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Giving It Your Best
Top Crusaders show how dedication leads to accomplishment

Rene Colato ’16
Graduated this year from: Classical High School. Favorite subject: AP Calculus. Latest accomplishment: With a partner, revitalized a community service club based at local YMCA whose mission is to raise awareness about homelessness among families. Will attend: Boston University. To study: “I am going in undeclared and will be exploring in order to discover what I’m passionate about.” Advice for Crusaders going into high school: “I would pass on the advice my dad gave me. Stay disciplined, do what needs to be done, and don’t let anything keep you from achieving your goals.”

Patience Adegboyega ’16
Graduated this year from: Shea High School. Favorite subject: Everything. Top two: History and English. Because: “It’s cool to see how the structures of our society have developed, and it’s interesting to analyze what an author is saying.” Will attend: Brown University. On a: Full scholarship. To study: “I’m leaning toward pre-law and business law.” Advice for Crusaders going into high school: “Get involved after school. Whatever your interests, there’s a club for you.” Biggest unknown about college: “How many all-nighters it will take to turn me into a coffee drinker.”

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- Arianna Davey, grade 12
  Shea Senior High School, 1453 hours
- Ariel Davey, grade 12
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- Patience Adegboyega, grade 12
  Shea Senior High School, 1266 hours
- Liliana Barros-DeLaCruz, grade 12
  Shea Senior High School, 1194 hours

- Rene Colato, grade 12
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The 2015-2016 year was exciting for everyone at The College Crusade. Crusaders graduated from high school and enrolled in college in strong numbers. It is gratifying to see how your hard work is paying off in real achievement! Although school is not in session, the Crusade is running at full speed with great summer programs for students of all ages. This summer, we are making a special effort to ensure that our recent high school graduates fulfill their dreams of enrolling in college this fall.

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Dreams of enrolling in college in strong numbers are almost time to start thinking this fall.

Helen Magana '16 “Take any opportunity that comes your way and don’t be afraid to ask for help. Stay on top of your classes from the beginning.”

David García ‘16 “Focus from the start, because toward the end of high school you don’t want to have to rush to finish. Also, everyone says it and it’s true – four years go by fast.”

Stephany Cruz ‘16 “Keep it real for yourself. Keep your promises to yourself because you want to be a success.”

Juan Ramirez ‘16 “It’s all about trying your best. You’re doing all this for yourself because you want to be a major in.”

Vanessa Franco ‘16 “Be yourself, don’t get into the wrong crowd.”

Ariella Davey ‘16 “Make friends with Crusaders in other schools so you know who people are.”

Kendall Hall ‘16 “The first thing you should do is join things. Create your network of friends early so you can rely on them later. Equally important is to focus on your studies. Build a strong academic background.”

Save the Date! The College Crusade presents GEAR UP Fest 2016 Saturday, September 10 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. At Providence Career & Technical Academy

A message from the president

Andrew Bramson
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Each of these 8th-grade Crusaders has already earned more than 500 hours of participation!

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More from the Crusader scrapbook

At left, happy Crusaders on the last day of our ReadAbout program show off the books they received as gifts from College Crusade alumni. Below left, Crusade seniors pose for fun photos at their Commencement event in June. Below right, Kenny Urena, Kevin Aldana, Kandra Gudiel, and Luis Sosa were honored for high achievement in earning Khan Academy challenge patches. At bottom, middle school Crusaders at Exchange City take charge of the Mayor’s office at City Hall. From left are Janaya Gomes, Sandra Gbemisola, Jaylin Lopez, Charllie Lopez, Jaima Dublin, Diana Falcon, Geovra Vergas, Jalilah Melia, and Valeria Ballesteros.

Seniors Speak Out

Sharing their tips for success

Liliana Barros-Diaz ’16 “Entering high school is a new stage in life, and you’re going to be a little nervous. But getting involved will help you experience more things.”

Christoffer Perez ’16 “When you have to wake up early on Saturday morning to go to Crusade programs, just do it, even if you don’t want to. In the future you’ll see why it’s important.”
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Enjoy these hot days and please be sure to take good care of each other.

Sincerely yours,

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