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TIMES² Academy

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

TIMES² Academy Family, Guardians and Community,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend our well wishes for everyone and hope that you are all in good health. As we move into our second year with an outstanding leadership team, I would like to share what has come together as we continue to build educational services. Ms. Christianne Fisher, your Elementary Principal, has achieved great success in her studies to earn further certificates of higher learning. In addition to her masters' degrees in education, counseling, and leadership, we want to congratulate Ms. Fisher in her accomplishments to complete her Superintendent studies and certification in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment this calendar year. Along with Ms. Fisher's many years teaching the Sciences at the High School level, we have agreed that these accomplishments would align to our planning of STEAM curriculum K-12. At this time, Ms. Fisher is promoted to Principal K-12 and Dean of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment for the Academy. To assist Ms. Fisher, we are posting an Assistant Principal K-5 position. Ms. Fisher will remain in her office space where she will continue to service our families in all their needs. Ms. Aguiar, our Middle-High Principal will support Ms. Fisher, with her role expanding to include 9-12 College readiness relationships with Higher Education, cultivating and creating programs where our students can earn additional credits prior to attending Colleges of their choice. Ms. Aguiar additionally will take on the newly added sixth grade, which expands the middle school curriculum of study. She will work with Ms. Fisher, her Grade 6 - 12 Interim Department Leads, and the Education Committee to make sure that students adjust to the new learning environment. As we continue to service the needs of our students, and the Academy, we will further advance individuals from within the school community who have desire to grow in their profession. The Board will meet in a workshop later this summer to discuss a long-term strategic plan and perhaps in the future, as we review our test scores and measure the success of the professional development for our teachers, we may seek to consider an Executive Director or Head of School. Currently, we have much to do and the team currently in place has the experience, educational credentials, and the persistence to take us forward.

We would like to thank Mr. Michael DiMucci, Teacher and Board Member, who led the efforts of the Charter Renewal serving as Chair, along with the Leadership Team. To date, we have completed our interviews with RIDE and are grateful for the parents, students, and teachers who volunteered to interview with RIDE Charter Renewal via Zoom in early May. On June 18th, RIDE spent the day observing and meeting students and teachers and touring the campus. Next steps are to complete the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with PPSD, a binding contract as a District Charter Public School. We have been working with RIDE on the MOU for the last year and, in January, began to work with PPSD's legal team and RIDE (overseeing the process). Last month we asked RIDE if we could proceed with new Interim Superintendent, Javier Montanez, and the PPSD Board Chair, Mr. Nicholas Hemond, sharing the MOU as agreed by both legal teams this week. We are asking for a review and comments, along with an invitation to appear before the PPSD School Board in September to seek final agreement and approval. We know that as PPSD is the Local Education Advocate (LEA) for the district, and therefore, TIMES², there are many implications in servicing our students and families/guardians to ensure consistency and as required by law, in order to be effective. We look forward to your support in the next few months to see this MOU through. We may ask that you attend the PPSD School Board Meeting in September. We'll keep you posted.

Lastly, we have many programs taking place this summer to assist your children to advance in their studies. I want to thank the teachers who have agreed to come in this summer and help with remediation. Please contact the office if you believe your child needs support of any kind. Finally, as exhausted as we all are with the pandemic and the fear that it has brought upon us, we are thankful to know that our community of teachers, volunteers, parents, guardians, and staff continue to work effortlessly and with great valor. Thank you!

Warmest regards, Jasmin Blackmar President, Board of Directors

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Sunshine, smiles, and sw children's laughter could and joy, carrying kites, ba Markham and Jon Marz ball, along with the playg

> to his country of Venezue!

ist set up an arts and crafts area onsite and out front of the elementary school where students created visors to keep the s prepared by the school's food service provider, Sodexo, waiting for them at the school. It was a great time had by all and



Jorge Parra Calle, Shayla Ortiz, Jordany Pena Alcantara, Guillermo Gutierrez Alvarado



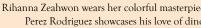
Max Perez Rodriguez pe

Red-White-Blue Juliannie Tavarez, Audrey Cherry, Isaiah McKinney and Anthony Velino show off their USA pride on Culture









eat were the 3 – S's of this year's field day at Hopkins Park. The weather was bright and sunny with a cool breeze and be heard everywhere. Kindergarteners through 5th grade made their way to Hopkins Park at 8:30am with excitement alls, jump ropes and snacks ready to take on whatever was waiting for them at their destination. Phys Ed. Teachers Jason had prepped the field with sports rotation stations for each grade-pod – volleyball, soccer, tug-o-war, sack races, and kick round. Art teacher, Mike DiMucci, with the help of Jill Sevigny, reading specialist, and Alicia Caito, math intervention out of their eyes. Field day at the park ended with a picnic-style lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, and corn-on-the-cob, it was wonderful to see all the smiles, no longer hidden by masks, shining as bright as the June sun!



oints with pride of origin











Mrs. Field's Superheroes

Jared Estrada - construction worker
Gabriela Mercedez - Nurse



Left picture:

Shayla Ortiz in Ms. Healey's class shows off her hand-made creation for Crazy Hat & Sock Day

Bottom picture:

Payton Lebron Ortiz in Mrs. DeCataldo's class shows off his fancy footwear for Crazy Hat & Sock Day







Grade 6 Bridges to Middle School

On Thursday, June 24th, in an assembly comprised of the 6th grade team and their teachers, with family and friends watching via zoom, the members of the Class of 2027 received certificates of elementary school completion officially recognizing them as members of the TIMES² Academy Middle School. Last year's sixth grade bridging occurred home by home in response t o COVID restrictions, with teachers delivering certificates and well wishes. With COVID restrictions still in place, this year's ceremony was low key, using zoom as the platform for sharing socially. The 6th graders were announced to the awaiting 7th graders and teachers as they exited the gymnasium, to be welcomed to middle school. We thank the sixth-grade teachers – Maggie Lopes, Daria Baccari, Alex-

andra Kerfoot, Shawn DaRosa, and Jane Brell, for all of their hard work

in preparing our students for next year.

The Bridging Ceremony is a literal recognition of students, who have completed all requirements of the elementary school, moving across the bridge from the elementary side of the school to the middle-high side of the school. They leave behind all things elementary – blue uniforms, recess, etc. – to enter the next chapter of their educational journey as 7^{th} graders in middle school. This year is bittersweet as the 6^{th} grade will officially be moving under the middle school will also don middle school blue and khaki uniforms and lose recess, as the school aligns the academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs of students through a grade-team structure.

Daniella B. Adetona* Ethan Alcedo Ilianny Almonte* Benicio Antelo* Kailyn Arias* Sammihah Avbar Dalia A. Bache Hernandez* Emilion A. Cabrera Chrisangel Calixte Waleska E. Collado Iaslene M. Collazo* Victoria Derefaka Devante K. Donovan Rejoyice M. Duoa* Trinity L. Dye Ioshua K. Escobar Lavnes Mohammed G. Fadia Ja'Quai M. Floyd* Dylan J. Franco Portillo* Adrian L. Garcia Nataly A. Garcia Mia G. German Bello Yamelis S. Godfrey Obeth I. Jae'Den Jenkins Ruth P.N. Karmue Jaziyah J. Lewis Aleesa M. Mendes Dias Alexander M. Moreta Sammy A. Ndayisaba Jayvaraman V. Ngeth

Brenda L. Nix

Oluwafemi H. Ogunleye

Cameron A. Ortiz Oluwatofunmi Pelelua* Jodainy C. Pena Alcantara* Victor M. Pizarro Tejada Isaiah L. Polanco Shila F. Reeves Elijah D-M Reilly* Luis A. Reyes, Jr. Prisleyvi Reynoso Alcantara Gabriela E. Roca Aden A. Rodriguez Adrian I. Rodriguez Jason Saquic Isabella M. Soares Fortes* Brian Soto Mercedes Lindsay A. Tay Munoz J'Mil Taylor Anna R. Teage* Mikayla J. Thavone Wilson J. Torres Semper* Camila M. Torres Elden. G. Urizar Samayoa Mya R. Vallejo Alison E. Vallejos Maradiaga* Liah I. Villeta Melendez Christopher B. Washington Isabella Watts* Sethonami Wusu Jade G. Yang#

(*Honor Roll for 4th quarter earning an overall average of B or better)



Celebrating the Transition from Middle School to High School

The Class of 2025 were recognized for their achievements in a morning ceremony on Friday, June 25th in the school's gymnasium, surrounded by family, classmates, and faculty. The Eighth Grade faculty – Amy Frazer, Michael Canavan, Meghan Mozea, and Liz Morris – along with Middle-High School Principal, Jennifer Aguiar – presented awards, certificates of achievement, and honor roll recognitions to the eighty-four 8th graders, all of whom are expected to enter the high school

next year as ninth graders. Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2025!

Genesis O. Akinrolabu Eniola A. Anifowoshe

Ashley Baez

Alexander Barraza

Kiara Bridges

Zaul R. Brito

Armando R. Cordero De Los

Santos

Kaitlyn Cordove Aden Corneh

Diago M. Cornelio Ni'Zell J. Costa Randy D. Dauda

Rubi A. Del Villar Marquez

Maya M. Diclo Christian J. Difo Gabriel Difo

Ariana E. Dominguez

Faith E. Duoa Johnny L. Dye Allen Espinal

Nehemiah R. Estrada

Samuel Feliz
Kailani Fernandez
Lu'Asia K. Freeman
Genesis R. Fuentes Cruz
Steven A. Garcia

Jacob Z. Gooknuh

Jozie A. Grinchell Elsy N. Hernandez Aiden Herrera

Derryn A. Jenkins

Amelia P. Hidalgo Rosario Lushea A. Hollow Horn Caleb J. Jauregui

Lashmie A. Joaquin Alilcia

Naomi Karmue Brielle M. King Marianna T. Kollie Rochelle Lebron Rosswell Lebron Katifah J. Leonty Garzzom B. Lopez Lynnaly Luciano Kyona A. Mahadio Hector J. Maria

Sin-cere Martinez Andrew Mayo

Kimberly K. Mejia Hinojosa

Cesar C. Mendez Donnell Miller Maz S. Moore Joskenny Mota-Frias Mayralyn N. Noel Tony T. O'Goffa

Temilolaoluwa A. Okelola Christopher Orellan Galdamez De'Yhani U. Payamps Jordan A. Peareara Perla Peguero Moncion

Destiny Pena Victoria Perdomo Jazlyn A. Perez Chavez Elizabeth Perez Cortez Janira J. Perez Medina Rosneily A. Perez Nayshalee A. Reyes Mia A. Ricaldy

Joharlyn A. Rojas-Patzan

Mercy D. Sayon Robin Schneider Javohn M. Smith Passion A. Tarlue

Allen A. Tavares Sobalvarro

Alesandro Tzalam

Judie-Maria M. Urena-Tolentio

Alyssa T. Urizar Jomayra Valle Misael I. Ventura

Kennard O. Washington

Christian Williams John Williams Chance N. Woods Seyinwanami D. Wusu Jasmine N. Yang



KEEP CALM

AND

WELCOME TO HIGH SCHOOL



Student Spotlight

Middle and High School Honor Roll

High Honors (HH) = Overall Average no less than A-/ Honors (H) = Overall average is no less than B

7th Grade

Lania Bonilla (H) Olajumoke Dauda (H) Jordalice Cardona (H) Edgar Castro (H)

Katherine Escobar Aldana

(H)

Anglique Estrada (H)

Favor Imonah (H)

Faith Johnson Perry (HH) Amya Mantson (H)

Izel Mota Perez (H) Keiana Moten (HH) Esther Nyabally (HH) Olaouwa Olonilua (H)

Uriel Ortiz (H)

Arisbel Pinales (HH)

Rihanna Ruiz Perez (HH)

Evanny Sage (HH) Roxanna Sanchez (HH)

Astou Sidibe (H)

Lia Tavarez Sobalvarro (HH) Matthew Velasquez (HH) Wesley Wagnac, Jr. (HH)

Anniyah Wright (HH)

8th Grade

Genesis Akinrolabu (H) Ashlev Baez (H) Alexander Barraza (H)

Diego Cornelio (H)

Armando Cordero De Los

Santo (H)

Mya Diclo (H)

Christian Difo (H) Gabriel Difo (H)

Ariany Dominguez (H)

Johnny Dye (H)

Elsy Hernandez (H)

Amelia Hidalgo Rosario (H)

Naomi Karmue (H) Rochelle Lebron (H)

Garzzon Lopez (H)

Sin-Cere Martinez (HH)

Andrew Martinez (H)

Andrew Mayo (H)

Cesar Mendez (H)

Donell Miller (H)

Temilolaouwa Okelola (H)

Jordan Peareara (H)

Destiny Pena (H)

Roneily Perez (HH)

Jazlyn Perez-Chavez (H)

Elizabeth Perez Cortez (H)

Nayshlee Reyes (H)

Mia Ricaldy (HH)

Joharlyn Rojas-Patzan (HH)

Robin Schneider (HH)

Passion Tarlue (HH)

Allan Tavarez Sobalvarro

Jazmine Yang (HH)

believe in the beauty of their dreams" - Eleanor Roosevelt

"The future belongs to those who

9th Grade

Adrian Cardenas (H)

Soimayah Delarosa (H)

Nathan Fana (H)

Akeelah Flemming (H)

Perla Hidalgo (H)

Daniel Imonah (H)

Adelize Jennings (H)

Roselyn Mota Chinol (H)

Tatiana Nyanti (H)

Daniel Portuhondo (H)

Adriel Ramirez (H)

Alexa Rodriguez Villatoro (H)

Abdou Sidibie (H)

10th Grade

Roquibat Adetunji (H)

Jade Aguedo (H)

Jeffrey Arriaza (H)

Adekele Babalola (H)

Noemi Florian Perez (H)

Iankairy Goris Ramirez (H)

Marco Lima (HH)

Alexander Lo (H)

Enrique Mejia (H)

Jankairy Menengeri (H)

Urooj Nasir (HH)

Fatima Nyabally (H)

Alfred Omondi (H

Larissa Piccoli (HH)

Anphelia Teage (HH)

11th Grade

Hope E. Dernikos (H)

Fevikemi-Sub C. Ekutti (H)

Michael I. Florian Perez (HH)

Badhan Hasan (H)

Ethan M. Moreta (H)

Hailey Santos (H)



The Latest from our T² Eagles'

During the senior class breakfast, our Athletic Manager, Mr. Anthony Alejandro, presented our senior boys Division III Basketball Champions with their championship rings.

Our Senior Players:

(LR) Biniam Sale, Paul Pinkrah, Efrain Valle, George Kizekai, Samuel Ojuri, and Daniel Williams





Junior Jason Peters defends against Blackstone Valley Prep's Jordan Mendes in the first half of the Division III final. Eric Rueb/The Providence Journal



Senior Paul Pinkrah hugs coach Dwayne Monroe following the Eagles' win over Blackstone Valley Prep. Eric Rueb/The Providence Journal

NEVER SAY NEVER BECAUSE LIMITS, LIKE FEARS ARE OFTEN JUST ILLUSIONS.

- MICHAEL JORDAN

TIMES² Academy is Proud to Present the Graduating Class of 2021

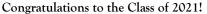
The TIMES² Academy high school seniors, the Class of 2021, have had an experience like no other in a century – a year and a half of



education upended by a pandemic and quarantine pauses that kept them from enjoying many of the activities which have become rites of passage previous classes have taken for granted. Yet on Friday, June 18th in the school's gymnasium, the families and friends of the Class of 2021 gathered to celebrate their accomplishments through the conveyance of diplomas, something the Class of 2020 did virtually. The evening opened with best wishes from the Board of Directors and its President, Jasmin Blackmar, with Keynote Addresses from Class of 2013 alumna, Shayna Ferreira (pictured right with MH Principal Jen

Aguiar), an Emmy-nominated anchor and reporter at WTNH-TV and Lawrence Dixon, General Manager of Sales at Dell Corporation. Their messages bespoke the need for perseverance and grit, something they surely have acquired during the pandemic, and for remaining connected to who they

are, to where they come from, and to the dreams they wish to manifest. Middle-High Principal Jennifer Aguiar presented each graduate with their diploma as math department lead and Class Advisor, Nita Childress read the names. The evening closed with the ritual Key to Success Ceremony with outgoing senior class president, Busayo Ashamu presenting incoming president, Stephanie Sosa, with the key to success, wishing her and the Class of 2022 all the best in the coming school year. TIMES² Academy is proud to present the 40 graduates of the Class of 2021 along with their college or path of choice.





To where are our Eagles flying?

Deborah B. Adetona

Community College of Rhode Island

Abimbola Esther Aina

Community Leadership Award

Recipient

University of Rhode Island

Busayo, Ashamu, Class President

University of Rhode Island

Elijah Byers

Community College of Rhode Island

Karla Cardenas

Undecided

Gisselys De La Cruz

Rhode Island College

James L. Dee, Jr.

University of Rhode Island

Radina A. Durand

Community College of Rhode Island

Ashley Garcia

Rhode Island College

Hope Gayle

Community College of Rhode Island

Jaydon Geyer

Eagle Award Recipient

Rhode Island College

Jaevaun P. Giragosian

Johnson & Wales University

Alveta Goodridge

Johnson & Wales University

Emmanuel I. Imonah

University of Rhode Island

George Kizekai

Rhode Island College

Iralis Marquez

University of Massachusetts, Boston

Dion Marshall

University of Hartford

Ja'den Jalise Miles

Undecided

Mathias X. Milhouse

Internship

Alyah Moscoso Diaz

Leadership Award Recipient

University of Michigan

Samuel Ojuri

University of Rhode Island

Juan Olivares Lopez

Trade School

Abisola Olonilua

University of Rhode Island

Wellington Ortiz

Community College of Rhode Island

Adriana M. Ortiz Rosario

Community College of Rhode Island

Arianny Paz Gutierrez, Class Salutatorian

Don Stanford Endowment

Recipient

Sodexo Award Recipient

Vision Award Recipient

Rhode Island College

Jeylinet A. Perez

University of Rhode Island

Paul Pinkrah

University of Rhode Island

Joel Polanco

Roger Williams University

Stephanie Ramirez

Elissann Corrine Silvia Award

Recipient

Rhode Island College

Ismayelin Rodriguez

University of Rhode Island

Andy Romero

Community College of Rhode Island

Biniam Sale

Rhode Island College

Melani Mercedes Soto

University of Rhode Island

Shane Strother

University of Rhode Island

Aleana Marie Tavarez, Class Valedictorian

Howard B. Sherman Book Award

Recipient

Rogers Williams University

Bradley D. Torres

Community College of Rhode Island

Beatrice Touze

University of Rhode Island

Efrain Valle

Community College of Rhode Island

Daniel Williams

Rhode Island College





High School students Learn about Virtual Reality during visit to URI

This year many students received their education virtually through Zoom Rooms, but juniors and RI science & engineering fair winners, Urooj Nasir, Michael Florian, Stephanie Sosa spent the day at the University of Rhode Island learning about and experiencing how science is enhanced through virtual reality. Using Demoing Virtual Reality lab software developed and used by URI's College of Pharmacy, students visited Dr, Jyothi Menon's lab where she and her team are doing research with nanoparticles for the delivery of cancer drugs. TIMES² has initiated partnerships with both URI and Brown University to offer students with an interest in science and/or health-related fields the opportunity to explore their interests through presentations, mentorships, research collaborations, and internships.





Stephanie Sosa & Urooj Nasir with Michael Florian in background

The College Crusade of Rhode Island Congratulates its Class of 2021 Members

Abimbola Aina Busayo Ashamu Radina Durand

Jaevaun Giragosian Emmanuel Imonah Iralis Marquez

Alyah Moscoso Diaz Samuel Ojuri Adriana Ortiz Rosario

Paul Pinkrah Stephanie Ramirez Biniam Sale

Melanie Soto Aleana Tavarez Daniel Williams

Parent Connect

As the TIMES² Academy Parent-Teacher Organization looks to the future of a new school year, the PTO Board is happy to announce its newest members(*):

President: Latoya Watts
Vice-President: Jacqueline Reilly*
Secretary: Neiba Rodriguez Lopez*
Treasurer: Claribel Pinales
Faculty Representative: Kathy Field

T² Board of Directors Parent Members:

- Joseph Peters (jpeters@times2.org)
- Ronald Bickham: (rbickham@times2.org)

END OF THE YEAR UNIFORM DROP OFF Donate your child's gently used uniforms



When: June 28th- August 28th, 2021

Where: Elementary, Middle-High School Foyers





As the school year came to a close, the following information is shared with you to review how TIMES² Academy faired this year.

COVID Impact on Community

(September 14- June 25)

- Confirmed Cases = 92
 22 faculty/staff, 70 students
- Highest rates by month:

November = 20

December = 28

- Close Contacts = 339 → majority related to parent-reported contact with source outside of school
- Travel Quarantine = 47
 0 faculty, 47 students

Overall Attendance

- Elementary = 92.97%
- Middle-High = 90.5%

Student Method of Instruction

<u>Elementary</u>

• In-person - Sept vs. June 64.7% to 93.3 (+28.6%)

Middle-High

• In-person - Sept vs. June 51.0% to 45.8% (-5.2%)

Enrollment
719 K—12 students
21 withdrawals (38% out of state,
34% out of district)

What to expect in SY2021-22

- * Return to full in-person instruction for all students and faculty
- * Continue our partnership with RIDOH and EdOC to comply with best practices in preventing COVID transmission, to include PCR Clinics for monitoring and vaccine clinics.
- * The EnrollRI website will be the sole portal for all applications for entry into TIMES² Academy and, to ensure that admissions access is equitable for all students living within the City of Providence, we no longer prioritize siblings or founder/staff members applicants.
- * Closely monitor student attendance and tardy, responding quickly to support students who approach or exceed the 10-day mark for truancy.
- * Continued adoption and implementation of green-rated curriculum materials and development of STEaM programming K-12.

IMPORTANT NOTES

First day of school is scheduled for September 9, 2021

Board of Directors Annual Meeting

Thursday, August 26
@ 5:30pm

