



# **REACH Prep News: Fall Highlights 2021**

## Back on Campus! REACH Prep Visits Our College Students

Our Director of College Success visited REACH Prep students at their schools this fall to check in and provide guidance as they navigate a new year on campus. Pictured above are Gabriel Silva and Hanaa Ahmar who are thoroughly enjoying their first year of studies at Colgate University. Gabriel is interested in pursuing dentistry while Hanaa is contemplating a major in international studies. We're looking forward to seeing what Gabriel and Hanaa accomplish in the next four years!



## Colleges Connect with REACH Prep High School Students

Our 11th and 12th grade students attended virtual presentations given by our college partners this fall to provide some background and insight about the college admissions process. These presentations gave an overview of each school and often included a topic relevant to the college search and applications. Topics discussed included how

to write a college essay, the benefits of attending a liberal arts college, and how to find the right college fit.

#### College Care Packages Delivered!

In November, the REACH Prep Junior Council filled care packages of snacks and other surprises for our college students to enjoy while they're studying for exams. Also included in the packages were motivational letters written by current Prep Academy students. Kailah Comrie at UNC/Chapel Hill and Wendy Corona at Columbia University were thrilled to receive their packages!





#### REACH Prep Alum Awarded a Grant

Alumnus David Jaramillo (Brunswick '11, Harvard '15) spoke about REACH Prep's influence on his life during the Junior Council event in October. David stated, "I developed a keen interest in science thanks to my REACH Prep science teacher...which eventually led to my earning a PhD in chemistry at UC Berkeley this year." David co-founded Verne, a zeroemissions transportation company, and was recently awarded a fellowship from Breakthrough Energy, an energy innovation network founded by Bill Gates. We are so proud of David for this amazing accomplishment and are excited to see the progress of his fellowship!

#### New Annual Report is Posted

Our 2020-2021 Annual Report is now posted on our <u>website</u>. We're so grateful for the generous donors who support our mission to provide transformative educational experiences to our students, one of which is Princeton freshman Sasha Rivera pictured on the front cover. We hope you enjoy reading about the highlights of our last fiscal year.





## Our Golf Outing Returns in June

Our "Swing for Our Scholars" Golf Outing is back on June 6, 2022 at Greenwich Country Club. A 105 tennis game is being added to the event this year so that racquet players can join in on the fun. Look for more event details in early 2022!

## We Appreciate Your Support!

December is a great time of year to <u>make a</u> <u>donation</u> to REACH Prep! Your gifts make a difference in the lives of high achieving students of color, empowering them to reach their full potential. Thank you for supporting our mission!



#### REACH Prep wishes you a wonderful holiday season!



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