

## Welcome to our November Newsletter!

In this season of gratitude, we would like to express our deepest thanks to you - our friends, supporters, partners, families, students and alumni - for all you do for the REACH Prep community. Your shared commitment helps our mission thrive every day.



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## Program Highlights



### **Do You Know a Bright and Motivated 4th Grader?**

REACH Prep is currently seeking bright and motivated 4th grade students to join Cohort 27! If you know a black or Latinx 4th grader that currently attends public/parochial school in Westchester County, Fairfield County or the Bronx – send them our way!

REACH Prep will host over 20 information sessions this season. If you know someone that would like to sign up and learn more, please direct them to our [inquiry form](#) or call REACH Prep's Director of Admission & Enrollment, Jen Clessas, at 203-487-0750.

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### **Fall College Visits with the Director of College Success**

REACH Prep's Director of College Success, Delano Copprue, visited our college students at 15 different colleges this fall!

Visits were made to Columbia University, Boston College, Bates College, Wesleyan University, University of Pennsylvania and

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deepen support and engagement with our college students over the next year and beyond!



## 25 Years of Transforming Lives

Check out this wonderful [article in Fairfield County LOOK](#) to learn more about the last 25 years of REACH Prep through the perspective of some of the individuals who have influenced this organization most, including our founders, our staff and our next generation of philanthropists and organizational leaders, REACH Prep's Junior Council.

At this 25 year milestone, we honor our past and could not be more excited for our future! A huge thank you to everyone who helped us get to where we are today.

## Welcome to Middle School, Cohort 25!

We've had a great start to the school year with our middle school students! This fall Director of Middle School Programs, TJ Ramirez, worked extensively with our Cohort 25 students and parents helping them adjust to their first month of middle school with workshops, panel discussions and small group activities. We also hosted our first middle school meet & greet where REACH Prep middle school families welcomed

[Click here](#) to learn more about our middle school workshops this fall!



### Meet Arielle and Lizzy

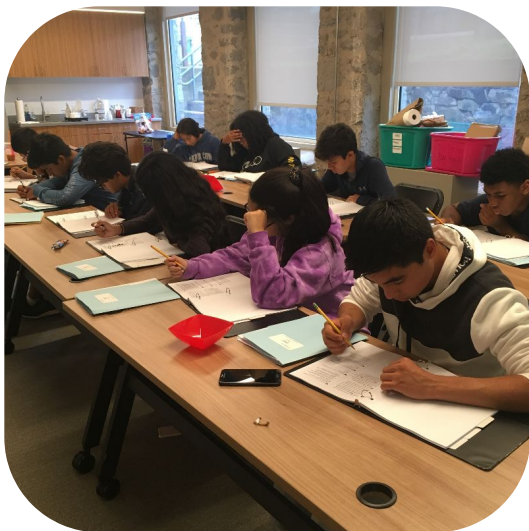
Arielle, a member of Cohort 14, RCDS '15 and Cornell University '19, grew up in the Bronx with her mom, her dad, her sister and their dog. Her mom's family is from the Dominican Republic and her dad's family is from Haiti. Lizzy's family lives in New Rochelle and both of her parents are from Colombia. She is a member of Cohort 24 and RCDS '25. Both families found REACH Prep searching for a better education for their children, looking to open doors for a better future. [Watch our 25th Anniversary Gala video to learn more about their inspiring stories and their experiences with REACH Prep!](#)

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REACH Prep's 2019-2020 Admission Season launched with a meeting of our Parent Admissions Network (PAN) on September 17th and again on November 14th. PAN is a vital part of REACH Prep's recruitment. With the help of current REACH Prep parents, our organization is able to reach a broader community and allows us to tap into our best ambassadors, our families and parents. With over 50% of all REACH Prep inquiries last year coming from "word of mouth" – members of PAN help REACH Prep find prospective applicants across all three of the counties we serve. Since September, REACH Prep has had the help of over 45 parent ambassadors through PAN.



[Click here](#) to learn more about our Parent Admissions Network!



## 10th Grade PSAT Prep

Current 10th graders took advantage of a free PSAT course taught by Carnegie Prep in our REACH Prep classroom this fall. Our students reviewed evidence-based reading, writing and language, math (no calculator), and math (calculator allowed) sections and even took a full practice test to prepare for the exam, which was administered by their schools in mid-October.

Although the PSAT is mostly a practice version of the SAT, it can also lead to more money for college - 180 million dollars in merit scholarships are offered to the highest performing students each year. REACH Prep is so grateful for our partnership with Carnegie Prep and continues to see how beneficial test preparation is for our students!

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This fall REACH Prep hosted administrators from over 20 colleges and universities to provide advice and feedback to our juniors and seniors on their path to college. One workshop, in particular, featured admission directors from Middlebury College, Swarthmore College, Bowdoin College and Wellesley College, who provided expert guidance on our students' college essays and helped them prepare for their college admission interviews.



[Click here](#) to learn more about this workshop!



### REACH Prep's 25th Anniversary Gala

REACH Prep celebrated a significant milestone marking 25 years of service at its 25th Anniversary Gala on Friday, November 1st. The program highlighted speeches from Alumni and Scholars, as well as REACH Prep's featured speaker Carlos Brito, CEO of AB InBev, whose inspiring story resonated in such a meaningful way with REACH Prep's work and larger mission.

REACH Prep has raised over \$900,000 in recognition of the 25th Anniversary thanks to the outpouring of support received at the Gala and the weeks leading up to it. For this organization, which relies solely on philanthropy and charitable donations, this is a critical achievement that will

[Click here](#) to see photos and learn more about the event!

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## Upcoming Events



### **SAVE THE DATE** **Annual Benefit Luncheon**

**Monday, April 27, 2020**

**11:30 a.m.**

**Hyatt Regency Greenwich**

**Greenwich, CT**

Join REACH Prep, our partner schools, families and Scholars at our largest annual fundraiser of the year - our Annual Benefit Luncheon in April!

[Click here](#) for photos from our 2019 Luncheon!

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