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*A journey of a thousand miles begins
with a single step...*



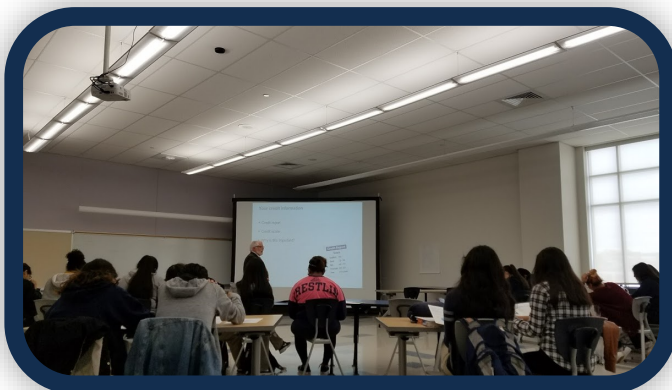
Saturday Mini Med School April 2016



BTE Kickoff September 2014



Rutgers Chemistry Lab April 2015



Financial Literacy Workshop February 2017



Expos Class March 2017

The Start of Bridge to Employment



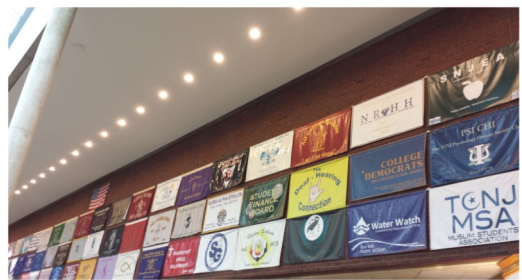
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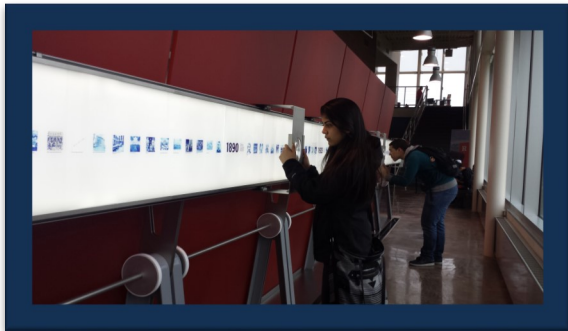
KICKOFF

September 2014

College



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Rutgers University



Princeton University

Tours



Rowan University

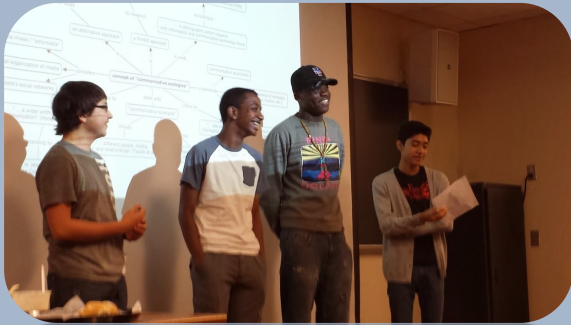


Columbia University



New York University

Sophomore



Study Skills Workshop



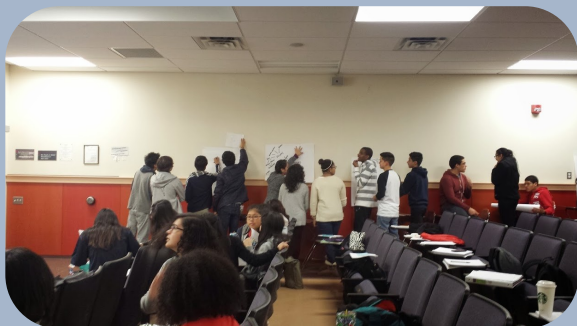
J&J Skillman Lab



Presentation Skills Workshop



Year



Note Taking Workshop



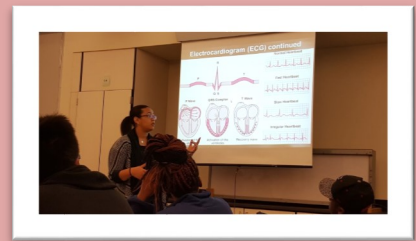
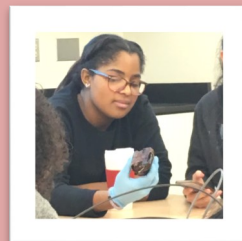
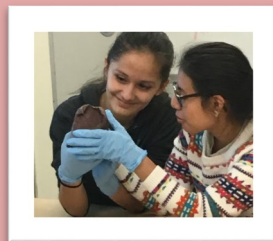
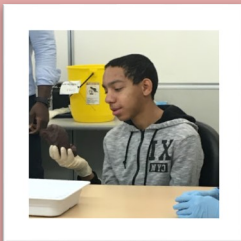
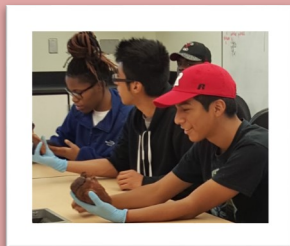
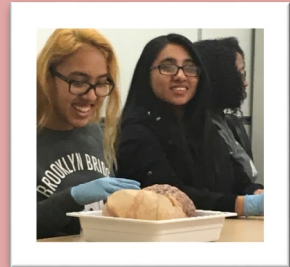
Applied Learning Project Presentations



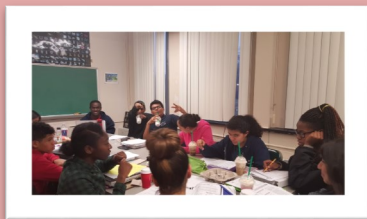
End of Year Brunch



JUNIOR



RWJMS Biology Lab



SAT Classes

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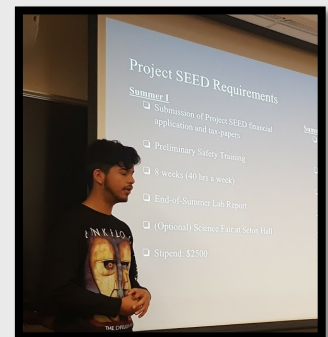
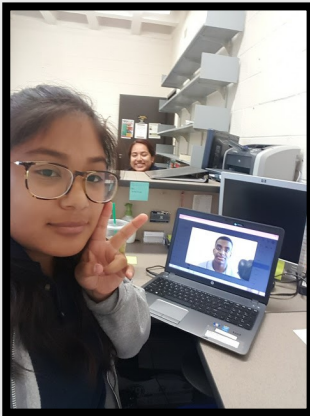
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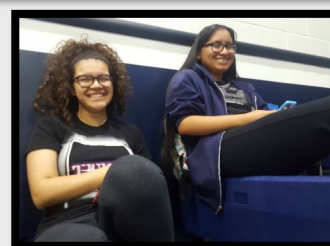
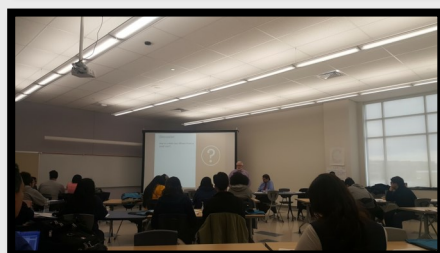
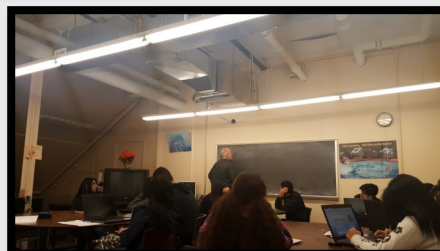
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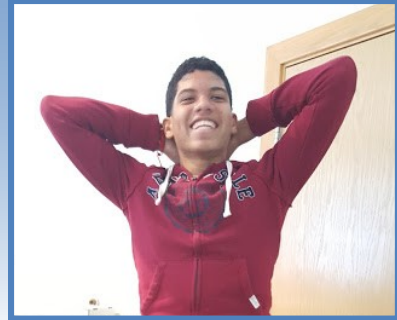


Sometimes you
will never know
the value of a moment
until it becomes a
memory.
- Dr. Seuss

Superlatives



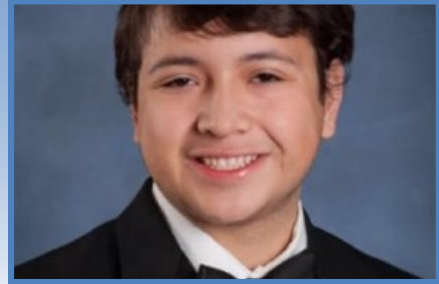
Most likely to brighten your day
Tiffany



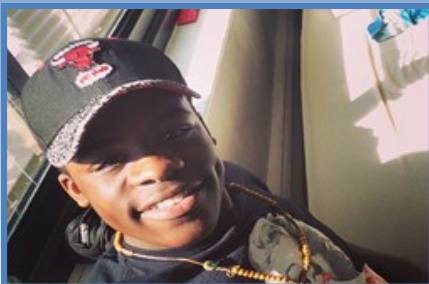
Most likely to win the
lottery and lose the ticket
Abel



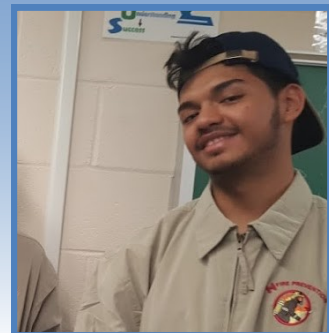
Most likely to "Eat Your Books"
Marilyn



Most likely to win a superlative
Charlie



Most likely to win a rap battle
Reggie



Most likely to be the next BTE
Champion
Jose

Superlatives



Best sense of humor
Juan



Best Bromance
Sean & Ben



Best Nickname: Maria
Jazmin



Most contagious laugh
Abdul



Always needs a ride
Marvin



Biggest case of senioritis
Marvin

Superlatives

Most likely to succeed



Everyone!!

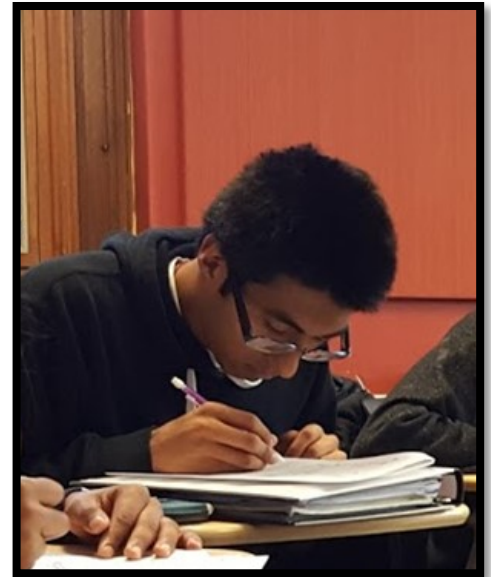


Abdulrahman Abdulrahman

I am the youngest of four children who have all attended Health Science. In the future, I plan on attending Rutgers University School of Arts and Sciences New Brunswick and dual majoring in computer science and biology. For the Bridge to Employment program, I was Vice President for the class of 2017. I am a participant in the Saturday Scholar program. I have been an intern at Johnson & Johnson for the summer of 2016. I have taken courses at Middlesex Community College and Coursera to excel in my classes. I participate in track, wrestling, and cross country at the New Brunswick High School. I enjoy watching YouTube and Arsenal. I aspire to become a Software Engineer.

Juan Aparicio

Juan Aparicio will be attending Rutgers University this fall. He will be attending the School of Business in Newark and plans on pursuing a career in business. Juan is grateful for his experiences from BTE and the friendships he has made along the way. When it comes to his favorite memory, Juan says, "Everyday is a memory one cannot forget."



Bianca Best

Bianca plans to spend her next four years at Drexel University majoring in Nursing. She plans on becoming a Nurse Practitioner in Pediatric Oncology. Bianca has dedicated her time and self to this program for 3 years and enjoyed it thoroughly. "I am so happy I took the opportunity and joined this program. I have become such a better student because of it. I have learned to have grit and persevere through tough times. It was not always rainbows with this program because in order to get those, you need a little rain but in all a decision I would never change."

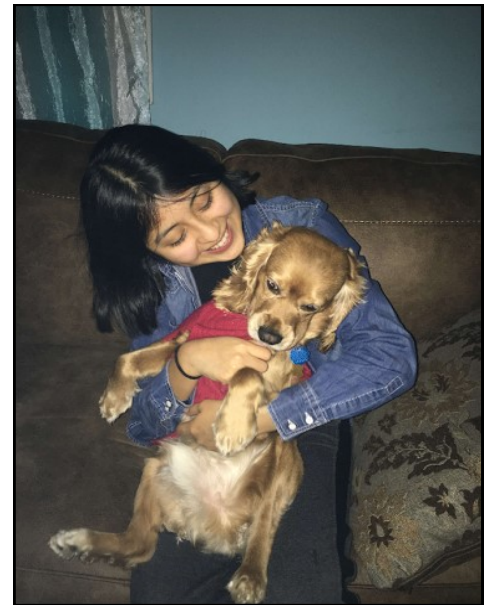


Abel Cabrera

Abel Cabrera will be attending Rutgers - New Brunswick campus and plans on majoring in engineering. Over the last 3 years, the Bridge To Employment program has helped him become a better person by helping others. The program has also encouraged him to reach for a higher education for himself and his family. Overall the BTE program has increased Abel's determination for a future in where the beginning is now and the limit is wherever you decide to stop.

Evelyn Cruz

My name is Evelyn Cruz or for short, Eve! I am a current senior at New Brunswick High School and plan to attend Rutgers University in the fall. I have high hopes and aspirations for myself and my community. I intend to major in Animal Science in the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences and later pursue Veterinary School. I will save all the big wild animals out in this world and hopefully become that change in our environment.
#savetheanimals #savetheplanet #bethechange



Jocelyne Cruz

Jocelyne plans on majoring in Environmental Sciences and Sustainability with a pre-med track at the Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. BTE has truly been a blessing and has helped Jocelyne exceed any expectations she ever had for herself during her high school experience. She loved the people that she got the chance to meet during the program and absolutely loves people like Tiffany and Yezenia because they give so much back to us students. Jocelyne hopes that one day she can be as amazing as them.



Rodney Cuevas

I will be attending Rutgers Newark in the fall for my bachelors degree in finance and a minor in business administration. I want to become a CEO of a major company meanwhile running a small family business of my own. I would also like to play baseball on my free time as that is my passion. Eventually I would love to become a baseball coach for my offspring or for an organized league.

Jadelyn Flores

Jadelyn Flores will be attending Princeton University and plans on majoring in Law at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Bridge to Employment has helped Jadelyn by exposing her to different career options and guiding her in her pursuit for higher education



Judalisse Garcia

BTE has had a large impact in Judy's life because it was not only able to give her the huge amounts of support to pursue something better for herself but it was also able to give her the confidence to know she can. She would not have gone as far as she did without the support of the mentors in BTE especially with the support of Tiffany. Life has not been easy but Judy has gained the knowledge to know that she can make it better for herself if she works hard enough. That is why she will be attending Rutgers University so she can peruse a better life for not only herself but also for her family. It is her dream to continue being an advocate for women's rights and also be able to give to back to my community with the major she decides to pursue. The next chapter in her life will not be easy but she knows that she will disprove the stereotypes against her gender and ethnicity.

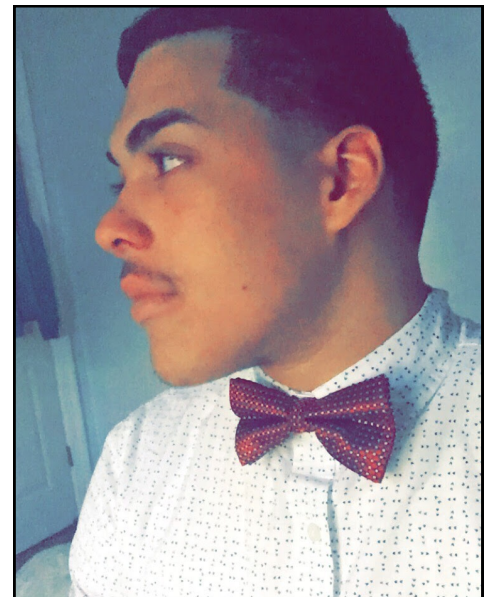


Willietta Gombeh

My name is Willietta Gombeh, I am a vessel, meaning people pour themselves into me so that I may be able to pour myself into others. I am a lover of God and people while simultaneously being a work in progress myself. Currently I am the co-founder of a non profit my uncle and I started in Sierra Leone West Africa, which is named Compassion for Peace and Child Survival Sierra Leone, or "CPCSSL" for short. Here at Compassion we strive to serve, advocate, and rehabilitate those who are less fortunate. In addition to that, I'm a choir leader, worship leader and most importantly I am a scholar! I plan to become a Global Goodwill Ambassador and in the fall I'll be attending college pursuing a degree in public health.

Rafael Gomez

Rafael D. Gomez is planning to join one of the world's finest fighting force, the United States Marine Corps. He plans to further his education at Rutgers University School of Arts and Sciences to become a physical therapist or movie star. His favorite memory from this year would be working with and having George as a professor. It is a blessing to meet him and work with him.



Andrez Hernandez

From these three years in Bridge to Employment, I have seen the healthcare industry through a wider lens and I have become a more diligent student. I feel as though this program has been an integral part of that. I have been exposed to many colleges and a multitude of ways to ease my transition into college. I am more prepared for college now that I have been with this program. A career goal of mine is to become a Registered Nurse. I will be attending Rutgers School of Nursing in New Brunswick.



Jose Hernandez-Morales

Bridge to Employment has impacted my life significantly both on an academic and personal level. Not only has it allowed me to develop several life skills and rigorous study habits, but I have grown more as a professional and empathetic being because of its people, its programs, and its resources. BTE is my second family.

Margarita Hernandez

Margarita will be attending Rutgers University- New Brunswick where she will be majoring in Criminal Justice. She aspires to work in law enforcement



D'Janae Jules

Djanae Jules will be attending Rutgers University, studying nursing. She aspires to become a registered nurse so she can save lives. With plenty of resources, she will successfully stay on track to complete her ultimate goal.

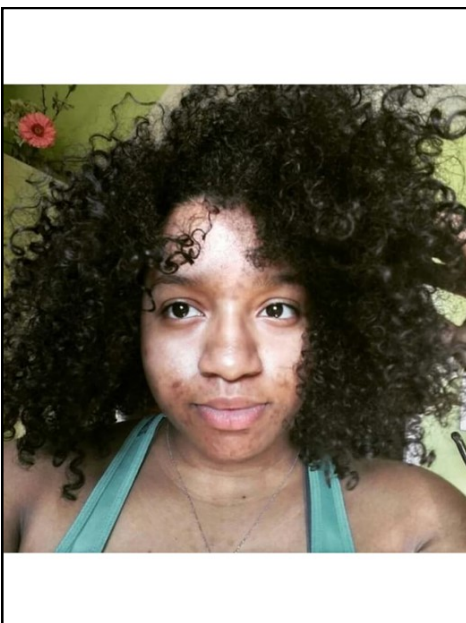
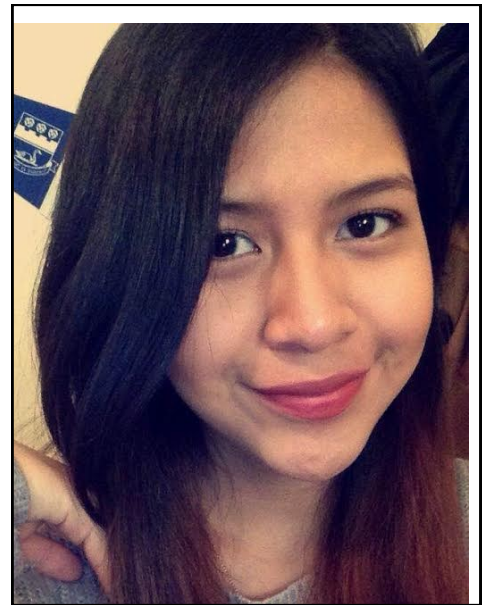


Stephanie Lopez Cruz

Stephanie Lopez Cruz is grateful to be a part of the Bridge to Employment program. It has helped her to stay motivated, inspired and goal oriented throughout her high school years. She has gain confidence and learn to manage her time properly. The Bridge to Employment program has provided Stephanie with many opportunities to academically excel and has further influence her to pursue a Healthcare career. In the fall of 2017, Stephanie will be attending Rutgers-Newark, School of Nursing through the Educational Opportunity Fund Program with the goal of becoming an exceptional Registered Nurse.

Lizbeth Lopez Perez

Lizbeth Lopez Perez is attending Rutgers School of Nursing. She plans on working with an organization that assists people in need from all around the world. Bridge to Employment is her second family. This program prepared her to face the real world by gaining essential skills. Bridge to Employment taught her that she is capable of achieving anything.



Nalah McBride

The BTE program has helped Nalah become more social and confident in her capabilities. She is also appreciative of the friendships she has gained over the last three years. Nalah will be attending Rutgers University School of Arts and Sciences and will be pursuing a dental career.



Viviana Morales

Viviana Morales will be attending Rutgers-New Brunswick School of Arts and Sciences this fall and plans to major in Biology. Bridge to Employment has helped Viviana since her sophomore year. BTE has inspired her to pursue higher education and never stop trying.

Andrew Nunez

Andrew Joel Nuñez will be attending Rutgers University. So far he plans to major in Pre-Medicine in order to become a General Practitioner in the future, yet the idea of being a Biomedical Engineer still lingers in his mind. So far he has accomplished his ultimate goal, and that is to be genuinely happy. Bridge to Employment has opened a world of opportunities for Andrew, for which he met amazing people and became more appreciative towards the little things in life. He will always cherish waking up every Saturday morning to go to class.



Reginald Onuoha

Reginald Onuoha is currently a high school senior who attends New Brunswick Health Science Technology High School. However, upon senior graduation, he will attend Rutgers Newark, School of Business, to major in Finance and minor in Accounting. He would like to take the time to thank all of the Bridge to Employment mentors for being a role model and encouraging us high school students to want to obtain a higher level of education. Reginald would also like to thank Tiffany Nesbey for aiding us high school students through the process of applying for college and preparation for the SAT exam. The Bridge to Employment program has changed his life and he is grateful for all of the wonderful opportunities it has granted him during the duration of his high school experience.

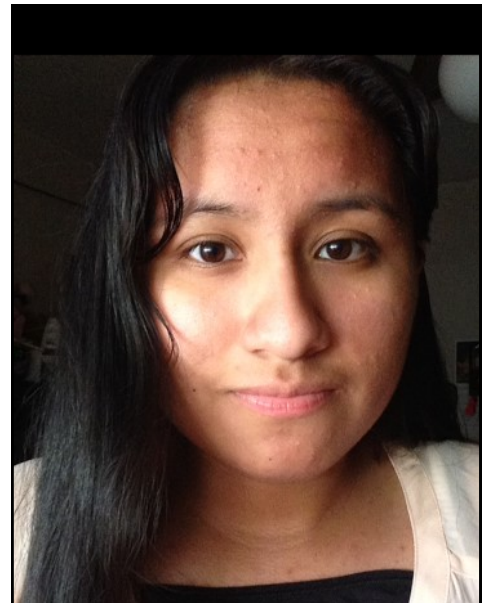


Charlie Paredes

In these past three years in BTE, Charlie has taken away the part of him that he is now and will be for the future. He plans to go Rutgers School of Engineering with the pursuit of biomedical engineering.

Jennifer Paredes

Jennifer will be attending Rutgers University School of Environmental and Biological Sciences and majoring in Animal Science. She plans on becoming a veterinarian and someday opening her own animal care clinic. BTE has allowed her to sharpen her skills for not only school, but for life as well.



Anahi Pelaez

Bridge to Employment has motivated Anahi throughout her high school career. Words cannot express how grateful she is to have been part of a wonderful program. Bridge to Employment has not only changed the way she communicates, but has also shaped her personality. Anahi is thankful towards her mentors Charlotte and Dorothy for guiding her during the college selection process. In every mini workshop with her mentors, Anahi took away necessary skills that will help her in future. In the upcoming fall semester Anahi will attend Rowan University through EOF and will major in Computer Science.

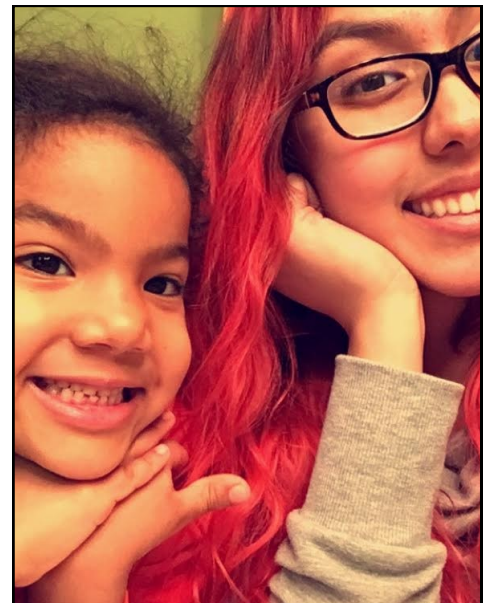


Louissette Perez

Louissette Perez is a optimistic, passionate, and independent student. Each day, she brings a bright and positive attitude toward everything she does. She is a music lover and enjoys fangirling over her favorite bands especially 5 Seconds of Summer and Twenty Øne Piløts. Her true love is her family. Her family is her everything. They are her support system and without them she would not be the person she is today. One day, she hopes to become not only a successful person but also a person that has an impact on her community. As a proud Panamanian, she will be attending the Universidad Latina de Panama where she will continue her studies to become a doctor.

Ashly Rahman

BTE has taught Ashly a lot, but what really stuck was learning self discipline and time management. She plans to take a gap year and to get to know herself a little better before settling into a four year college. Hopefully after the gap year she will come to a conclusion of what she would like to do for the first part of her life because at the end of the day nothing is forever and career paths can change.



Lizet Ramirez Sandoval

BTE has helped Lizet stay on top of her school work and has helped her prepare herself for what is expected in college. Having the ability to see her friends on a Saturday while taking math and English classes made her more motivated to invest in her education because she knew she was not alone. Lizet is grateful for people like Tiffany that always show their concern for young adults' futures and motivating them to do better and achieve more than what they believed they could. It was a privilege to be part of this program because she recognizes how not many individuals have this opportunity. Lizet's personal BTE highlight was when George called her over to tell me her she got a good grade and that her writing was improving, as well as learning with friends and spending time with a special someone. She is looking forward to attending Middlesex County College and then transferring to a university in pursuit of a career as a dentist.



Marvin Reyes

Countless times Marvin wanted to give up, but he was always surrounded by great people. He hopes to give back in any way that he can. Grateful for the memories.

Keyaira Rider

Keyaira says that BTE has significantly improved the confidence she has in herself. It taught her to set goals and strive for things that she never thought would be attainable. Although she is still unsure of what she wants to do in the future, she hopes that whatever path she chooses will allow her to be happy. Keyaira will be attending Rutgers University School of Arts and Sciences this fall.



Rocio Rodriguez

Rocio will be attending Rutgers University Newark in hopes of becoming a registered nurse. She was an active member of the NBHS National Honor Society and Bridge to Employment program during high school and also maintained a part time job. Her favorite memory would be going to New York and the college visit to NYU and Columbia. She wants to thank everyone for everything. She appreciates all of the assistance Tiffany and Sean have provided. All aspects of BTE are greatly admired.

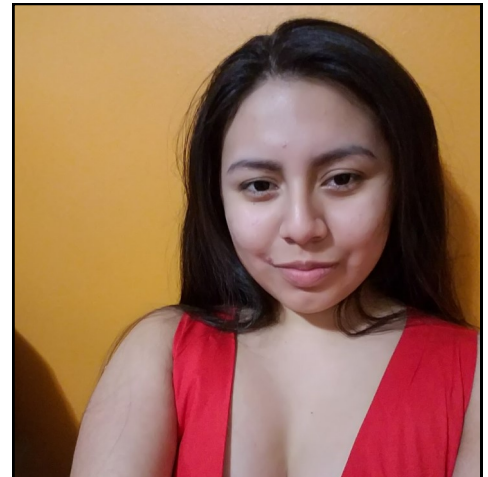


Jazmin Sanchez

Jazmin Sanchez will be attending Rutgers University-New Brunswick School of Nursing in the fall. Her talents include singing off key and annoying Tiffany (thankfully she'll be able to continue doing both in the fall). Jazmin visited London, England in October 2016 thanks to the Bridge To Employment program and was able to meet some pretty cool people. BTE also took me out of my comfort zone and influenced me to exploit myself to more because nothing is impossible. Jazmin has a lot of plans for her future including working in a hospital, working as a travel nurse, working as a correctional nurse, and going to law school.

Iliana Santiago Quiroz

Iliana plans to major on education. She wants to be a pre-school and elementary teacher. She also plans on continuing working in daycares because she loves working with young children. She wants to obtain her Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate for better opportunities in that field of work. Iliana has grown so much over the years in BTE. BTE has taught her to be open minded and to be comfortable to speak up when there's an issue. She is very thankful for all the support she has received from her mentors, instructors, and tutors. Iliana feels that she could not be where she is right now without the help of Tiffany and for that she is very grateful of.



Marilyn Teutle

Marilyn Teutle Cuautle will be attending Rutgers University School of Engineering in the fall. Her future career path is unknown but she hopes to find it in college. Currently, her interests lie in mathematics and art. Bridge to Employment has been an amazing support system that has kept Marilyn motivated throughout high school. This program has taught her self-confidence, responsibility and other vital skills. Marilyn is thankful for every person in this program (especially Tiffany and George). She hopes to repay her community through continuous community service and tutoring other students in need.



Dina Vazquez

Throughout these three years BTE has taught Dina more about herself as well as the possibilities that lie before her. If it were not for the resources she has been provided, she would not be as prepared for college. Dina would like to thank BTE for introducing her to amazing individuals like Tiffany and Oscar, who she hopes to keep a strong relationship with outside of high school. Dina aspires to become a registered nurse and hopefully a nurse practitioner. She will be attending the Rutgers University School of Nursing through the EOF program in Newark this fall.

Rosa Veliz

The Bridge to Employment program has made a huge impact on Rosa. She gained so much knowledge about college and life in general, as well as preparation to overcome any obstacle. At first, waking up early every single Saturday seemed too difficult, but how can you expect to be successful if you don't put forth any time and effort? As her fav (Tiffany) always said in her colorful emails, "you get what you give". Thank you to Tiffany, as well as Oscar, Yesenia, Dr. Khan, George, and her two wonderful mentors Yum and Kim. Rosa will be attending Rutgers University and majoring in Biology. She plans to attend nursing school to become a registered nurse either in Oncology or Labor and Delivery.



BTE Mentors



**YUM WONG &
KIMBERLIN KELLER**

Mentees– Jadelyn Flores & Rosa Veliz



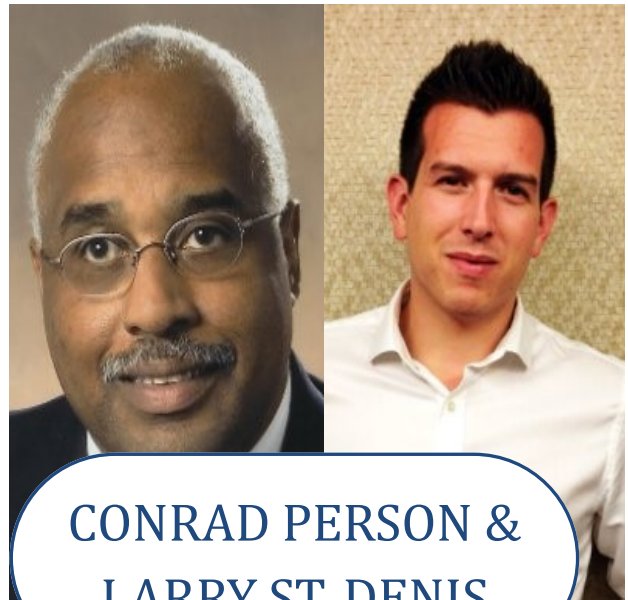
**PAUL GETTINGS & JIM
BREEN**

Mentees– Rafael Gomez, Ashly
Rahman, & Judalisse Garcia



**CHARLOTTE POWERS
& DOROTHY EAN**

Mentees– Rodney Cuevas, Margarita
Hernandez, & Anahi Pelaez



**CONRAD PERSON &
LARRY ST. DENIS**

Mentees– Willietta Gombeh, Juan
Aparicio Cruz, Charlie Paredes, &
Lizet Ramirez Sandoval

BTE Mentors



**BLOSSOM LOO &
LISA G. JENKINS**

Mentees— Rocio Rodriguez, Jennifer Paredes, Marvin Reyes, & Bianca Best



**CHRIS OLIVEIRA &
MICHELE CATANZARO**

Mentee— Andrez Hernandez



**RICHARD MARTEMUCCI &
YEZENIA RAMOS**

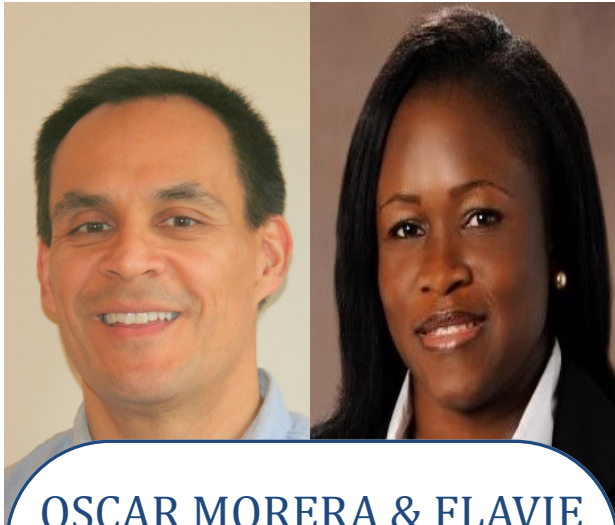
Mentees— Jocelyne Cruz & D'Janae Jules



**BRANDY PARKER &
GIRIDHAR BHARATAM**

Mentees— Roshanna Lewis, Viviana Morales & Andrew Nunez

BTE Mentors



OSCAR MORERA & FLAVIE
KEMDA MINGOUO

Mentees— Jazmin Sanchez, Abel Cabrera,
Dina Vazquez, & Jose Hernandez-Morales



CRYSTAL SMITH &
MICHAEL BZDAK

Mentees— Abdulrahman Abdulrahman,
Evelyn Cruz, Nalah McBride, & Iliana
Santiago



SHERRY MAKLARY &
FELICIA SUGGS

Mentees— Stephanie Lopez-Cruz &
Lizbeth Lopez-Perez



SHAUN MICKUS

Mentee— Reginald
Onuoha



JEAN WEIR

Mentees— Louissette Perez,
Marilyn Teutle, & Keyaira
Rider

Everyone Needs a MENTOR



"I am very thankful for my mentors, Crystal and Michael. There are not a lot of people willing to spend time with a bunch of teenagers. They were very helpful to me. Every time we meet or emailed each other, they were constantly asking how is school and college planning. This is one of the ways I was able to keep motivated to continue learning and conquering my goals. I honestly appreciate Michael's mini tutors at JNJ headquarters."

- Iliana Santiago Quiroz, NBHS

"It is a unique opportunity to be able to participate in Bridge to Employment because we were given such wonderful opportunities. When I found out that we each were going to be paired up with mentors, I was beyond excited. Having someone who knows what college is like and who has experience in the work force is amazing. My mentors are such great people; they are so kind, very informative, and helpful. The program is almost too good to be true, because it's mind-blowing how helpful this program was."

- Rosa Veliz, NBHSTHS

"A critical component of the Bridge to Employment program is the connections and relationships built with our peers, mentors, and acquaintances. The program has made a significant impact on my life; the people and programs have impacted me in a highly positive manner."

- Jose Hernandez Morales, NBHSTHS

"The importance of BTE has helped me to believe that there are individuals who do want others to succeed. I felt that the mentors of BTE did and do want me to succeed in my career path."

- Marvin Reyes, NBHS

"This program has helped me strive to have a successful life in order to both defy the boundaries society has created for me and to one day be able to help improve the educational system in my community. Without the help of my mentor, Paul Gettings, I would not have gained the confidence and knowledge that I am worth more than what society assumes of me."

- Judalisse Garcia, NBHS

"When I felt that I had no real support system, BTE offered professors, student mentors, advisors, and many other support systems that my classmates and I did not have available anywhere else or had the ability to have one-on-one interaction with."

- Lizet Ramirez Sandoval, NBHSTHS

"My mentors spoke to me about my future and helped me understand that I needed to develop a story of who I am. My mentors are encouraging people who motivated me."

- Jadelyn Kayla Flores Sierra, NBHS

"The BTE program's rigorous work and willing mentors instilled a motivation and determination to work diligently for my future in only the first two years. My mentors became Jean Weir and Luanne Hill. Both women were extremely helpful and assisted me with academics and personal worries... they were a support system for me. Their faith in my abilities was something that I cannot accurately describe, but it gave me confidence. Bridge to Employment has given me skills that I will use throughout my entire life."

- Marilyn Teutle Cuautle, NBHSTHS

"BTE is a program that has helped me find my purpose in life by further influencing my interest in the health care field. As a sophomore, who had many aspirations but did not know how to achieve them, the BTE program provided me with guidance and an immensely wonderful support system that has motivated me to seek greatness."

- Stephanie Lopez Cruz, NBHSTHS

"Bridge to Employment has given me the necessary skills to achieve my goals because it has influenced me to challenge my abilities to aim for my best. I remember after giving a presentation where I stuttered multiple times and thought I had done so badly that I started to cry because I felt like a failure, until my mentor, Felicia, congratulated me because I had confronted my fear. After her sweet words, I felt better and more confident."

- Lizbeth Lopez Perez, NBHSTHS

Messages from your BTE Yearbook Committee

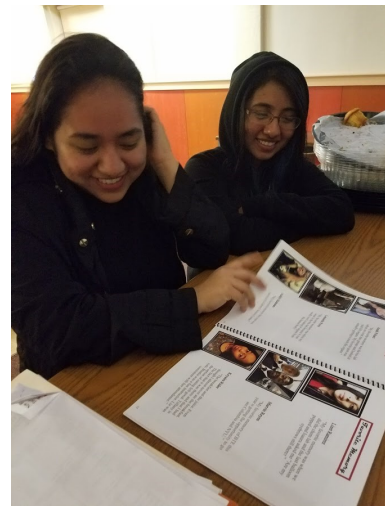
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It was an honor being put in the yearbook committee. I very much enjoyed making the physical bonds with the BTE group and cannot believe it is coming to an end. I want thank the mentors for joining us and assisting us throughout our high school journey (shoutout to my mentors Oscar & Flavie). Honestly, I am so proud of all of us and hope that we all achieve the goal set for us and continue to make more. Most importantly, I hope that we all come back and give back to the community we grew up in and the community that gave us all types of opportunities. Hope you enjoy this treasured memory of our senior year!

-Jazmin T. Sanchez

Thank you to everyone who has put in the time and dedication to complete the Bridge to Employment program. Despite the difficulties we faced, trying to balance our personal lives, along with program requirements and school work, we managed to succeed! Our accomplishments would not be possible without the help of our mentors along with Tiffany Nesbey, Oscar Morera, and Yezenia Ramos. We greatly appreciate all the hard work and generosity they have given to support us and our activities. Most of us will continue to reach out to these mentors in the future and we cannot be more grateful for the bonds we have created. We are also grateful to our SAT and English 100/101 instructors for enlightening us and changing the way we approach our future. And a big thank you to Johnson & Johnson for making a BTE dream become a reality. Best of luck Class of 2017!

- Dina Vazquez



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