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A New Semester Begins

Wednesday, January 26th will be the start of the second semester at RINI. A new semester brings new classes and new opportunities to achieve your academic goals.

**Tips for a Successful Second Semester**

• Don’t procrastinate. If you procrastinate chances are you will forget to do the assignment. Set a specific time to do things such as homework and do it at the same time every day.

• Don’t give up. If you feel like giving up, take a step back and look at things from a different perspective.

• Take advantage of resources. The staff and faculty at RINI are here to help. Take advantage of office hours in the morning and afternoons to meet with teachers or staff. Don’t be afraid to ask for help!

• If you have specific goals for this year try to remind yourself every day. If you remind yourself every day about your goals it will help you remember what your short-term goals are for.

• When studying, try to avoid loud and distracting environments such as studying in front of the tv or your phone. Instead, try studying in your room or a library and study for things that will make an impact on your grades such as quizzes and tests.

• Appreciate the importance of sleep. Lack of sleep leads to poor concentration, and poor concentration can lead to bad grades. Force yourself to turn off the gadgets and go to bed early enough to get a good night's sleep.

Recognizing RINI Student Marlin Melo Severino

I observed one of our RINI students, Marlin Melo Severino, at work at CVS. This elderly woman approached her in the store multiple times to ask her questions, ask for the restroom, etc. Finally, when she was at the register the elderly woman proceeded to tell Marlin that she was lost. She was driving and then it got dark and she was a little confused. I watched Marlen take the time to listen to this woman very patiently, try to gather information, and figure out
how to help her get home. She even took the time to write out the directions for the woman so she could drive herself home safely. She exemplifies the RINI Nursing Pillars: Character, Compassion and Empathy, and Professionalism. She will be an amazing nurse one day!

Submitted by Ms. Pellegrino Cornier

**Celebrating National School Choice Week**

School choice is the process of allowing every family to choose the K-12 educational options that best fit their children. Every child is unique, and every child has different interests. That’s why school choice is so important! School choice allows our students to attend RINI and begin their journey in the healthcare field. National School Choice Week is being celebrated next week from January 23-29. To celebrate our charter school, students and staff can share their memories on the special “We Celebrate RINI” wall. Students and staff are encouraged to write why they like being a part of the RINI community, a favorite memory, or what is special about RINI to them. This banner will be saved as a special memento from our current RINI community. Look for the wall to be up in the hallway on the 4th floor near room #401.

**Welcome New RINI Staff Members**

We are excited to welcome new members to the RINI team.

James McCracken: Social Studies

Bonnie Shelton: College & Career Guidance Counselor

**Scholarship Opportunity**

The Transform Rhode Island Scholarship is open and accepting applications
High school students of color are asked to imagine what they would do with $1,000,000 to improve the lives of RI’s BIPOC community. Ideas around education, job skills training, business, housing, or healthcare. The Papitto Opportunity Connection (POC) will award a $10,000, $15,000, and $25,000 scholarship and the winning student’s idea will be transformed into reality with a minimum investment of $1,000,000. Students get money for college and a seat at the table to have their idea heard and funded.

POC seeks to help RI high school students of color to get past financial obstacles to higher education, affordable housing, and access to healthcare services while empowering students to create change in their communities.

Applications can be submitted through a written essay, video, or other multimedia format at POC Foundation

POC is a private foundation dedicated to listening and working together with Rhode Island’s BIPOC communities to empower and create individual success stories by investing in education, job skills training, and entrepreneurial ventures. Watch this video to learn more.

**Summer High School Programs at Boston University**

It may be cold outside, but it’s not too early to start planning for summer. Boston University’s long-running Summer Term pre-college offerings include a choice of one, two, three, and six-week programs that prepare you for success in college. With five exciting and challenging pre-college summer programs to choose from, you can earn college credit, discover a new subject area, perform cutting-edge research in university labs, or immerse yourself in hands-on learning. Summer is a great time to push yourself academically while experiencing college life, making new friends, and engaging in fun social activities around Boston and on campus. We invite you to join other motivated teens from 50 states and 87 countries in our summer programs for high school students—a great introduction to college life and academics.

Boston University is offering five pre-college programs, each of which provides rigorous and collaborative college life experiences that will enable students to gain a strong sense of their personal and academic potential. To learn more and to apply for the 2022 Summer Term High School Programs at
Boston University, visit their website.

Tell A Friend to Attend Open House and APPLY to RINI for 2022-2023

Have a friend or family member entering 9th grade next year who is interested in the healthcare field? RINI is now accepting applications till March 17th for the 2022-23 academic year. Interested students can apply here.

We encourage interested students and their parents to attend an upcoming open house to learn more about RINI and the application process. Virtual and in-person open house opportunities are being offered on:

• Thursday, January 27th, 6:00 pm Virtual
• Thursday, February 3rd, 6:00 pm In-Person
• Thursday, March 3rd, 6:00 pm In-Person

Interested students are encouraged to register for an open house here

Meet the RINI Staff

Jean Febles
Teacher Assistant

Hello, my name is Mr. Febles and I was born and raised in Providence, RI. I am a Teacher Assistant at RINI where I assist students with school work and connect with them to build a safe, unified, encouraging community here at RINI. I am also a part of a grassroots organization called Project 401 where I help build the greater community of Providence through Hip Hop art, dance, music, and culture. We have created various programs dedicated to youth and the community as a whole and we
continue to serve our community since 2010. I started my dancing journey 11 years ago and continue to perform and compete in various competitions throughout the greater New England region. One thing I enjoy about being a teacher assistant here at RINI is being able to connect with the students and build up the next generation of future leaders. My goal at RINIMC is to inspire students to be the best version of themselves and to help them find their passion in life.

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