

Fall Newsletter!

Dear Friends,

We are months into the school year and our fall programming is in full swing. I'm proud of our Scholars, faculty and staff for what they have accomplished!

From rigorous classes on Saturdays with our youngest Scholars to job interview prep with our college seniors, our program team works closely with over 250 Scholars throughout the year, providing coursework, guidance, support and resources to make sure our students (and their families) are empowered to succeed.

We couldn't do this without the generous support of our donor community, many of whom supported our Virtual 5k Walk/Run in October. Thank you!

Wishing you a wonderful and healthy holiday season, and I look forward to sharing more updates in the new year!

With gratitude,



Gina Lucas, CEO

Fall Program Highlights

Exploring the Teenage Brain

In November psychologist Dr. Nancy Melendez talked with our parents about the fascinating connections between the emotional and decision-making parts of the teenage brain, and how they are

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series of relevant, age-specific monthly workshops for 9th and 10th grade families through 2021.



Virtual College Visits

This fall our high school juniors and seniors met virtually with representatives from many top colleges to learn about the admissions process. These workshops covered everything from virtual visits and interview skills to what to do after hitting "submit" on the application.

Without the ability to meet in person, it's even more important that our Scholars are well equipped to navigate the complex and critical steps on their journey to acceptance at the college of their choice.

Our Doors are Already Open for Next Year!

REACH Prep's 2020-2021 Admissions Season is off to a great start and we can't wait to meet more students and their families!

If you know a talented and motivated 4th grade student who is interested in applying to REACH Prep, please [visit our website](#) or email our Director of Admissions, [Jen Clessas](#), for more information on how to apply.



We are lucky to have members of our Parent Admissions Network (PAN) attend

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sessions. Nadene R. (pictured) is just one of our generous volunteers.



Junior Council Connections

In October ten members of our Junior Council had the chance to connect virtually and one-on-one with members of Cohort 27 to help them practice their interviewing skills. A tradition since the Junior Council's founding in 2017, this year was particularly unique since it was our students' first time practicing interviews on Zoom!

Virtual 5k Walk/Run

This fall hundreds of members of our community got outside and got active by participating in our Virtual 5k Walk/Run. Together we raised over \$150,000 to support REACH Prep's 12-year model of educational enrichment. Our supporters, staff, students and families participated from all over the country. We are grateful to everyone in our community who helped make our first-ever Virtual 5k a big success!



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