaritza Quezada
Elta Calcano	Kevin Ramos
Christian Escobar	Jeirel Ruiz
Tayleen Fonseca	Ndailor Sheriff
Thony Greene	Deborah Sareth
Catherine Lantigua	Kevin Vega
Anabel Lopez	James Xiong
Julia Lopez	



High school Crusaders participating in Crusade Summer Experience 2010 got to know all the important features of the Roger Williams University campus. Pictured here with the school's bronze statue of Roger Williams are **Prince Cosme, Zeyra Martinez, Elisabeth Perez, Ashley Tavares, Jenna Ayala, Giancarlo Herrera, Daniel Cullen, and Cassandra Bergeron.**

Writing Program in Media Literacy

Rosangie Baez	Francesca Pena
Sesamuel Batista	Katherine Pena
Juan Bravo	Antonio Quinones
Francelly Brito	David Ramos
Luis Carrillo	Anthony Rezendes
ShayQuan Collins	Carlos Romero
Astrid Cruz	Jose Ruaro
Shanik Cruz	Abner Sanchez
Roxanna Francisco	Victoria Severino
Anais Frias	Belinda Sloan
Joely Garcia	Darelle Speaks
Cathy Gutierrez	Leslie Tallo
Ranishia Jordan	Amado Tate
Elmer Lopez	Jasmine Torres
Crisanta Martins	Rosina Turner
Darling Melgar	Brianna Vega
Edgar Meza-Lopez	Yer Yang
Anyi Montalvo	
Christian Orellana	
Ivan Parenteau	
Anicel Paulino	
Ernesto Pena	



In her project for Media Literacy, **Rosina Turner** (right) created a concept and poster for a product called the Hero, a solar-powered multi-function phone and wrist-watch, with Sonic the Hedgehog as her spokesperson!



Alumni Speak: Advice for Seniors

Derrin Almada '05

East Providence High School

Graduated from: University of Rhode Island, 2009.

Degree: Business Administration. **Currently:** Pursuing a law degree at Suffolk University Law School.

Advice for Crusaders applying to college: "Do the necessary research into the program you wish to study and the value of the degree you want to pursue. Start by educating yourself on the type of financial commitment you are about to undertake. A college degree is merely a door to opportunity, not a guarantee of success. It takes the personal drive of the individual to work for the type of success that a degree can afford them. The best thing about my college experience was the intellectual debates that arose from intelligent minds in many of my classes in economics and business."

Danielle Castonguay '02
Woonsocket High School

Graduated from: Salve Regina University, 2006.

Degree: Elementary & Special Education. **Currently:** Teaching first grade in Concord, N.H. Also: Pursuing a master's degree in interdisciplinary curriculum at New England College.

Advice for Crusaders applying to college: "Be ready to make school your first priority and be ready for a challenge. If there is something you need your professors to explain, ask questions right away. Take advantage of all that you can learn. The best thing about my college experience was knowing that I accomplished my goal. All I wanted growing up was to go to college, change the cycle in my family, and help other children realize their dreams can come true, regardless of where they are from or what they have been through."

High school Newsbytes:

The first ever College Crusade **Robotics Club** is hard at work building their robot for statewide competition in February! The team advisor is **Dr. Jerry Daniels**, associate professor of engineering at Brown University. **College visits** for high school Crusaders start in November, so watch your mail and be sure to sign up!



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Crusaders take the Bridge to Success

High school Crusaders who attended the 2010 Bridge to Success Summer Institute spent 10 days living on the campus of Roger Williams University! It was a real college experience that included academics, SAT preparation, workshops, and field trips. Congratulations to:

More than 90 high school Crusaders also participated in our Choices program at Brown University this summer. In weeklong interactive workshops, they learned firsthand how the choices they make today can have a huge influence on their lives in the future.

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| Valerie Arce | Amaury Fernandez | Alexander Lebron | Zoe Rogers |
| Gloria Archila | Julia Franco | Tiffany Mencos | Amanda Salazar |
| Massiell Arias | Mariah Franco | Teeravuth Nokeo | Mohammed Seck |
| Marylissa Barbosa | Carolina Gomez | Paula Noriega | Syediah Soko |
| Kitzler Bissereth | Jexi Gutierrez | Nathan Nunez | Valerie Tangui |
| Daniela Castaneda | Joel Gutierrez | Yarany Nunez | Stephanie Taveras |
| Kevin Chhin | Malvin Herrera | Joslyn Olivares | Yer Vang |
| Robert Cruz | Pablo Jimenez | Steven Ortiz | Jennifer Ventura |
| Stephanie Estrada | Jeffrey Leak | | |

