

North Ward News

“A New Beginning”

1st Annual North Ward Scholarship Fund

On behalf of my entire staff, I want to thank you for participating in our First Annual North Ward Scholarship Golf Outing and Luncheon. Last year, I launched the North Ward Scholarship Program in collaboration with The Latino Institute, Inc. to provide the opportunity of higher education to high school students who live in the North Ward. As a college graduate, I can personally attest to the importance of receiving financial support from various scholarship organizations; It was through this support that I was able to pursue my academic and professional ambitions.

Our scholarship program is open to all North Ward students graduating from high school and attending a college or university. Criteria for qualifying includes: demonstrating financial need and a strong commitment to community involvement.



Left to right, North Ward Councilman Anibal Ramos, Jr., Barringer High School Principal Carmen Ruiz and Executive Director of The Latino Institute, Inc., William Colon

I want to thank all our 2007 sponsors who made this program a great success namely:

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Last year we raised over \$10,000 which I'm pleased to announce will be awarded to the following students:

Angelika Arias
 Blanca M. Morales
 Enrique Nunez
 Adetokunbo Oseni
 John Patino
 Guillermo Quinones
 Jacelle E. Sanchez
 Martin Ventoso

Once again, thank you for your generous support and I look forward to making next year's scholarship even greater!

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Anibal Ramos, Jr.

Blanca M. Morales



Blanca M. Morales
Kean University

Biography: Born and raised in the North Ward of Newark, Blanca currently attends Kean University majoring in Physical Education. Blanca has an outgoing, vibrant personality and has a wonderful sense of humor. A natural athlete, Blanca enjoys a variety of sports and outdoor activities. She spends her free time having fun with

her family and friends. Blanca's family is very proud of her accomplishments. Her younger siblings, extended family and friends look up to her as a role model because of her ambition and commitment to excellence. Blanca is proud of how far she has come and is excited about what the future holds for her.

College I plan to attend:
Kean University

Role Models: Blanca has been blessed with a few role models within her family and community. Her parents, first and foremost, were the ones who instilled respect for home and community. Her teachers, Mr. Mark Giles, Mr. John DeRosa, Mr. Howard Weshnak, and her guidance counselor, Ms. Mary LaRusso all gave her constant support and guidance throughout her High School Career. The former director of the Boys and Girls Club (Broadway Unit), Mr. Fred Ross, taught her how to interact with

her community and be a role model to peers and younger people. Her involvement with the Boys and Girls Club exposed her to activities outside of her neighborhood by taking her to Nets games, ice skating events, musicals, and mentoring her in a positive and professional manner.

What is the one thing in the City of Newark you would change? Many believe the City of Newark needs to change their drug involvement and crime activities. However, Blanca has learned that change begins within a person, and each person is a part of our community and society. If we can change the minds and the mindset of the people within our communities we will have a chance to make Newark a safe place to live and work. This will only come with education, proper leadership, guidance and mentors within our communities.

Kean University

My goals to for the future:

Blanca will begin her collegiate career working toward a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education with a concentration as an Athletic Trainer. Striving to be an Athletic Trainer in an academic environment who will help young students who are athletes overcome physical and mental challenges, Blanca's dream is to help these students realize their goals. "My dream is to continue to inspire all young adults, boys and girls, through leading by example that their dreams can come true."

Extra-curricular activities and groups involved:

Blanca has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Newark, Broadway Unit since she was 11 years old. She has participated in many activities, such as community cleanup at Branch Brook Park, as well as volunteering to mentor younger members to help them with their homework.

Enrique Nunez



Enrique Nunez
Rutgers-Newark University

Biography: Enrique will be attending Rutgers-Newark University starting this September. He was born and raised in Newark.

College I plan to attend:
Rutgers-Newark University

Role Models: Tom Brady, a National Football League (NFL) Quarterback with the New England Patriots. He is a good role model because of his disciplined approach to everything he accepts as a challenge in life. Tom Brady had to struggle for everything to become the great individual and athlete he is today.

What is the one thing in the City of Newark you would change?

Educational privileges. Enrique feels that the Public School in Newark although good, don't have the technology to fully educate students for future challenges.

Extra-curricular activities and groups involved:

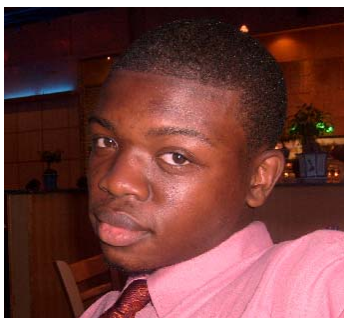
His interests are sports, games, and school. He especially enjoys community activities in Newark, as well as volunteering to help the city he loves.

Rutgers-Newark University



Rutgers-Newark campus, as seen from University Avenue.

Adetokunbo Oseni



Adetokunbo Oseni
Montclair State University

His mother is a very determined and strong individual. One of her sayings is: "there is always light at end of a tunnel." He comes from an urban society where most young adults his age are not determined and don't want to work hard in pursuing a better life. He believes his interest in science will take him very far. His motivation for studying medicine is to help people and that is what he is determined to do

College I plan to attend:
Montclair State University

Role Models: His role models are his mother, father and God. He was taught to always put God first in every thing he does. his family's situation has taught him that hard work is always needed in anything you try to do in life. It is an invaluable skill he definitely needs to possess. He wants to be able to help sick people like my father, who is one of millions waiting for a cure.

Biography: Adetokunbo believes in working hard to achieve goals in life. He comes from a family of five where they all depend his mother for everything. About seven (7) years ago his father became ill and disabled. His father's sickness inspired him to want to become a doctor, dreaming to one day to be able to find a cure for him.

What is the one thing in the City of Newark you would change?

The influence that gangs have on young people in the city. His environment consists of many negative things like drug dealing and violence. It can sometimes be overwhelming. He believes Newark would be a totally different city if not for the gang violence that influences students today. Teenagers would be able to concentrate more on school and getting an education than fooling around with gangs.

Extra-curricular activities and groups:

One of his favorite interests is football. It is his favorite sport because it requires strategy, teamwork and it's extremely fun. He participated in the "Pathways To College" program which showed him what he could do to begin preparing for college. His work experience includes his Summer job as an intern working at Armanti Financial Services and at C.V.S. Pharmacy.

Montclair State University



Guillermo Quinones



Guillermo Quinones
Rutgers-Newark University

Biography: Guillermo has lived in Newark all his life. He was born July 11, 1989 and graduated Barringer High School with honors. Guillermo is the first person to attend college in his family.

College I plan to attend:
Rutgers-Newark University

Role Models: Guillermo's role model is his mother. He's chosen his mother because he feels that she has over come so much and sets a positive example for his siblings and himself. Although Guillermo will be the first to attend college from his family, he has learned the importance of education from his mother. His mother continues to be an inspiring and driving force within his life.

What is the one thing in the City of Newark you would change? If I could change one thing in the City of Newark it will have to be the communities. With all the violence happening, there would have to be a change by adding more after school activities. I also would change the opportunities people have in order to get a job (open more doors for those who want to work).

Extra-curricular activities and groups: Guillermo's interests lie in sports, drawing, music and spending time with his family. He has played basketball all four years in high school and has participated in "Gear Up" Programs.

Rutgers-Newark University



Jacelle Sanchez



Jacelle Sanchez
Rutgers-Newark University

aimed at trying not to live a life full of regrets. She is excited about her future now that she is heading to college. She enjoys cooking and spending time with her family. Jacelle is athletic like her parents and is enrolled in the Civil Air Patrol, a community service organization.

College I plan to attend:
Essex County College

Role Models: Jacelle's role models are her mother and Princess Diana. Jacelle admires her mother's optimistic view on life, even when challenges arise. Jacelle's mother even gave up a family business venture in order to become involved within the Newark Public School system and to ensure that Jacelle got the best education possible.

Jacelle also admires Princess Diana. The humanitarian spirit displayed by Diana is an example Jacelle wishes to practice when helping homeless children. She believes in bettering the community through a hands-on approach and believes that residents and businesses alike should join in the

cause to helping our communities succeed. Like Princess Diana, Jacelle wants to feel the joy that comes from assisting underprivileged children.

What is the one thing in the City of Newark you would change? If granted the privilege to change one thing in Newark it would involve the youth that cause trouble for the city and Newark Public Schools. She especially wants to recognize and thank Mrs. Carmen Ruiz, Principal of Barringer High School. Since Mrs. Ruiz arrived at Barringer she eliminated many of the problems that once plagued the school.

My goals to for the future: Jacelle aspires to become an Air Force Officer in the field of meteorology.

Extra-curricular activities and groups: Jacelle's interests are principally sports related. She played softball for Barringer High School and was part of the Girls Varsity Bowling Team. She also participated in school activities such as being the head captain of the Science Team, Robotics

Essex County College

Team, and the School Base Youth Program. In her Junior year she joined the community service organization Civil Air Patrol (auxiliary of U.S Air Force). Jacelle is currently enrolled in this program and is ranked as Female Flight Sergeant. She performed with the Color Guard (for the first time in the history of Barringer High School) in the opening ceremony at the graduation of class of 2007. Currently, Jacelle is employed at Newark Liberty International Airport for Gateway Security as a Customer Care Representative.



Angelika Arias



Angelika Arias
Christ the King Preparatory

Biography: Angelika was born on February 15, 1993. She is 14 years old and attending Christ the King Preparatory High School in Newark NJ. She lives with her mother, father and three brothers. She loves to read and sing for her church. Her parents and brothers are always supportive no matter what happens. The most significant thing in her life is definitely her spirituality. She truly believes she is blessed and is focused on taking advantage of her education. Education is very important to her because she believe with education she can make a difference in this world.

Role Models: Angelika's role models are God and her parents. Her parents have taught her everything in life and are her best friends.

What is the one thing in the City of Newark you would change? Poverty is the first thing she would change in Newark. Poverty is one of the biggest issues in the world and its hurtful to see people starving due to poverty.

Extra-curricular activities and groups: Angelika is part of a Bible Study Group and is a receptionist

at Exit Realty. She enjoys reading, singing in church, playing volleyball, drama club, and basketball. She wants to be part of the school's Debate Club and one day aspires to be a lawyer.



Christ the King Preparatory High School

Martin Ventoso



Martin Ventoso

St. George's Boarding School

Biography: Martin Ventoso is 14-years old. Martin has strived to be number one in everything he has attempted to do in life-and he is succeeding. Martin is focused, determined, and ambitious. While attending Abington Avenue School he was on the super honor roll every year for getting the highest grades.

High School to attend:
St. George's Boarding School

Role Models: Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King has always inspired Martin to be positive and optimistic, even in the face of adversity.

St. George's Boarding School

What is the one thing in the City of Newark you would change? To add clubs and activities where the youth and families can be together. As a community, we can make a difference. By adding more activities and clubs where Newark youth participate, I feel kids will now have something to stimulate their mind, instead of being on the streets and receiving the wrong influences. With these programs/clubs/activities, violence will certainly decrease, since gangs target the young. It would lead us on the greater path, and create the future for the young.

Extra-curricular activities and groups: Martin has participated in many clubs, such as the School Government, Debate Team, Math Team, Science Team, Literary Club, Torch Magazine, and Junior Honor Society. Martin is also part of the Wight Foundation which enriches students to become the leaders of tomorrow, and give them the opportunity to go on to top schools in the country and also takes part in the CTY program of John Hopkins University for the talented.



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