READY Program
Student & Alumni Newsletter

READY Student Spotlight

READY students are actively acquiring knowledge and academic enrichment through various post-secondary programs and institutions. More importantly, several of our READY students ventured outside of New Jersey to pursue their goals and dreams. Several of our READY students ventured even farther from home and explored study abroad programs to supplement their academic experience.

The opportunity to study abroad provides an experiential arena for learning. Through the study abroad experience, our students are exposed to amazing places, new languages, art, and a variety of different cultures. The experience has also allowed our students to see the world with an open mind and gain a greater understanding of other cultures.

The following READY students have participated in study abroad programs. We would like to congratulate them on their accomplishments.

Katina Ferguson—Dominican Republic      Yakeemah Hill—Jamaica
Kathy Marques—Spain                Aaliyah Rainey—Argentina
Rashad Reddick—South Africa

We are proud of our students who are able and willing to explore the world. We believe by taking these steps, we will prepare our students to become culturally competent in today’s diverse workplace.

READY Alumni

We are pleased to announce the Ready Alumni Association held their inaugural meeting on Thursday January 5, 2006.

The following alumni were elected to serve as officers:

Alejandro Echevarria—Chairman      Angela Choice—Vice-Chairman
Malika Williams—Secretary                Al-Shahim Betha—Parliamentarian

The READY Alumni Association meets once a month at Rutgers University, Bradley Hall - Room 138. All READY Alumni are invited to join the association for more information contact the READY Alumni Coordinator: Jim Oliphant.

READY News

Informing all READY students about program deadlines........

A READY student contract was implemented to provide the best service available to our READY students and to reassert our commitment to each student’s success.

REMINDER: the READY student contract is due no later than April 30, 2006 and the Release and Authorization form must be completed by all READY students and notarized by a Notary Public.

Too Much Is Given, Much is Expected! One of the READY Program’s goals has been for our students to give back to their respective communities and the tradition continues. Students must complete 16 hours of community service each year by August 15th. The READY Counselors will provide you with the community service form that must be submitted before the August deadline. The READY Program prefers that the community service activity be completed in the city of Newark. Please make sure you contact your READY Counselor for further information or if you have questions about possible community service locations.

For more information on any news or events, please see your READY Counselor or visit our website at http://afc.newark.rutgers.edu

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**READY Student Graduates**

**High School Graduates:**

- William Bonilla, Gateway High School
- Devon Boyer, Westside High School
- William Coley, Shabazz High School
- Lynette Dill, Weequahic High School
- Johanna Stallo, Arts High School
- Sierra Hunt, Centennial High School
- Jasmine Jackson, Arts High School
- Jerri Johnson, St. Benedict’s Preparatory
- Enelyn Lucca, Central High School
- Sabreen McGill, North Star Academy
- Luis Naves, Barringer High School
- Alyiah Railey, Central High School
- Miguel Santiago, Eastside High School
- Mariantonia Silva, Eastside High School

**Trade/Technical/Business School:**

- William Morales, New Community Center

**College and University Graduates:**

- Tristin Alston, William Paterson University
- Keron Piper, Rutgers University
- Alberta Brown, Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Elizabth Powell, Essex County College
- Raheedah Fuller, Montclair State University
- Khadijah Scott, Bloomfield College
- Ameerah Kemp, Bloomfield College
- Khadijah Scott, Bloomfield College
- Hakeem Lassiter, Bloomfield College
- Ebony Simpson, Kean University
- Kathy Marques, Seton Hall University
- Le-Nita Thomas, Essex County College
- Davitt Maxwell, Seton Hall University
- Malakia Thompson, Seton Hall University
- Christopher Moore, Cornell University
- Raah Waters, Seton Hall University
- Erica Moore, Georgia Tech College
- Leon Williams, Florida A&M University
- Darnitah Moultrie, Benedict College
- Tiffany Younger, Florida A&M University

**READY Student Awards Ceremony**

**SAVE THE DATE**—The READY Student Awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2006 on the Spirit of New Jersey from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Guests attending the ceremony will be required to board for the cruise luncheon at Lincoln Harbor, New Jersey at 11:30 a.m. This event will honor graduating READY students and celebrate the establishment of the READY Alumni Association. Invitations will go out May 8, 2006 with R.S.V.P. information.

**READY Leadership Retreat**

It’s time to get together and fellowship! The READY Leadership Retreat is scheduled for June 8, 2006 (Thursday) to June 10, 2006 (Saturday) at Rutgers University, New Brunswick. If you are interested in attending, please contact your READY Counselor for additional information.

**READY Program**

Please be reminded that all READY students must meet with their READY Counselor based on the following criteria:

- Student whose GPA is below 2.00 must contact their counselor every week.
- Students whose GPA is between 2.00 and 2.39 must contact their counselor four times throughout the semester.
- Students whose GPA is 2.40 and above must contact their counselor three times throughout the semester.

Meetings can be scheduled via telephone for students residing outside the immediate vicinity of Newark.

**READY Staff Office Hours**

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<td>Monday, Tuesday, &amp; Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Wednesday &amp; Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Mr. Jim Oliphant, READY Alumni Coordinator</td>
<td>Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</td>
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Note: The READY Staff are not available on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Contact Information**

- Bradley Hall, 1st Floor
- READY Program: 973-353-3553
- Administrative Unit: 973-353-3575

*“To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.”*

Anatole France