

Rutgers Future Scholars

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RU – Newark

Spring is in the air!

The weather is getting warmer (finally!) and we are looking forward to many events this spring and summer: our RFS Spring Project Showcase, welcoming our Cohort 6 students, our RFS Summer Program, and congratulating our first Rutgers Future Scholars graduating class! We look forward to sharing these moments with our RFS family ☺

Rutgers Future Scholars in the Community

Despite the cold weather, our scholars have been busy this winter!

RFS AND NPS Applications for our new Cohort 6 scholars were distributed to our district middle schools in January. We'd like to thank all counselors and support staff for assisting with this process! We'd like to express an extra special thank you to counselors who served on the Application Review Committee. We've received many qualified applicants and cannot wait to welcome our class of 2022 this spring!

RFS GOES TO THE CIRCUS! Scholars with perfect attendance during the fall semester of Saturday Institute were selected to participate in a field trip to the Ringling Brothers circus! Fortunately the circus was held right down the street at the Prudential Center. A great time was had by all participants!

COHORT 1 RUTGERS APPLICATION UPDATE To date, 24 scholars have been admitted to at least one Rutgers campus, and 11 have accepted their offers to enroll in the fall! Way to go Cohort 1!

COHORT 3 SCHOLAR MENTORS Our 10th grade scholars had the opportunity to speak with our scholars in 8th grade during their Team Building & Mentoring workshops. They discussed their transition to high school, college planning, and answered any questions that our Cohort 5 students asked. Thank you to our Cohort 3 Scholar Mentors!!

RFS MENTORING CIRCLE Beginning April 13, we will host an optional RFS Mentoring Circle after our Saturday Institute from 2:00PM-3:00PM. This will allow scholars and staff to establish closer mentoring relationships outside of our classroom hours, and have the chance to relax, eat pizza, play games, and chat. We can't wait to start!



RFS Tutoring Update

Our tutoring program is flourishing thanks to the commitment of our scholars and tutoring staff

The RFS tutoring program is here to help!

Tutoring Schedule - Academic Year 4:00PM-6:00PM

Mondays Bradley Hall Room 148

Tuesdays By appointment

Thursdays Bradley Hall Room 311

Saturdays By appointment

If any scholars are interested in becoming a peer tutor, please contact Mr. McKoy: mckoy@rutgers.edu

RFS Parent Committee Update

Attention all Cohort 3-5 parents! We are asking for your participation with the RFS Parent Committee!
The Parent Committee is an open forum to discuss your ideas to enhance the program experience for you & your scholars

Parent Committee Remaining Dates: Spring 2013

April 9, 2013 May 14, 2013 June 11, 2013

Meetings will be held via conference call at 6:30PM on the dates listed above. Please contact Ms. Olsen or Mr. McKoy if you are interested in participating. Thank you!

Thank you to our current Parent Committee members for assembling HSPA goodie bags for our Cohort 2 Scholars!

Cohort 1: John Lambert

Full of scholar spirit, John continues to maintain perfect attendance at RFS Institute and regularly visits the RFS office. We are extremely proud of his acceptance and decision to enroll in the Rutgers Newark School of Criminal Justice!

Cohort 2: Celeste Sanchez

Celeste has continued to show her academic strengths in our tutoring program this year. Her continued voluntary attendance in tutoring has shown her commitment to excellence. She also recently had the opportunity to showcase her artwork at William Patterson University and Essex County Hall of Records!

Cohort 3: Vanessa Dowdye

Vanessa is a triple threat: perfect attendance, great grades, and always exhibits respectful and responsible scholarly behavior. We also know that we can count on Vanessa to always attend any merit trip she is eligible for ☺ Keep up the great work!

Cohort 4: Natasha Almanzar

Natasha has had a strong transition to Arts High School this year. Her grades are awesome! Her program attendance is great and her outgoing personality always makes us smile ☺

Cohort 5: Oscar Cosme-Lopez

Oscar is a pleasure to have in our program. He is such a polite scholar with great attendance and straight A's at Park Elementary. His RFS instructors are impressed with him as well!

RFS Scholar Spotlight!



From L-R: Celeste, John, Vanessa
Not Pictured: Natasha and Oscar

RFS-Newark Straight A Scholars!

Please join us in congratulating the following scholars for earning straight A's for the second marking period of 2012-2013!

COHORT 3

Jose Dominguez

COHORT 4

Yasmim De Almeida
Alexander Rosado
Jessica Vega

COHORT 5

Klaivert Chuquirima
Oscar Cosme Lopez
Erika Dominguez
Karina Gonzalez
Joselyn Jaramillo
Shaneeza Mohammad
Adriana Noboa
Anthony Nogueira
Larissa Oliveira
Gonzalo Saavedra
Wendy Yupa



Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars!

**Scholar Academic Institute
Spring Semester 2013**
Saturdays 9:00AM - 2:00PM

**April 13, 2013
April 27, 2013
May 11, 2013
May 18, 2013**

****All schedules are available to scholars on the Portal under "Announcements"*****

Important Dates by Cohort

Cohort 1:

Rutgers Enrollment Deadline: May 1, 2013
Cohort 1 Gala: May 11, 2013
Cohort 1 Closing Ceremony: May 18, 2013

Cohort 2:

SAT: May 4 or June 1, 2013 - Must register (register by April 5, 2013)

Cohort 3:

SAT: May 4 or June 1, 2013 - Optional

Cohort 4:

No specific dates

Cohort 5:

Cohort 5 Closing Ceremony: May 11, 2013

Cohort 6:

Information Session: April 27, 2013
Welcome Session: June 14, 2013

**Scholar Summer Institute
Summer 2013**

**Monday - Thursday
8:30AM - 3:30PM
July 8 - 31, 2013**

Please see enclosed calendar for more information for your cohort and details about summer trips!

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