Dear students and parents,

At RINI, we are fortunate to have many reasons to celebrate student success both academically and personally. Today, I am proud to acknowledge the academic achievements of our students who have made both the school and
their parents very proud. Rhode Island Nurses Institute Middle College is pleased to announce the selection of membership to the National Honor Society. Selection is based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character. It is with great pleasure to share that the following students have been selected for membership to the National Honor Society:

**12th grade:**
Ena Agbenya | Vanessa Ayala | Lizbeth Bautista | Samantha Bernabe | Kayla Candelier | Taytum Camacho | Amy Faye | Richelle Jimenez | Joyce London | Abby Morales | Jaslyn Ortiz Orsini | Destiny Quiterio | Alyssa Rego | Luisana Rodriguez | Marlin Serverino | Keely Silva | Destiny Then | Senny Tounkara | Johanmy Reynoso Vega

**11th grade**
Barakat Ademola | Theresa Adesina | Jualice Lopes Alves | Kealy Santos Concepcion | Emely Padilla Duran | Astrid Cruz | Ashli Flete | Emmely Frederique | Genesis Garcia | Indira Monteiro | Maria Paula Cano Narvaez | Emely Rojas Patzan | Sydney Perez | Abigail Pinkrah | Luz Maria Plasencia | Alexis Rumgay | Yamaris Sanchez

I congratulate each and every one of you for your momentous academic achievement. You have worked hard and your commitment and dedication to your studies has paid off.

**Principal Ferland**

**Parent Teacher Conferences**
As we work to meet the needs of all parents, RINI’s Fall Parent/Teacher conferences will be a mix of in-person and virtual meetings. The Parent/Teacher conference is an opportunity to collaborate with your student’s teachers to identify strengths and needs, coordinate efforts to support learning and strengthen the home/school connection with your student’s
teachers. Additional information will be sent out to all parents and posted on the RINI website.

Parent Teacher Conference Days will be held on:

Monday, November 22nd: 12:30 - 6:30

and

Tuesday, November 23rd: 12:30 - 6:30

Virtual Parent Teacher Conference schedule sign ups will be sent out soon.

RINI Student Council News

Food Drive

The RINI Student Council is holding a food drive from November 15th-19th. The need for food in our communities has never been greater. Students and staff are encouraged to bring in can/non-perishable food goods to donate. Students can bring their donations to their Advisory period. Any questions, please contact Ms. Bushey, Student Council Advisor at vbushey@rinimc.org

Wear Red

Wear Red on Friday, November 19th to Celebrate Indigenous People’s Month. The RINI Student Council is asking students and staff to wear red on Friday, 11/19 to honor and celebrate the first peoples of our nation. Students can wear red scrubs, red socks, red shoes, etc. in an effort to show support. Please remember, this is still a day that students wear scrubs.

You Asked, We Listened

Breakfast and Lunch Menus:

We have heard from numerous parents and students that it would be helpful to have the breakfast and lunch menus posted on the website. We are
pleased to inform you that the monthly menus will be available on our website under the Community section at the bottom of the RINI website.

RINI Zip-Up Hoodie:

Students expressed interest in having a RINI Zip-Up Hoodie added to the RINI Gear option. We are happy to share that a brand new RINI Zip-Up Hoodie is available for purchase in either black or blue at https://rinimc.org/rinimc-gear.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank everyone for their patience as we are awaiting delivery of some outstanding orders. As we all are aware, there is a global delay in supply chains that are affecting manufacturers which has resulted in a longer turn over time.
Susan La Flesche
First Female Native American Physician

Born in 1865, Susan La Flesche grew up on the Omaha reservation Omaha Reservation in the northeast corner of Nebraska. During her childhood, she saw a white doctor refuse to treat an ailing American Indian woman. This spurred La Flesche to become a physician herself. In 1889, she was the first female Native American to earn a medical degree in the United States.

At 14, La Flesche left home to attend the Elizabeth Institute for Young Ladies in New Jersey and then earned a degree at Hampton Institute (now Hampton University) in Virginia, graduating second in her class. She earned a spot at the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania and graduated as class valedictorian. At a time when few women, let alone Native Americans, were encouraged to pursue careers, La Flesche was determined to work on behalf of her Native community, so she packed up and headed home to the Omaha Reservation.

She was 24 and had her work cut out for her. The only physician for more than 1,200 patients spread across 1,350 square miles, she used a horse and buggy to make house calls. She delivered babies and treated diseases like cholera, influenza and tuberculosis on the reservation and in the surrounding white towns. Seeing an urgent need for more centralized care, she set to work on her ultimate dream of building a hospital where everyone could be treated. In 1913, with $9,000 — La Flesche opened the first-of-its-kind modern reservation hospital in Walthill, Nebraska.

After her death in 1915, the facility was renamed the Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Memorial Hospital.

Community Events

• Tomaquag Museum!
Learn About Indigenous Culture! The Only Indigenous Museum In Rhode
Island!

390A Summit Rd. Exeter, Rhode Island
Open for public drop in visitors on Wednesdays (10am-5pm) and Saturdays (10am-2pm)

• Project: Amplifying Narragansett Voices on Survivance, Land and Lifeways
URI Feinstein Providence Campus Gallery 80
Washington Street, Providence, RI
1st and 2nd floor Lobby Gallery
November 8th-December 15th
Amplifying Narragansett Voices on Survivance, Land, and Lifeways is an exhibit meant to address environmental issues caused by colonization and the impacts on the Earth and Native American communities. Those who visit the exhibit will learn how much nature and land connect Indigenous people to their spirituality and help them find their identity. Amplifying Narragansett Voices on Survivance, Land and Lifeways effectively demonstrate why protection of Indigenous rights and sovereignty through the relentless pursuit of access to land and resources, ensuring environmental health, and preserving Indigenous lifeways is essential to the survival of Indigenous populations everywhere.

• First Annual Hearts with Hope Fall Bazaar
Saturday, November 13th 10am-3pm
Woonsocket Elks Club, 380 Social Street, Woonsocket, RI
Join us and over 30 crafters and vendors for our first annual Fall Bazaar. There will be something for everyone. We will have a penny social raffle, a 50/50 raffle and many other surprises. Admission is free and all are welcome!

• Providence Artisans Holiday Premiere
Sunday, November 14th
475 Valley Street, Providence, RI
10am-4pm
Providence Artisans Holiday Premiere features over 70 local fine art and craft vendors for all your early holiday shopping needs! We’ll have paintings,
ceramics, jewelry, clothing, accessories, glass, sculpture, and more all under one roof in the fantastic WaterFire Arts Center! All your favorite PVD Artisans will be here displaying their handmade gift wares, food trucks too! Join the fun, shop early, shop local! Free admission! Free Parking!

•Café Recuerdos | Thankful Thursday • ¡Gracias a Diós!
November 18, 2021
12:30pm to 2:00pm
209 Central Street, Central Falls
Discussion: Things/people in our lives that we're thankful for at this time. Café Recuerdos is made possible with support in part by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, the New England Foundation for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Association for Latino Arts & Cultures

What to Read Next: Book Recommendations: Marvel’s Voices: Heritage #1

In honor of American Indian Heritage Month, Marvel Studios is releasing "Marvel's Voices: Heritage #1". Now in its second year, the hit series will feature Indigenous writers and artists, including talent who contributed to the first MARVEL’s VOICES: INDIGENOUS VOICES title last year as well as many rising stars making their Marvel Comics debut! These creators will come together on four thrilling stories that dive into the past, present, and future of the Marvel Universe and star some of Marvel’s most iconic Indigenous Super Heroes. New York Times bestselling author Rebecca Roanhorse and acclaimed Navajo artist Shaun Beyale will further reveal the fascinating story behind River, the mysterious stranger from the pages of Rebecca Roanhorse’s new PHOENIX SONG: ECHO series! Discover Snowguard’s greatest hopes and fears in a tale by celebrated filmmaker Nyla Innuksuk and artist Natasha Donovan! Writer
Steven Paul Judd and artist David Cutler explore the legacy of Jason Strongbow, AKA American Eagle, in a poignant tale about this classic Navajo Super Hero.