We are excited to introduce The College Crusade’s third annual 1000 Hour Club! The 1000 Hour Club honors Crusaders who have high levels of participation in our programs since sixth grade. There are 82 members in the club this year, representing a total of 20 Rhode Island high schools. Congratulations to everyone who made it! You have shown outstanding dedication and involvement as Crusaders, and your hard work has earned you a big round of applause.

Crusaders with more than 1000 hours of participation:

- Nathan Nunez, grade 12, Hope Information Technology School, 1277 hours
- Katheryn Arias, grade 12, Classical High School, 1158 hours
- Jose Flores, grade 12, Blackstone Academy, 1157 hours
- Malvin Herrera, grade 11, Central High School, 1127 hours
- Carissa Renshaw, grade 10, William M. Davies Career Technical High School, 1048 hours
- Frederick Gobewole, grade 12, Blackstone Academy, 1026 hours

See inside on page 3 for more members. To get your name on the list, sign up for programs and stay involved!

2011 college acceptances

Here are some of the schools where members of our senior graduating class of Crusaders have been accepted for next year!

American International College
Bay Path College
Bay State College
Becker College
Bentley University
Boston University
Bristol Community College
Bryant University
Butler Community College
Community College of Rhode Island
Curry College
Drexel University
Emory Riddle University
Fisher College
Fordham University
Franklin Pierce University
Johnson & Wales University
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Merrimack University
Mitchell College
Monroe College
Mount Ida College
Newbury College
New England College
See page 3 for more

Thank You:
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Inside:
More members of the new 1000 Hour Club, and photos from winter programs.

Many thanks to TG for their major support and for sponsoring this issue of CruNews!
A message from the President

Dear Crusaders,

As summer approaches, I want to encourage you to find ways to keep learning during the ten weeks you will be on vacation. Reach out to your Crusade Advisor. Take full advantage of our summer programs, plus any other programs that will help you further your personal aspirations to achieve at high academic levels as you prepare yourselves for college.

This is the time to take personal responsibility for developing the traits and habits of mind that will expand your intellectual knowledge and curiosity about the academic fields you choose. As you prepare yourselves to advance to the next grade level, envision yourself some day on a college campus, pursuing your dream as a college student in a field of your choice.

Think about what it will take to achieve that dream: the right academic course choices, extracurricular involvement, and continued attendance at College Crusade programs. Use all the resources available to you to reach out for support. Most importantly, believe in yourself that you can do it!

Have a wonderful summer!

President & CEO

Middle school Newsbytes:

Get ready to meet a lot of new Crusaders next year! We are currently recruiting hundreds of fifth-graders to join our program when they start sixth grade in the fall. They will all be at Ways to A’s this summer!

A page from our 2011 winter scrapbook!

It was a busy season of learning for Crusaders

Above, high school Crusaders who participated in the winter session of our Media Literacy writing program meet for class in the computer lab at Capeverdean American Community Development in Pawtucket. At left, taking a break from our high school Choices program in February, are Natalie Gonzalez, Jacquelyn Santos, College Crusade Advisor Shelby Maldonado, Cris-Nicole Hernandez, and Jessica Pawlowski.

At top left, middle school Crusaders Victor Baez and Cristoffer Perez work on the design of an electrical circuit during spring vacation science camp. At bottom left, Jennifer Ortiz and Samantha Vaz check their cash drawer at the Exchange City bank. At right, Keiry Colon, Angelica Castillo, Jahniya Morris, Destiny Fortes, Serena Walker, Jeripher Pascual, and Emmanuela Adusei show team spirit with College Crusade Advisor Jenniffer Rivera at the Exchange City sports shop (photo by Rich Norris).
More members of the 1000 Hour Club

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Congratulations to all the following high school Crusaders for investing your time and energy to prepare for higher education. You have accomplished a lot!

More than 750 hours of program attendance

967 Jessica Pawlowski
964 Jeirel Ruiz
964 Estefania Clavijo
945 Kaine Sanchez
914 Mohammed Seck
912 Sarah Ogundare
892 Anel Jimenez
873 India Young
860 Natalie Gonzalez
824 Elizangela Santos
817 Valerie Arce
807 Henry Flores
806 Olga Roson
803 Nathan Mensah
800 Ezequiel Perez
780 Anabel Lopez
777 Anjely Huertas
767 Rolando Clavijo

More than 500 hours of program attendance

749 Shaun McAuslan
745 Carlos Lucario
741 Natasha Gaspar
735 Kayla Trenteaux
732 Marylissa Barbosa
732 Judson Laurent
730 Joana Delva
727 Emily Teixeira
726 Nicholas Alves
711 Alexander Tecun
709 Kevin Donis
707 Ana Gomes
701 Jessika Morales
679 Crizabella Moreno
676 Eduardo Garcia
674 Oluwadamilola Animashaun
669 Yaranys Nunez
667 Rafael Sanchez
652 Jennifer Jorge
648 Oluwunmi Olatunji
644 Alexander Lebron
644 Kevin Cleveland
643 Giancarlo Herrera
632 Edward Pena
619 Lynette Hernandez
618 Claudia Mata
615 Nathan Carreno
609 Alicia Mello
599 Itati DeBarros
588 Stephanie Taveras
584 Daniela Castaneda
580 Jennifer Kalbourji
576 Sharika Arrington
572 Jaseana Cooper
568 Erika Carter
562 Amanda Salazar
561 Soraya Gomes
558 TaNaeshia Perry
558 Kitzler Bissereth
553 Emely Taveras
543 Cindy Jean
541 Carla Perez
535 Raul Chacon
535 Ayokunle Akinrimisi
530 Mariah Franco
530 Kaynisha Johnson
530 Amairany Hernandez
528 Haide Munoz
525 Catia Fernandes
523 Amilcar DaRosa
521 Malik Gomes
518 Jennifer Ventura
517 Tiffany Mencos
515 Caroline Akiode
512 Wilton Garcia
504 Melissa Roberts
504 Chavelin Romero
502 Leslie Tallo

High school Newsbytes:

Learning is cool. This summer the Crusade gives you more options than ever to explore new topics, meet new people, and stretch yourself as a person. You can try the URI Summer Academy in Green Design, or spend 10 days living on the campus of Roger Williams University. Come to our popular Choices program at Brown University, or dig into Career Explorations 2011 at JWU. Read that book your friends have been talking about. Get out and discover a new place. Be creative!

2011 college acceptances

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New England Institute of Technology
Occidental College
Pace University
Pacific Union College
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Regis College
Rhode Island College
Rob Roy Academy
Roger Williams University
St. John’s University
Salve Regina University
Southern New Hampshire University
Suffolk University
Temple University
Trinity College
Union College
University of Bridgeport
University of Connecticut
University of Maine
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
Walla Walla University
Washington Adventist University

Crusader Spotlight:
Malvin Herrera

Attends: Central High School. Finishing up: Grade 11. Favorite subject this year: Chemistry. Also likes: AP English. Current book: 1984, by George Orwell. Latest project: An essay and poster on the causes and effects of cancer. Latest accomplishments: Making the honor roll again. Helping his younger brother out. Latest challenge: Plotting graphs in precalculus. “I asked my teacher to explain it more, and now I understand it better.” Favorite Crusade program: Crusade Summer Experience. Most memorable CSE experience: Flipping over his kayak. Not on purpose. Also liked: Saturday Academy, Bridge to Success at Roger Williams University, Brown Summer High School. About my Advisors: “They give me a lot of advice. When I was in middle school, I wasn’t thinking about college. But my Advisor made me realize that I had potential and could do anything I wanted to do.” Advice for Crusaders going into high school: “Do not mess up. High school is make it or break it. Set goals and do your best.” Biggest unknown about senior year: The speed. “Once I step into the building, the year will go by fast. My friends who were seniors this year had so much to do. I know I will need to prioritize.” His priorities: “Getting my college applications done, filing my FAFSA, and graduating on time.”
Middle school Crusaders turned out in big numbers for Career Day at Bryant University in December.

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.