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RINI Principal's Update - May 28, 2021

RINI UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

May 31, 2021: Memorial Day (No School)

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT: Senior Week & Graduation Schedule of activities

Monday, June 14th - Senior cap decorating - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm All graduating seniors can come to RINI to pick up their caps & gowns. If you would like to stay and decorate the cap, please arrive around 12:30 for Binex testing. We will have supplies available, students are welcome to bring their own decorations as well.

Tuesday, June 15th - Senior Awards Night - 6:00 pm at the Pawtucket Country Club

Thursday, June 17th - Graduation Rehearsal at PCTA - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm This is mandatory for any student who is planning to attend the commencement ceremony.

Friday, June 18th - Prom at the Providence Marriott at Orms - 6:00 pm

Monday, June 21st - Commencement Ceremony at PCTA - seniors arrive at 5:00 pm - doors open at 5:30 pm

COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AND CELEBRATION:

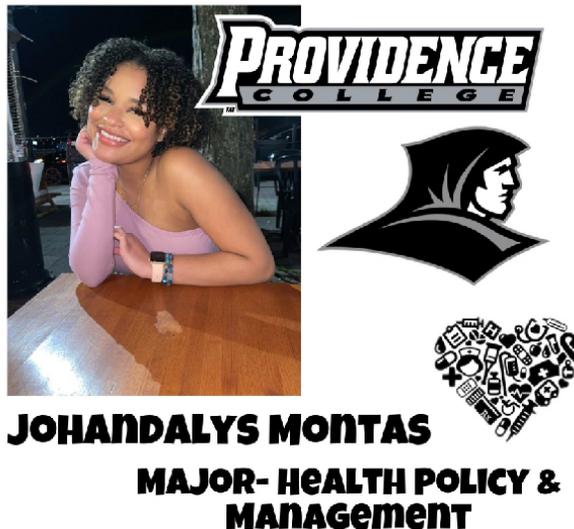


We are proud to announce **RINI Middle College's District Teacher of the Year; Dr Kevin Pare.** Dr Pare' is not only an exceptional teacher, he is a staunch advocate of our students and their success navigating their pathway into nursing. He will now serve as a liaison for RINI with RIDE and will have the opportunity to apply to represent all Rhode Island educators as the 2023

state teacher of the year!

Congratulations Dr Pare! Thank you for all you do for our students, staff and RINI school community.

COMMUNITY SALUTE OF THE WEEK:



JOHANDALYS MONTAS
MAJOR- HEALTH POLICY & MANAGEMENT

Congratulations, Johandalys, the RINI School community is proud of you and your accomplishments.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT:



Welcome to Community Spotlight, where we highlight and celebrate members of the RINI School Community. This week we are excited to speak to Dr. Clancy.

Describe your role at RINI. My role at RINI focuses on three parts, setting up and getting students registered for college classes, teaching college classes including Human Anatomy and Physiology, and finally, helping students navigate college classes. In this last role, I help students advocate for themselves with faculty they don't know well.

What do you enjoy most about teaching? I most enjoy challenging students with something that appears to be impossible at first, (for instance knowing all the bones of the human body) and then showing students how to use strategies to learn for themselves.

What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing today's education system? I think the greatest challenge to our educational system is to keep our educational standards as high as possible, even when the consequences of students not succeeding are so high. We need to give students major challenges and if they do not succeed, give them the room and opportunity to improve in the future.

What is the greatest success you've had with teaching? I think my greatest success is to convince students that they don't have to be "smart" to be successful in college, they have to work hard, harder than they have ever worked in their lives. With that hard work, comes knowledge and hopefully success for them in the future. When former students come back and tell me how well they are doing in college (or life) it gives me a sense of purpose.

How do you motivate your students to become active learners in your classroom? I ask students to become participants in a class and not observers. I ask them to make detailed drawings multiple times and then to explain the process to me or a partner. I ask students to identify bones and bone parts with their eyes closed and the bone in their hands. Finally, I ask students two difficult questions, after they answer a question: "Are you sure about your answer? If so, why are you sure?"

SENIORS: LET'S GET READY FOR GRADUATION!

Please complete these items during this month, so we can begin putting together the slideshow for senior awards night.

Start creating your personal slide that will be shown at awards night. The template and directions are below - all you need to do is make a copy, personalize, and send it to kgaspar@rinimc.org.

[Awards Night Personal Slide Template](#)

Send in pictures of your RINI experience - we want everyone to be included! Pictures of you all as a group will be helpful.

[Class of 2021 RINI Experience Pictures](#)

COLLEGE AND CAREER UPDATES:

[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:

- 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.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY:

Registration for ACN Courses Extended until June 11: The [ACN](#) is a RIDE initiative that allows students to take advantage of supplemental coursework outside of the traditional school day at no cost to a district or student. There are five different types of courses available on the ACN: Enrichment, Work-based learning, Dual enrollment, Advanced Placement, and Career Credential courses. All students in Rhode Island can participate in these opportunities.

Pre-registration is now open for Summer 2021 and AY2021-2022! The pre-registration window has been extended to Friday, June 11. Many new course offerings have been added as a result of additional stimulus funding. Students and families can visit [EnrollRI](#) to browse course offerings. For questions and

support, please let students and families know about the upcoming Family Engagement Session hosted by the ACN team (details below) or email acn@ride.ri.gov

For more information click here: [Expanding Students' Opportunities for Course Choice in Rhode Island](#)

CALLING ALL WRITERS: Write Rhode Island's Creative Writing Summer Program provides young writers the opportunity to develop their writing skills by writing in a fun, relaxed, and motivating environment. Students can take classes in fiction, comic book creation, scriptwriting, photo storytelling and more. Classes are in-person and begin in July. Sessions are week-long or multi-week sessions.

Students in grades 7-12 can register online. Aid available. Visit School One's [website](#) to see a full list of classes or contact Diana Champa at School One, 401-331-2497/dianac@school-one.org.

Knowledge For College Scholarship - Now Available Year Round! Starting May 1, 2021, the Knowledge for College Scholarship drawing will be held year-round. We are no longer taking the summer months off. Additionally, we are increasing the number of \$2,000 winners to 4 each month. Set those reminders in your cell phones so you don't miss out on any chances to win! The only way to win is to enter.

Increasing to 4 winners each month - Year Round!

- Register on our website [here](#)
- Read a brief financial literacy scenario and answer 3 multiple choice questions (this scholarship requires no essay!)
- Hit submit and receive confirmation of entry
- Come back each month to increase your chances of winning

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Daily Wellness Screening On Skyward If your child is coming into the school building they must do the Wellness Screening on Skyward Before entering the building. It is easiest to complete on a smartphone by downloading the

Skyward App.

COVID Vaccine is available in RI for everyone ages 16 and older. Sign up here for anyone in your household that is 16 or older.

[COVID Vaccine Registration](#)

Fully vaccinated individuals (14 days after the final dose) do NOT have to:

- quarantine if they are a close contact of someone with COVID,
- quarantine if they travel out of the U.S.
- quarantine if they travel to a state with a >5% positivity rate
- wear a mask outdoors in small gatherings
- wear a mask indoors in small gatherings of people

While COVID numbers are better we still need to be cautious. Continue to:

Wear a mask

Wash your hands

Watch your distance

FROM THE SOCIAL WORKER'S OFFICE

RINI Middle College acknowledges and recognizes how challenging the last year has been given the COVID-19 Pandemic, violence and the many losses experienced. We want you to know that there are resources and help available. If you are concerned about your student's mental health please reach out to the Bilingual School Social Worker Ms. Pellegrino at spellegrino@rinimc.org who has resources and information available. Please do not suffer in silence. If you are unsure or are having a hard time figuring out how to have difficult conversations with your student I can also give you some assistance with that. Do not hesitate to reach out for help.

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Available. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. [COVID-19 Funeral Assistance](#)

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 SUPPORT:

Recorded Series:

Talking with Teens: A Discussion about Mental Health [Watch Here](#)

Fostering Resilience in Children: The Role of the Family [Watch Here](#)

Youth Suicide Prevention, It's Everyone's Business: What Parents Need to Know [Watch Here](#)

Suicide Hotlines, Resources/ Chat Lines

The Samaritans of Rhode Island 24/7

1-800-365-4044

www.Samaritansri.org

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline -24/7

1-800-273-8255/1 800-273-TALK

www.suicidepreventionlifeline.com

National Hopeline Network- 24/7

1-800-784-2433/1-800-SUICIDE

www.hopeline.com

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Call 800-273-8255 text TALK to 741741

Rent Relief Available for Rhode Islanders: Rhode Island has received \$200 million in rent relief funds from the federal [Emergency Rental Assistance \(ERA\) Program](#). This program will provide rental and utility relief payments to help eligible renters maintain housing stability. [APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!](#)

Eligibility and docs needed

Either the tenant or landlord can begin an application. **Participation from both the tenant and landlord is required** to complete an application and for payment to be issued.

Tenant applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible:

- Household income must meet certain income limits.
- Qualified for unemployment benefits or have experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, OR experienced other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to COVID-19.
- Show they are at risk for becoming homeless or losing their housing.

Tenants and landlords will need to provide documentation to complete the application and for payment to be issued. A list of what tenants and landlords/property managers need to provide can be found on www.RentReliefRI.com. RIHousing has opened a new Call Center to assist applicants with questions. Residents can call the Rent Relief RI Call Center: 1-855-608-8756 or contact Katie West for more information.

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](#)

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](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Family Friendly Nutritional Fun! The Lifespan Community Health Institute and Temas Familiares will deliver a virtual workshop entirely in Spanish on Wednesday, June 9th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. titled “Family Friendly Nutritional Fun!” The workshop will start with a virtual resource fair featuring family-friendly summer activities. Following the resource fair, Fatima Tobar, Community Nutrition Educator with the URI SNAP-Ed program, will demonstrate a delicious recipe to prepare at home. This workshop will highlight the importance of eating a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables and speak to the benefits of involving children in meal preparation! [Click Here](#) for more information.

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