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**NURSES INSTITUTE
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RINI Principal's Update - January 22, 2021

RINI UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES:

January 25, 2021: School Wide Family Update Meeting-Welcome 2021!

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

As a school community, we stand together in the spirit of hope and solidarity, as we usher in a new political order. Along the journey, we have been empowered by many who have continued on the American path of democracy and equality.

This week, America made history as we embraced a new order; a woman of Asian and black descent representing this nation as the Vice President. The implications of this transition are monumental to every woman, every girl who strived for success.

This week, America took a stand as a young black woman, Amanda Gorman, at only 22 years old touched our lives by centering humanity.

At an integral moment in history; the presidential inauguration, she shared a poem of America peppered with words of honesty and pride.

The week, America reminded us of the great possibilities that shape us as a people; as a community, and as a nation.

Distance Learning continues for most students through March. In-person instruction will begin with a gradual increase to the extent possible. **Students who are eligible for in-person instruction will be notified individually.** ACCESS testing for multi-lingual learners is required to be administered in person and will be administered over several days in February and March. **Semester 2 begins February 2.**

Do you know Students Who Are Interested in Joining our Growing School Community for 2021?

Families can apply on behalf of their student (s) to [Enroll RI](#) for the RINI School Lottery.

Applications are due by Thursday, March 18, 2021 @ 5PM

FAMILY MEETINGS:

What are you having for lunch? Join us for our Lunchtime Monday Meeting Series for school wide updates.

Collaboration with our families is key student success in academics and attendance. This is the year to get involved. Join the PTO, contact Ms. Tsiane at mtsiane@rinimc.org. We are looking for parents from all grade levels! Next meeting is **January 25**, Discussion will be on *SurveyWorks: Telling Accurate Story of RINI*.

STUDENT SUCCESS:

Justice and educational excellence prevails! Congratulations to RINI junior Marlin Severino who won the MLK Essay Contest. She was one of 4 RI students in the state selected for the award. She was recognized at the RI State House last week for her award.

ACADEMICS:

Juniors are on the fast track to college. This week they are finishing up college essays and working towards their final drafts.

Seniors will be meeting 1:1 with Mrs. Gaspar and I for graduation meetings during their scheduled PBGR classes. This meeting is to ensure that students are aware of what they need to complete in order to graduate in June and as a check in meeting for PBGR.

Have you signed up for tutorial sessions yet? These interventions, enrichment, and support are essential in distance learning. All students are invited to make appointments with teachers as needed, during this time for extra help with their classes. Tutoring opportunities include Khan Academy and Upchieve.

Take advantage of the Spring 2021 Programming at the Providence Public Library!

THE VIRTUAL TEEN LEARNING LOUNGE IS HERE TO HELP! Staff can help with: research, writing, resumes, job searches, interview skills, and

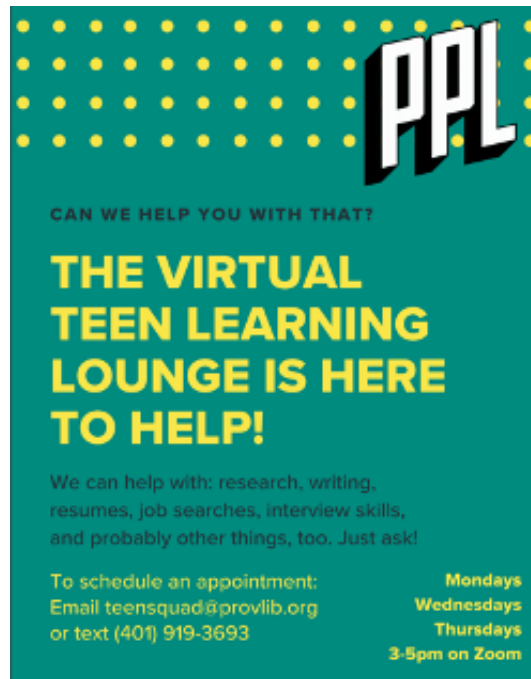
probably other things, too. Just ask!

Who: Teens in grades 9 - 12.

When: Tuesday and Thursday, 3 - 5 pm, January 26 - May 11, 2021

Where: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 3-5pm on Zoom

How: To schedule an appointment: Email teensquad@provlb.org or text (401) 919-3693



TEEN SQUAD Rhode Coders 2.0: Learn the Code Behind the Game Have you ever wondered how games like Angry Birds and Bejeweled were created? The staff will help you dig into the code, learn JavaScript, and ultimately learn how to build your own computer game.

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*All classes will be held virtually over Zoom.

How: REGISTER AT: [RIDE.GOSIGNMEUP.COM](https://ride.gosignmeup.com)

TEEN SQUAD Data Navigators 2.0 : Data Navigators In today's world, data

rules. It's used to navigate pandemics, forecast hurricanes, predict presidential elections, evaluate basketball players, and more. In this course you'll learn how to organize and manipulate data to find trends and make predictions

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Earn a Work Stipend & High School Credit Learn Workforce Development

Skills for both TEEN SQUAD Programming: Through The Spring 2021 program, participants in grades 9 - 12 have the opportunity to earn .5 of a high school credit through the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE)'s Advanced Coursework Network initiative. Participants will also receive a stipend of \$350 for their completion of the program and will receive workforce development training throughout.

Get in Touch Contact teensquad@provlb.org for more details on how to get started.

UPDATED INFORMATION NEEDED FROM EVERY FAMILY

- **Grade 9 Families** - please complete and return the lunch eligibility form that was mailed to you. This information is needed as soon as possible.
- **Grades 10 - 12 Families** - please complete the forms for continued enrollment at RINI. These forms include proof of address and updated information. This information is essential and is needed as soon as possible. A pre-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed with the forms for your convenience. Please contact Ms. Leiva or Ms. Lubo at the

school for more information or for assistance at: 401-680-4900.

COLLEGE AND CAREER UPDATES:

- **Scholarship Opportunity for Seniors**



Rhode Island Foundation
@RIFoundation



Rhode Island high school seniors can now apply for our Carter Roger Williams Scholarship.

Submit an application by February 12 for up to \$20,000/year of college.

Help us get the word out 

- **The RI College Planning Center** also offers free information and assistance to students and families. Check out the [website](#).
Appointments are available by phone and can be booked online.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Pause Rhode Island, Outreach and Support Services

PAUSE Rhode Island is a program that provides free community outreach and support services for Rhode Islanders dealing with stress and anxiety due to COVID-19.

- If you or someone you care about needs assistance or information on how to deal with COVID-19 related stress and anxiety, please call one of our 24/7 hotlines:
 - For anyone 18 or over : 401-414-5465

- For anyone under 18 : 855-543-5465
- Self-Care resources may be found [HERE](#)
 - [2020 Family Pandemic Brochure](#)
 - [Tips for Managing Stress During COVID-19](#)
 - [Tips to Reduce Your Stress and Anxiety During COVID-19](#)
 - [2020 Self-care Tips for Service Providers](#)
 - [Tips for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- All people who get COVID testing done in RI can now access test results at portal.ri.gov/results Students and staff should continue to use the PreK-12 Hotline at (844) 857-1814 to schedule COVID tests if necessary.

Brown Emergency Medicine has launched [TeleCARE](#), a new video telemedicine acute care service. During an online tele-healthcare visit, board-certified emergency physicians provide a level of care beyond what's available in a typical urgent care setting. Patients of all ages with acute illness or injury can schedule 30-minute appointments through the secure online service at their convenience from anywhere in Rhode Island. Appointments are available from noon to midnight every day. TeleCARE physicians can order labs, imaging, e-prescribe, and send an electronic copy of the visit to a patient's regular providers. The service accepts insurance for professional charges and does not collect fees before visits. Interpreter services are available. Learn more about the service [here](#).

FROM THE NURSES OFFICE

Travel Tips and Quarantine Updates

Within the US: A 14 day quarantine on return is recommended. You can test out of domestic quarantine with a negative COVID test. You must continue to

monitor for symptoms for the full 14 days.

International: A 14 day quarantine is mandatory. You can not "test out" of quarantine following international travel.

Isolation and Quarantine clarification:

Isolation: Person has tested positive for COVID, 10 day isolation period

Quarantine: Person is been a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID. 14 day quarantine period that begins once the infected person's isolation ends. Quarantine is also mandatory after travel.

If someone that you live with is positive for COVID you MUST quarantine even if you have a negative test. Your quarantine BEGINS once the positive person's 10-day isolation ends. For example, mom tests positive on 1/1/21. Her isolation is for 10 days 1/2/21 through 1/11/21 ending at midnight. Her daughter's quarantine then begins on 1/12/21 and lasts for 7 - 14 days based on RIDOH protocols.

Students that are close contacts of a positive case must observe a 14 day quarantine that begins on the day after the person who tested positive ends their isolation period. This is a total of 24 days from the day of the positive test.

Remember the 3 W's

Wear mask

Wash your hands often

Watch your social distance

[**Schedule a COVID Test**](#)

[Get Test Results](#)

WORKFORCE INFORMATION

Calling all CNA's! Cherry Hill Nursing Center is hiring CNAs. Excellent sign on bonus \$1500 for students and parents who are CNA's. For more information or to apply log onto: [Cherry Hill Careers](#)

The Department of Health is looking for workers to be trained and do contact tracing. This is vitally important work and they need bilingual staff. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact the web address below. [RI Case Investigator](#)

Please contact awozniak@rinimc.org if you are interested in participating in community volunteer opportunities through the ZOOM platform to area residents in nursing facilities. Additional information can be found at [RINI Workforce Development Office](#)

Lifespan Community Health Ambassadors now offering Virtual Lectures

What: *Diabetes Prevention Classes:*

CHOOSE FROM:

Evening Class

CLASSES START: Thursday, January 14, 2021

ENROLL UNTIL: Thursday, February 4, 2021

DAY & TIME: Every Thursday, 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Lunchtime Class

CLASSES START: Friday, January 29, 2021

ENROLL UNTIL: Friday, February 19, 2021

DAY & TIME: Every Friday, 12 to 1 pm

By attending each class, you will receive free program materials. Must be 18 years of age to participate.

For more information or to register:

Email Ana Almeida-DoRosario or call 401-444-8069.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

The WeR1 Fund is providing \$400 gift cards for Rhode Islanders: who are not eligible for most federal relief programs due to their immigration status.

The funds allows for purchase of groceries, gas, and other basic necessities.

Those in need of assistance should visit [Dorcas International](#) to apply.

Applications can also be found in [Spanish](#), [Portuguese](#), and [Haitian Creole](#).

Need Family Support During the Pandemic? Virtual Zoom Professional

Development sessions offered by [The Bradley Learning Exchange](#) are

available to parents to help navigate the COVID-19 environment. The free 40-60 minute sessions include topics such as; *Working with Kids During the Challenging Pandemic, Self-Care for Parents, Support your Child to Engage in Distance Learning and Talking with Kids About Difficult Topics.*

To schedule a professional development session please contact Alyssa at

aalba@lifespan.org

GRAB AND GO MEALS:

PROVIDENCE: Breakfast and lunch meals are now available to families with children ages 18 and under on Tuesdays and Fridays. Times for pick up are 2:30pm to 4:30 pm.

Here are the sites that are serving meals [Providence Grab and Go Sites](#)

RHODE ISLAND FOOD SITES: If your family lives in a location other than Providence, please click below for a list of food sites that serve your community:

[RI FOOD SITES](#)

RINI Partners with The Inner You Counseling Center:

Supportive services are available for RINI students and families. Please reach out to the school social worker Mrs. Pellegrino, spellegrino@rinimc.org access these supports, either online or in-person.

***New* Teletherapy (Phone or Video)**

We are here to support your mental health during this very stressful time of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are accepting new patients through Teletherapy via video or phone.

We accept all insurances and offer a sliding scale for those who do not have insurance or can't afford services. For more information or to book an appointment please call [401-773-7116](tel:401-773-7116) or click the button below.

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT



Family Care: RINI Middle College is committed to our students and families throughout the school year. Please reach out to our school social Ms.

Pellegrino, spellegrino@rinimc.org, if you need support, guidance and resources at this time.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Get Ready for FUNDA FEST 23: A Virtual Celebration of Black Storytelling

It's January, so it's time for FUNDA FEST! The Rhode Island Black Storytellers (RIBS) will once again astonish, educate and entertain us with a nine-day festival of storytelling featuring more than 25 artists and 12 virtual shows, January 23-31, 2021. FUNDA FEST includes three fabulous, free events for Providence Community Library on Tuesdays, **January 26 and February 2**

Enjoy FUNDA FEST via live zoom, or as a pre-recorded program

To see all of the performers and events and to register: www.fundafest23.com

For more general information about FUNDA FEST: 401 312-4347 or

info@ribsfest.org.

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