

Newsletter: August 2019

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe August is already here and the summer is more than half over. The traditional August slow-down seems to be a thing of the past, at least judging from the amount of activity going on here at REACH Prep. Not only are preparations for the new academic year in full swing, but June 30th marked the end of our fiscal year, and with it an opportunity to reflect on the last twelve months. I would like to extend my sincere thanks for the generous support we received from so many of you in fiscal year 2019.

This latest newsletter features photos and stories from some of our favorite events including our High School Senior Dinner, College and Alumni Reunion and our Junior Council's '90s themed fundraiser. I think you'll appreciate learning a little more about these and other special activities that have kept us all so busy these last few months.

Enjoy these remaining summer days. I hope you'll get the chance to do some of the things that make this time of year so memorable. I look forward to catching up again in the fall and updating you on all things REACH Prep.

Warm regards,



Gina Lucas
Chief Executive Officer

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REACH Prep's 25th Anniversary Gala

Friday, November 1, 2019

7:00 p.m.

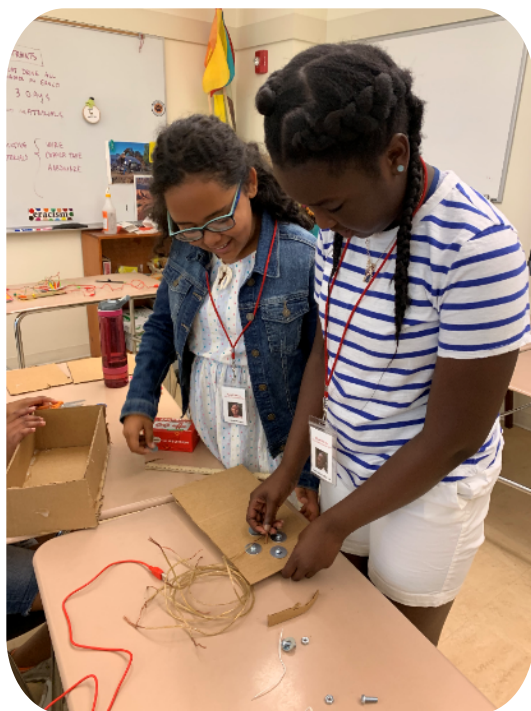
Abigail Kirsch at The Loading Dock
Stamford, CT

Join us for this meaningful, celebratory and inspiring event on November 1st, and help us make a difference in the lives of hundreds of REACH Prep Scholars, their families and communities! Enjoy cocktails, dinner and dancing, and hear from our **Alumni and Scholar speakers** and **featured speaker, Carlos Brito**, CEO of Anheuser-Busch InBev.

[Click here](#) for more information on sponsorship levels, tables and tickets, or email us at development@reachprep.org.



Program Highlights

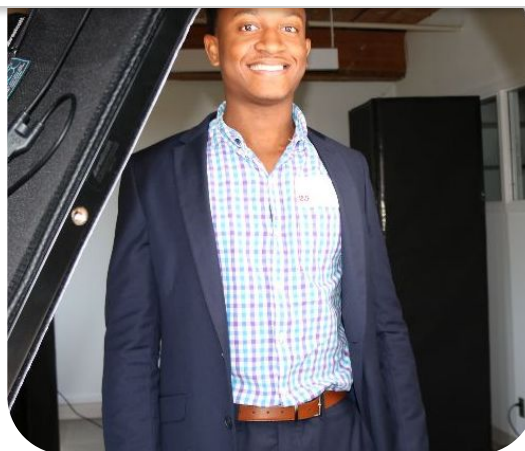


Our Prep Academy Summer

We have had a very active summer so far here at REACH Prep, especially at our Prep Academy program hosted at The Greenwich Country Day School. Cohorts 25 and 26 have enjoyed their summer learning how to critique and analyze literature in their English class, utilize Google Classroom and type in their technology class, and code micro:bits and cardboard structures in their S.T.E.A.M. class.

[Click here](#) to see photos and learn more about Prep Academy this summer!

Each year REACH Prep brings together its college students and growing Alumni community to welcome the most recent graduating college class into the Alumni network. This year the reunion was hosted at REACH Prep's expanded office and classroom in Stamford, CT. In addition to socializing and networking, students received expert professional advice on how to optimize their LinkedIn profiles, as many are launching their careers, and had free professional head shots taken for their LinkedIn profiles.



[Click here](#) to see photos from the event!



Sending Off Our High School Seniors!

In June we celebrated our class of 2019 high school seniors and their parents with a fun evening at Dinosaur BBQ in Stamford. The night was filled with laughter and reminiscing about fond memories this group has had together since their early days in Prep Academy. We have enjoyed getting to know and supporting this group of dedicated students over the last 8 years and look forward to seeing them graduate from college in 4 more!

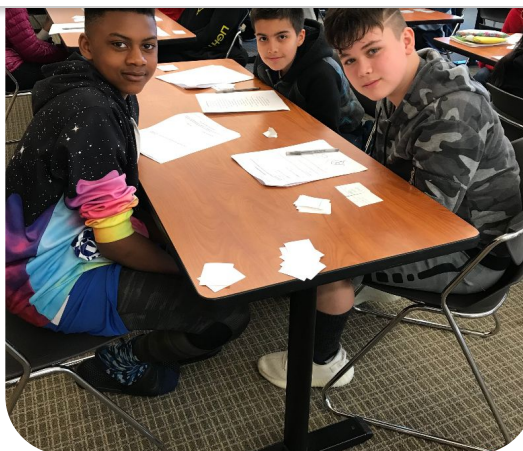
[Click here](#) to see photos from the event!

Empowering the Mind: Middle School Workshops

Over the past year REACH Prep's middle school students participated in a series of *Empowering the Mind* workshops led by our Director of Middle School programs, TJ Ramirez. The workshops covered topics around identity, self awareness and stereotypes. Students came together within

discussions, they were encouraged to share personal experiences and offer support for their peers.

[Click here](#) to see photos and learn more about the *Empowering the Mind* workshop series!



Summer College Transition Workshops

This summer REACH Prep hosted a series of college transition workshop for our rising college freshmen. These workshops focused on academic, social and financial factors, with the goal of preparing students and parents to navigate the transition to college successfully and maximize their experience over the next 4 years.

[Click here](#) to see photos and learn more about our workshops!

REACH Prep's Junior Council Hosts *I Love the '90s!*

On Friday, June 14th REACH Prep's Junior Council held its first fundraiser, *I Love the '90s!*, in honor of REACH Prep's founding year, 1994. It was a great evening filled with loud music, delicious food and drinks, fun costumes and lots of dancing to our favorite '90s hits. Over 110 people filled the room at The Arch Street Center in Greenwich and the Junior Council, along with their guests, raised over \$60,000.

[Click here](#) to see photos from the event!



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