



RHODE ISLAND
**NURSES INSTITUTE
MIDDLE COLLEGE**
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RINI Principal's Update - March 12, 2021

RINI UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES:

LUNCH TIME MEETING SERIES:

March 15: Marching On: Latest Family Updates

March 29: Bring Spring: What does Spring Hold for Students and Families?

Our RINI School Community is Expanding

RINI Middle College is forming a building committee to engage and advise in the overall educational facility master planning for the

construction of a new facility and school building.

We are seeking at least one member of the community with architectural, engineering, and/or construction experience to provide input relative to the effect of the project on the community and to examine building design and construction plans for reasonableness.

This is a volunteer position and will be an active committee meeting frequently.

Win a \$250 Visa Card! Complete the Survey Works Survey and your name will be entered for a chance to earn a \$250 visa gift card. This a token of appreciation for our RINI Families.

To earn the visa gift card:

- Complete the survey in a language you are comfortable with:
- [RINI SurveyWorks \(English\)](#)
- [RINI SurveyWorks \(Spanish\)](#)
- Take a picture of your screen showing you have submitted it (or provide a screenshot)
- Email image to mtsiane@rinimc.org.
- Celebrate with your \$250 gift card!

The last day to complete the survey is **Wednesday, March 31**.

Parents/Guardians, this is an opportunity to provide feedback on how the school is doing.

We thank you and appreciate your participation.

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 multilingual learners is required to be administered in person and will be administered over several days in February and March.

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.

ACADEMICS:

WE ARE DOING GREAT THINGS IN EDUCATION! This week we successfully initiated in-person CNA lab time; this will continue throughout the month of March.

SENIORS: LET'S GET READY FOR GRADUATION! Mrs Gaspar is looking for seniors to join an innovative team to work on planning senior events for the end of the year. Meetings take place on Thursday after school at Mrs. Gaspar's Zoom Link.

COLLEGE AND CAREER UPDATES:

Interested in a career in Healthcare? Of course you are! March 31 is the deadline for scholarship applications for healthcare majors, including nursing, health care administration, masters programs, etc. Over \$40,000 will be awarded to RI students. For a complete list of qualifying majors, application and financial aid worksheet, please visit www.chartercarefoundation.org and click on Scholarships. For questions, email piacono@chartercarefoundation.org.

[PrepareRI Ambassador Team](#) is excited to announce the launch of monthly themed webinars, intended to increase awareness about the amazing opportunities available to best support students' college and career pathways. Please find a list of monthly webinar topics below:

- March: School Counseling (March 24 from 5 – 6 p.m.)
- April: All Course Network
- May: Saving Money in College with PrepareRI
- June: Work-Based Learning
- July: PrepareRI Alums – Where are they now?

You can register for the webinars [here](#). If you have questions about the monthly webinar series, please contact Wendy Wallace, at wendy.wallace@ride.ri.gov.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

The 1SG P. Andrew McKenna Memorial Scholarship is offered annually to two graduating seniors in the State of Rhode Island in honor of 1SG McKenna. Andrew was a Green Beret assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group, killed in action on August 7th, 2015 in Kabul, Afghanistan. Qualified applicants must submit completed applications no later than Friday, April 16th, 2021. Chosen recipients will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship check in their name. Application details can be found by emailing 1SGPAM@gmail.com.

The Rhode Island Foundation is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the Martin Luther King Scholarship. The Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to students who meet the following criteria:

- Rhode Island resident
- Applicants must be African-American/Black
- Accepted or enrolled in an accredited post-secondary college or technical school within the U.S.
- Must demonstrate academic and leadership success
- Must be able to demonstrate financial need

The award amounts vary and the scholarship may be renewable.

Deadline for application submission is Monday, April 12, 2021 by 5 p.m. (EST). Please click [here](#) to apply. Contact Kelly Riley, Donor Services Administrator, by calling: 401-427-4028, or emailing her at: kriley@rifoundation.org.

2021 Navigant Credit Union Scholarship Accepting Applications

The 2021 Navigant Credit Union Scholarship is open to any graduating high school senior entering an accredited junior college, college, university or tech school. The applicant or parent/guardian must be a member of Navigant Credit Union in good standing. The deadline for this scholarship is Monday, May 3rd 2021. The [Scholarship](#) can be downloaded from the Navigant Credit Union website. Please contact Kelley Schimmel at scholarships@navigantcu.org with any questions.

It's My Heart New England Scholarships 2021

It's My Heart New England is offering 4 scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each for 2021. The scholarships are awarded to qualified high school and college students who meet the following criteria: diagnosed with Congenital Heart Defect (CHD); been the recipient of a heart transplant; or have a family member (sibling, parent) diagnosed with CHD.

You can access the [application here](#) for these scholarships on our website. Applications must be postmarked by March 26, 2021 for award on or before June 27, 2021. Have questions? Email us at ne@itmyheart.org

It is not too late to file for FAFSA!

Day and night appointments are available. Book your appointment at [The College Planning Center](#) or call 401-736-3170 [Prepare for FAFSA](#)

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

All Providence residents age 65 and older are eligible for COVID vaccine. In addition, all Providence residents age 50+ and living in zip codes 02904, 02905, 02907, 02908, and 02909 are eligible for the vaccine. Click on the link for instructions on how to register.

[RI COVID Vaccine Information](#)

[Providence COVID Vaccine Information](#)

[States With Greater than 5% Positivity](#)

If you travel from one of these states or return to RI after visiting one of these states you still need to quarantine for 10 days. Students at RINI can NOT test out of travel quarantine.

While COVID numbers in RI seem to be improving slowly it is important that we continue to follow the 3 Ws.

Wash your hands

Wear a mask

Watch your distance

WORKFORCE INFORMATION: Please contact Mrs. Wozniak at: 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](#)

The 2021 Heart Walk is open! This year our walk will be a digital experience that joins our Southern New England and Southcoast Heart Walks. You can visit the registration page [HERE!](#) The experience will start in the beginning of May and will end with a virtual celebration on Sunday, June 6th on Facebook. Families are all welcome! This is a great way to get safely outdoors and start that healthy exercise we have been planning on all winter! Sign up now.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

The Path to Healthy Eating: Free food distribution

Eat healthy this year. Starting from **Friday 2/5 and every Friday through March 10am - 12pm at the Pell elementary school in Newport** free food will be distributed. It is open to all Rhode Islander. You just have to show up!

The RI Food Bank is distributing at this site. Boxes include produce, meat and milk.

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 allow 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](#).

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](#)

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community:

[RI FOOD SITES](#)

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- [Prepare for U.S. Citizenship with These Virtual Classes](#)
- [Tools for Healthy Living - A Virtual Series](#)

One Hour Resume Building Workshops, Thursdays

Email Krista at: kristavp@gmail.com to set up a one-on-one appointment for help with your resume. This workshop is online with Google Meet. If you need help using [Google meet](#), we will help you.

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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

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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 Ms. Pellegrino at: spellegrino@rinimc.org to 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



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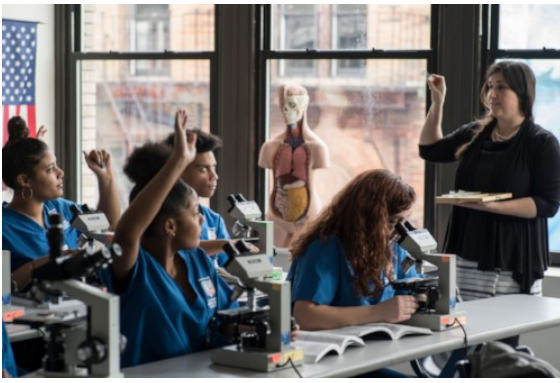
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