

## Crusade honor roll

### *Hard-working students achieve high grades*

Congratulations to the following Crusaders for making the honor roll in their schools for the first and second quarters of the 2007-2008 school year:

#### **High school**

Jessica Abel  
Sara Acosta  
Ganiatu Afolabi  
Hannah Alegbeleye  
Laura Angulo  
Wilder Arboleda  
Katheryn Arias  
Christina Bartley  
Juliana Beltran  
Ariadna Benitez  
Kayla Benoit  
Valerine Biascochea  
Jessica Blandin  
Rosibel Blandin  
AnnaMaria Borbas  
Jimmy Bouakhasith  
Julio Cabral  
Christopher Calderon  
Jackeline Cano  
Paola Cano  
Jay-Juan Carter  
Jessica Castaneda  
Cindy Cesar  
Raul Chacon  
Amber Charette  
Marina Chek  
Kevin Chhin  
Jesse Colomba  
Veronica Concepcion  
Danielle Da Cruz  
Kimberly Delande  
Ashley Delgado  
Chelsea Delgado  
Andersen Deossa  
Leslie Dominguez  
Kevin Donis  
Jordan Dubois  
Leticia Escotto  
Brian Estrada  
Bryant Estrada

#### **Middle school**

Lexianna Abney  
Jasyn Agin  
Anthony Agudelo  
Khadijah Aigoro  
Elizabeth Akindolie  
Oyindamola Akingbile  
Caroline Akiode  
Monica Almonte  
Emely Baez  
James Baez  
Marylissa Barbosa  
Jessie Barrios  
Maria Barrios  
Santiago Beltran  
Keving Bergiste  
Alondra Berrios  
Kayla Bourbonniere  
Princess Brapoh  
Harmoni Buxton  
Kayla Camara  
Kurtlin Candelario-Harmon  
Darlene Cante  
Qiana Carter  
Ana Castillo  
Katherine Chacon  
Sheily Chanax  
Montha Chao  
Katrisha Charpentier  
Lenny Chroek  
Joham Colon  
Rishelly Colon  
Elia Compean  
Tyneil Cooper  
Kerri Coppinger  
Devon Cournayer  
Amilcar Da Rosa  
Ashley DaLomba  
Kelley Diaz  
Caithlin Diggins  
Carlenne Duran



### *Winter scrapbook*

Crusaders kept their college plans warm all winter with College Crusade activities after school, on Saturday, and over school vacation. We hope you participated! See our winter scrapbook inside for photos of you and your friends!

### *Reading riot*

Over 200 middle school Crusaders received certificates for participating in our summer literacy program last year. They all read two books and wrote a book report on each one. If you're going into 7th or 8th grade, you'll be getting our summer book list soon. Pick two from our list or choose your own. Here's your chance to rate the books you read and recommend them to your friends!

All Crusaders who made first and second quarter honors were awarded a certificate and an honor roll pin! This summer we'll announce the third and fourth semester honor roll and the **Crusader Recognition Awards** for achievement in academics, school attendance, and program participation!

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#### **Thank You:**

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#### **Inside:**

More honor roll achievers and Crusader photos.

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

It's never too early to make a plan! Start by checking our college planning tips for high school Crusaders. Go to [www.thecollegecrusade.org](http://www.thecollegecrusade.org) and click on High School. Then click on College Planning.



## A message from the President, Mary Harrison

Dear Crusaders and Families,

Did you know that your membership in The College Crusade is a special privilege? Participating in Crusade programs and spending time with your Advisor can make a big difference in your life. When you get involved and stay involved, you have a better chance of graduating high school on time and going right to college.

Remember, education is the key to getting a job you love. If you work hard and take advantage of what we have to offer, you can become a very successful person.

Summer is coming soon! We have many exciting programs planned for you, so make sure you sign up. All our programs offer you the opportunity to have fun with other Crusaders, to explore new activities and learn new skills, and to get ready for college. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely yours,

*Mary S. Harrison*

## Middle school Crusaders: Save these dates!

**Crusade Adventure & Academic Program (CAAP) –**

July 7-18, July 21-August 1, and August 4-15

**Wheeler Summer Camp –**

July 7-25



Top left: Middle school Crusaders work on their writing during Saturday Cru Club. Middle left: **Elvis Artigas** and **Zada Harrell** learn about radio broadcasting from **Roberto Gonzalez** at Exchange City. Bottom left: **Melissa Roberts** and **Karina Santos**, members of the Middle School Crusade Advisory Board, share ideas. Top right: **Christian Ruano**, **Carlos Lucario**, and **Kevin Gil** enjoy a chilly football game during a campus visit to URI.

## Middle school honor roll, from page 1

Christian Escobar

Omaira Escobar

Brittney Esquilin

Cristian Estrada

Ryan Fabian

Melanie Fanion

Rachel Feliz

Katherine Fernandez

Diana Figueroa

Heckerly Flores

Julissa Flores

Tayleen Fonseca

Coleena Foster

Julia Franco

Anais Frias

Daniella Garcia

Eduardo Garcia

Jazmine Garcia

Kevin Garcia

Mariela Garcia

Katherine Giron

Cassandra Gomes

Soraya Gomes

Randy Gomez

Steven Gomez

Angelica Gonzalez

Richard Gramstorff

Aidee Guerrero

Daniel Guerrero

Clary Guzman

Amanda Harvey

Katherine Henao

Christian Hernandez

Tanaiya Jefferies

Wilsander Jimenez

Brittany Jordan

Ranishia Jordan

Jennifer Kalbourji

Brandon Kinard

Gao Kue

Brianna Landry

Janessa Lavallee

Debbie Lawrence

Richmond Leak

Erika Lefebvre

Jennifer LePiors

Anabel Lopez

Doris Lopez

Leslie Lopez

Jailene Lozano

Brianna Lyles

Yaribel Machuca

Luis Macotela

Marcos Martinez

Zeyra Martinez

Crisanta Martins

Joshua Matthews

Imani Mays

Alicia Mello

Tiffany Mencos

Sebastian Mercado

Angelo Morel

Rayven Moreland

Shinbey Moua

Kayla Mousseau

Daniel Munoz

Nestor Munoz

Peter Murphy

Matricial Nathan

Vanessa Nieves

Darla Norkham

Elliot Nunez

Heidy Orellana

August Packard

Destinee Parenteau

Pedro Pedraza

Ondina Perdomo

Erick Perez

Jyiamein Perez

Liseleennys Perez

Rafael Perez

Thalia Perez

Ta'Naeshia Perry

Alliyah Phin

Julie Phin

Sheila Pho

Prinyavong Phongsavan

Sethbonyem Quire

Esther Quiroz

Genesis Ramirez

Jarixa Ramirez

Leslie Ramirez

Joshua Renaud

Shane Reynolds

Melissa Roberts

Lauren Rochefort

Aleisa Rodriguez

German Rodriguez

Orlando Rodriguez

Rosemely Rodriguez

Billy Roenun

Chavelin Romero

Joel Roque

Carly Rosas

Todd Ruffin

Anthony Ruiz

Melissa Saengsaisouk

Selena Santamaria

Joshua Santiago

Jasmine Santos

Karina Santos

Talia Santos

Tania Santos

Deborah Sareth

Kimberly Savinon

Varsana Schobel

Mohammed Seck

Anthony Sengsouvanh

Badiallo Sidibe

Rosa Sierra

Natalie Smith

Sheila Solarez

Giselle Soto

Kesha Soto

Allen Tat

Emily Teixeira

Dandre Thomas

Brianna Torchon

Brian Toro

Jose Torres

Rosaliz Torres

April Tout

John Trowell

Tanisha Vazquez

Carlos Velazquez

Jason Ventura

William Virasak

Zia Xiong

Yer Yang



From top left: **Amber Reyes** reads her career vision statement during Saturday Cru Club. High school Crusaders work on an assignment together during a study skills class. **Amanda Salazar, Theanys Suazo, and Rosalinda Cruz** enjoy a Saturday career workshop. **Charon Smith and Jesse Colomba** discuss a writing assignment. At Saturday Academy, **Fidel Escobar and Joshua Hernandez** review principles of geometry during a math review course taught by The Princeton Review.

## High school honor roll, from page 1

Stephanie Estrada  
Melissa Fajardo  
Michael Florentino  
Abisag Flores  
Haley Fontaine  
Shanice Fortes  
Alexander Francisco  
Michael Frost  
Astrid Gabriel  
Craig Girard  
Jessica Godinez  
Alexander Gonzalez  
Melanie Gonzalez  
Alana Goodinson  
Jessica Guerrero  
Geidy Guzman  
Shirley Hernandez  
Sophiann Higgins  
Elvis Huertas  
Jordon Isom  
Gemima Jacinthe  
Erick Jolon Jr.  
Jose Lara  
Coua Lee  
Sai Lee  
Kevin Lima  
Moris Lopez  
Veron Loxha  
Bryan Maldonado  
Bintou Marong  
Daniel Miya  
Stacy Monteiro Mendes  
Tomas Morales  
Daniela Moreno

Janine Moreno  
Hannah Mowry  
Alexander Navedo  
Alisa Nurkanovic  
Alejandra Olivo  
Ravy Ou  
Sopheak Ou  
Jacqueline Patzan  
Maria Paz  
Omar Perez  
Christian Plasse  
Luis Rodriguez  
Michelle Rodriguez  
Ramon Rodriguez  
Erlin Rogel  
Stephanie SaintClair  
Brittany Schoepfer  
Adilson Silva  
Sofia Silva  
Tiffany Sing  
Mecca Smith  
Wesna St. Vil  
Licelot Suriel  
Wojciech Suszylo  
Stephanie Tavares  
Ashley Tavares  
Claritza Tejada  
Linda Tha  
Nidda Thadavong  
Bob Thiphavong  
Jessica-Lyn Troiano  
Julimar Vega  
Jennifer Ventura  
Garrett Wilson



## Crusade Spotlight



College Crusade Advisor **Bobby Britto-Oliveira** with high school Crusader **Rodney Burgos**

Last year, eleventh-grade Crusader **Rodney Burgos** went to Roger Williams University Summer Institute and lived on campus for two weeks. All the activities they offered motivated him to get ready for college. "The experience opened his eyes to his college options," says **Bobby Britto-Oliveira**, College Crusade Advisor at William M. Davies Jr. Career Technical High School.

Rodney agrees. "I felt like a real college student," he says. "It was exciting to be there." At Davies, Rodney enjoys the challenge of electrical shop. "It makes me think," he explains. He also runs cross-country track and is a member of the RI Young Marines.

For Bobby, mentoring students like Rodney just seems natural. A former Crusader himself, he graduated from East Providence High School and then went to the University of Rhode Island. In 2006 he earned a B.A. in Secondary Education and History with a minor in African American Studies. He has worked as a counselor for Upward Bound and Summerbridge and has counseled and tutored in URI's Talent Development program.

"It's satisfying to know the difference I can make as a mentor," Bobby says. "Some students want immediate results. I help them see that real success happens over time."

### High school Crusaders: Save these dates!

**Crusade Summer Experience (CSE)** –  
July 28-August 1, August 4-8,  
and August 11-15

### Please keep us notified

Families, have you changed your address or phone number, or has your Crusader changed schools? Call (401) 854-5500 or write to [info@thecollegecrusade.org](mailto:info@thecollegecrusade.org) to let us know.

# Stepping up to high school

Over 80 eighth-grade Crusaders participated in our Step Up Conference in January! They attended workshops called "What You Need to Know About High School" and "Keepin' It Real." They also learned how to deal with bullying in school. In a workshop called "World of Work," they filled out job applications and practiced their job-interviewing skills with College Crusade Advisors acting as employers. The day got high marks from many Crusaders. Here's what some of them said:

***"This trip changed the way I look at the world and how I would act in my school."***

K.B., Times2 Academy

***"I liked this day because I learned a lot and I am more ready to go to high school and to apply for a job."***

A.F., Roger Williams Middle School

***"I loved all the workshops. They were very interesting and had cool stuff to learn and do."***

Y.E., Gilbert Stuart Middle School

***"Today was a great learning experience."***

M.H., Roger Williams Middle School

***"A fun Saturday. Better than my soccer game."***

O.G., Springfield Middle School

***"This was the best time all year."***

G.O., Nathanael Greene Middle School



Crusaders practiced job interviewing at this year's Step Up Conference. Top: **Eunice Meus** talks with College Crusade Advisor **John Cruz**. Bottom: **Leslie Tallo** and **Joel Gutierrez** get feedback from Advisors **Brandon Ramos** and **Kyle Brown**.



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