It’s Crusade Family Academy!

New workshops start this fall – and you are invited

➤ What is Crusade Family Academy?
Family Academy is an educational program that is specially designed for families of Crusaders. It offers a forum in which families can learn from others, teach others, and feel proud of the strong academic and emotional support they are able to give to their children.

➤ How will Family Academy help me support my child in school?
In our customized workshops, you will learn how to help your child take the steps necessary to move successfully through middle school and high school and to stay on the path to college. Our goal is to support you so you can support your child.

➤ What kinds of workshops can I participate in?
Family Academy workshops offer something for everyone! For example, you can learn how to help your child with math homework, even if you were never any good at it yourself. You can find out how to be an effective advocate for your child in his or her school. You can get tips on how to help your child transition into a new grade or a new school, discover the ins and outs of college financial aid, and learn so much more. We even arrange college visits for the whole family!

➤ Are Crusade families required to attend workshops?
The more that you and your child participate in College Crusade programs, the more success you both will experience. At present, families of middle school Crusaders must attend at least two Family Academy workshops per year in order for their child to qualify for the maximum amount of Crusade scholarship support.

➤ How do I sign up?
Get started today by calling our Family Engagement Coordinator at (401) 519-0210. Or send an email to family@thecollegecrusade.org. View a list of upcoming workshops on our website at www.thecollegecrusade.org/familyworkshops.

Below, middle school Crusaders in our 2011 Summer CAAP program get ready for a group challenge. See inside for our Summer CAAP scrapbook!
Middle school Crusaders...
Did you take the Summer CAAP adventure?

Dear Crusade parents,

As another school year starts, I want to remind you how important your role is as the parent of a Crusader. Your encouragement and support make a huge difference in how well your child does in school.

Be consistent in supporting your child’s school experience. Try making a family calendar so you can help your child keep track of Crusade activities. Structure your child’s schedule so that he or she has enough time to do homework.

And remember: When it comes to college readiness, participation is everything! From years of working with Crusaders, we know that the more they participate in our programs, the more likely they are to graduate from high school and go on to higher education. This is true for your child also. The more your child participates in Crusade programs, the better his or her chances are for educational success.

We want your child to succeed. And so do you! So encourage your child to participate fully as a Crusader.

Sincerely yours,

President & CEO

Middle school Newsbytes:
Seventh-grade Crusaders are participating in an exciting new program at New England Institute of Technology this fall called Taking Flight with Science & Math. They will learn all about aviation science and even build and fly their own model planes!

A message from the President

107 middle school Crusaders participated in our 2011 Summer CAAP program this year! The team-building and problem-solving skills they learned will help them throughout their school careers.

Below, Jaden Brown and Jose Toribio point out one of their destinations along a group hike through Purgatory Chasm. At right is Alize Montesino.

(All CAAP photos by Rich Norris)

Above, Enajia Penn, Kennia Castillo, and Thalis Cores pose with Crusade Advisor Ama Akoto. At left is Christopher Rodriguez.

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High school: A superior summer

High school Crusaders had many opportunities to keep learning over the summer – and dozens of you took advantage of every possible minute! If your name is on a list below, you completed one of our academic, career, or campus-based programs during summer 2011. Congratulations on your strong participation!

Johnson & Wales University Career Explorations

Isha Abreu
Kinverly Dicupe
Juliana Franco
Catherine Lantigua
Julia Lopez
David Matos
Dayana Mercado
Sebastian Mercado
Eunice Meus
Kayla Mousseau
Teeravuth Nokeo
Keviin Perez

Brown Summer High School

Henry Aboh
Andhonny Alvarez
Cheila Avalo
Muriel Brito
Ryesha Brown
Steven Cruz
Jaritsa De
Joana Delva
Alexander Lebron
Crisanta Martins
Tahirih Montes
Tatiana Onesyvieng
Waleske Osoria
Lilliana Pimentel
Debbie Rosso
Sissy Rosso
Jazel Rubio
Laureanne Santana
Ndailor Sheriff
Victoria Siharath
Monique Taylor
Kenny Torres
Jasmin Vargas
Ana Zabala

Summer Algebra Camp

Ranajah Alston
Maria Alvarez
Oluwatoyin Ani-mshaun
Tyler Applegate
Derrick Baez
Gerelle Carter
Martin Cephas
Alainis Concepcion
Eliezer Estevez
Gustavo Gomez
Pedro Gonzalez
Ambar Goris
Nathan Gyango
Quadilia Hull
Victoria Jennings
Josue Malvoisin
Wila Matos
Wesley Mede
Alvaro Morales
Melissa Ortiz
Jefferson Panadero
Pablo Perez
Roberto Pichardo
Guillaume Pierre
Cesar Reynoso
Wilmer Rodriguez
Naomi Rodriguez
Leonardo Roson
Etebom Samuel
James Somdee
Claudia Tavares
Evelyn Torres
Francis Valenzuela
Alexis Wierzbicki
Alston Wolo
Stephen Young

Writing Program in Media Literacy

Sesamuel Batista
Iesha Blamo
Steven Cruz
Odina Ellis
Maximiliano Franco
Gerson Hernandez
Edrice Jean-Louis
Komotay Koffie
Kendra Monzon
Ronny Reyes
Anthony Rezendes
Wilfredo Tangu
Amado Tate
Jasmine Torres

A note to parents: To complete a Crusade program, high school Crusaders must attend 80% of the program’s total hours. Thank you for encouraging your child's attendance!

High school Newsbytes:

The College Crusade Robotics Club is recruiting new members! They are already at work preparing for their second year of statewide competition in February. The team advisor is Dr. Jerry Daniels, associate professor of engineering at Brown University. Are you good at math and science? Here’s your chance to get involved with Sticky the Robot. For more info, call Maria Carvalho at (401) 854-5506 ext 108.

Pine Manor College Leadership Conference

Caroline Akiode
Lailoni Clear
Astrid Cruz
Massiel Mejia
Dayana Mercado
Eunice Meus
Felicia Newkirk
Yaranys Nunez
Sarah Ogundare
Katherine Salazar
Natalie Salgado
Jacqueline Sequen
Jessica Xiong
Congrats to the middle school Crusaders who completed the 3-week Wheeler Summer Program 2011:

(Photo by Kristina Moyet)

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.