The Norwalk Housing Foundation Names 45 Scholars

The Norwalk Housing Foundation (NHF) has selected 45 resident scholars to receive scholarships this year. “The NHF Scholarship Committee was extremely pleased with the number of compelling applicants we received and interviewed this year,” said NHF Committee Chair, Harry Carey. “Our ability to fund these scholarships is a direct result of the generous and enduring support of our many donors who believe that an education can provide a pathway to prosperity. We are truly thankful for the support of our donors.” He also noted that because of the administrative support given by the Norwalk Housing Authority, 100% of scholarship program contributions go directly to the scholarship fund. This year, individual scholarships range from $1,000 - $10,000 and the total amount of money awarded is $210,000. Scholarship recipients represent all of the family housing developments owned and managed by the Norwalk Housing Authority. Since the scholarship program began 21 years ago, more than $2.1 million worth of scholarships have been granted to over 281 NHA residents. “The Norwalk Housing Authority is pleased to continue to support the work of the Foundation,” said Executive Director, Adam Bovilsky. “The Norwalk Housing Foundation continues the legacy of supporting academic and life achievement both for the betterment of our residents and our community.” The 21st Annual College Scholarship Awards Ceremony took place on Wednesday, June 19th at Stepping Stones Museum for Children. The reception began at 6pm, followed by the awards ceremony at 6:30pm. The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. David Levinson, President of Norwalk Community College. The mission of the Norwalk Housing Foundation College Scholarship Program is to break the cycle of poverty by enabling Norwalk public housing residents to earn a college degree, start or further their career, and ultimately transition out of public housing and into self-sufficiency. For more information, or if you would like to donate, please visit http://www.norwalkhousingfoundation.org. The 2019-2020 scholarship recipients include:

Sha’Majah Addison, Norwalk Community College; Rosalie Armatis, University of Bridgeport; Juquaill Banks, University of Central Florida; Anaelle Benjamin, UCONN – (Storrs Campus); Danie Bolivar, Sacred Heart University; Duly Bolivar, Central CT State University; Rosaura Carbajal, Charter Oak University; Nicholas Ceja, Richmond University in London; Benoîse Celestin, Southern CT State University; Anchise Cherival, University of Bridgeport; Iaki Elliott, Southern CT State University; Jalen Elliott, Southern CT State University; Alyah Fresnel, Central CT State University; Isiah Gaddy, Shaw University; Kevin Garcia, Southern CT State University; Luis Gonzalez, UCONN (Stamford Campus); Michael Hidalgo, Albertus Magnus; Corrina Isaac, UCONN (Storrs Campus); Jason Iverson, Barry University; Clarentz Jean, University of Hartford; Emmanuella Jean-Louis, University of Massachusetts, Boston; Jessica Joseph, Western Ct State University; Syndie Lauture, Marist College; Rebecca Lubin, Norwalk Community College; Rainer Martinez-Peralta, Norwalk Community College; Irana Menish, Norwalk Community College; Tasha Medina, University of Bridgeport; Angelina Moresca, UCONN (Stamford Campus); Cassidy Nieves, Norwalk Community College; Salvador Olmeda, University of New Haven; Renzo Pablo, Western CT State University; Ernst Pierre-Noel, Norwalk Community College; Rose Poteau, Roger Williams University; Shanna Reid, University of Bridgeport; Ruudmayer Robert, Monroe College; Ezequiel Romero, Housun University (GRAD School); Donyae Shavers, Central CT State University; Clifford Simeon, Southern CT State University; Christopher Smalls, Southern CT State University; Mariah Smalls, UCONN (Stamford Campus); Joanna Valencia, University of Bridgeport (GRAD School); Lyverline Vertus Southern CT State University; Anthony Walker, Western CT State University; Desiree Waters, Sacred Heart University (GRAD School) and Jayde Williams, University of Bridgeport.
HUD Visits Norwalk

HUD Regional Administrator David Tille from Boston toured the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) developments in South Norwalk. Housing Authority and City officials hosted the visit by Mr. Tille and Hartford HUD Field Office Director Suzanne Piacentini. Representatives from CNI partner Trinity Financial also participated. The tour included the Soundview Landing housing complex at 20 Day Street, the Ryan Park site about to be rehabilitated and the infrastructure improvements on Day and Raymond Streets. The walking tour also included a visit to the vacant remaining Washington Village buildings and the site for the Phase II Housing Development scheduled for completion in the spring of 2020.

You are invited to come and meet NHA’s NEW Executive Director, Adam Bovilsky and Resident Commissioner Rahoul Dupervil. Light refreshments will be served at each complex. Please call Cynthia Schmitz at 203-838-8471 ext. 141 to let her know you are coming.

- Wed 7/10 – 10:00 AM
  LEROY DOWNS 26 Monroe Street at Leroy Downs Community Room.
- Wed 7/17–6:00 PM
  KING KENNEDY HOMES Merritt and Chestnut Street at King Kennedy Learning Center.
- Wed 7/24 – 6:00 PM
  ROODNER COURT 261 Ely Avenue at Roodner Court Learning Center.
- Wed 7/31 – 6:00 PM
  MEADOW GARDEN 43 Meadow St at Meadow Gardens Learning Center.
- Wed 8/7-6:00 PM
  COLONIAL VILLAGE –Suncrest Rd, W. Cedar Street. & Scribner Avenue. at Colonial Village Learning Center.
- Wed 8/14 –6:00 PM
  16 SCHOOL STREET 34 / 25 CHAPEL ST at Senior Court Community Rm (9 Union Avenue).
- Wed 8/28 – 6:00PM
  SOUNVIEW LANDING / SEAVIEW Apartments at Sound View Community Room 13- & 20-Day Street.

LET’S ENJOY THE WALKING TRAILS AT OYSTER SHELL PARK

Every Thursday from 4PM – 5PM
Meet promptly at NHA/CNI Field Office, 149 Water Street (at corner of Concord Street), 2nd Floor, Norwalk. Please call to reserve your spot, 203-838-8471 X675(Maria) or X681(Nadine)

Need Extra Cash? Come to Express Employment’s Event!
Would you like to pick up some extra cash over the summer and beyond? Is it time for a new job or a career change? Meet the professionals at Express Employment and find out about the many choices they have for you. Express can connect you with warehouse work, office and administrative positions, help desk work, as well as professional accounting and sales positions, and much more. Temporary and permanent work options are available!

July 9, 2019 at 1:00pm
NHA/CNI Offices, 149 Water St., 2nd flr. Norwalk,
Lisa Tella: 203 952 8308; Nadine: 203 838 8471, x 681
You are invited to join this FREE, fun and informative MONEY MATTERS Financial Seminar Series.

Participants may receive savings rewards in addition to the chance to win prizes. Presented by: CT Money School, through Connecticut Association for Human Services.

- Sign up for the remaining seminars and increase your rewards.
- All participants qualify for FREE one-on-one financial counseling with a CT Money School financial coach.

Turn $120 into $180 by saving $20 per month for 6 months through United Way’s ALICE SAVES Program (visit CTALICEsaves.org)

**July 10th: Savings Made Easy**

- Learn tips to save money to help you reach your goals
- Get on the path to financial security

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, SPACE IS LIMITED. CALL NOW!! 203-838-8471 ext. 188 (Lisa) or ext. 681 (Nadine)

Light dinner will be provided. Transportation available upon request for NHA residents only with at least one week’s notice.

**NHA Welcomes Herby Paul, Resident Opportunity Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Coordinator**

NHA is pleased to announce that Herby Paul has joined the Self-Sufficiency Team as a ROSS Coordinator, assisting residents in the public housing communities including Meadow Gardens, Seaview / Elmwood Apartments, Main Avenue and Chapel Street. Herby is no stranger to NHA – he previously served as a Relocation Community Outreach Worker for NHA’s Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, helping residents of Washington Village move with Section 8 vouchers as well as into the new Soundview Landing apartments. Herby was born in Port-au-Prince Haiti and lived there through high school. He then went to the Dominican Republic to study Spanish and Social Services and came to the United States to work and improve his English. Previously a NHA public housing resident, he speaks three languages (English, French/Creole, Spanish) and has been extremely helpful in connecting with NHA residents. If you are in one of the designated public housing communities mentioned above and would like assistance and resources to help you achieve your goals, feel free to reach out to Herby Paul at 203-838-8471 ext. 679.

**MICROSOFT EXCEL WORKSHOP**

Hop on the all-new Career Resources bus and join us for learn and expand your Microsoft Excel skills!

**WHEN:** Thursday August 22, 2019 10AM – 3PM (1 hour for lunch 12 – 1 – must attend both sessions)

**NEW LOCATION:** The Career Coach bus will be next to Ryan Park (behind the 98 South Main Street Parking Lot) to assist you – FREE!

**Summer Reading Wave**

Don’t let your child slip backwards during the summer months. Between the end of one school year and the start of the next every student risks summer learning loss. On average, students lose 2 months of reading skills over the summer. Whether your child loves to read, play outside, or get techy, there are many fun but effective ways to promote learning over the break. Since the summer is here, it’s a great idea to start planning now what activities you’ll use to avoid summer learning loss.

Summer Challenge: Keep a log/journal of what you do this summer with your child. Doing things with your children is a great way to stay connected and up to date in their lives. It is important to have quality and quantity time together to nurture and strengthen the family bond and relationships.
Play, Create & Learn!

Putting your kid in front of a computer, TV, or mobile phone may be an easy way to keep them occupied but we think family activity time is more beneficial (and fun!) for all. The fourth of July is a great time for families to break away from their normal day-to-day activities and embrace something new. Below you will find a list of the top 3 of the best 4th of July STEM activities that will get the entire family excited. Visit http://info.thinkfun.com/stem-education/play-create-learn-easy-4th-of-july-stem-activities-for-kids to get details on these fun activities plus more fun ideas for family STEM!