

**Arts High String Ensemble Performs at NJPAC**



Newark Arts High School String Ensemble performed at New Jersey Performing Arts Center on Thursday, May 16 for the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (NJSO) audience and patrons before the main concert. The invitation to play is part of the NJSO Community Outreach Initiative that spotlights outstanding Newark students and talent.

**Male Students Career Development**

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During his speech Dr. Ellis drove home the point that image is power. Students shouldn't dress for where they are, but for where they're going.



The one-hour workshop sessions included technology, manufacturing, health care, transportation, business and entrepreneurship, education, social work, retail, entertainment and construction.

Following the workshops attendees had lunch and heard from young male panelists such as Malachi Samedy, a fourth grade student and musical prodigy who has performed for President Obama; Jordan Coleman, a 12th grader who has performed on Nickelodeon and is a current award-winning movie producer; Mahishan Gnanaseharan, a ninth grader who represented Newark students at the City of Newark's Peace Summit with the Dalai Lama; Angel Plaza, a 12th grader who serves on the Newark Public Schools' Advisory Board and has been accepted at NJIT to major in engineering; and Kevin Morrison, a 12th grader who has faced adversity and is overcoming personal obstacles to focus on college and career readiness.

The Conference was hosted and sponsored by the Newark Public Schools along with the City of Newark, Newark Works and Rutgers University, Office of University Community Partnerships—Newark Campus. Young Men Employment Network is the coordinating agency.

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*Congratulations NPS State Champions*

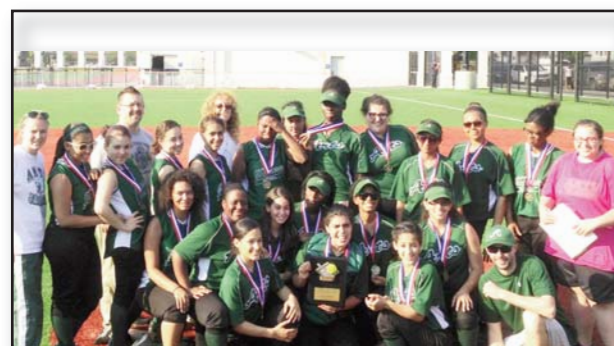
"Well done" to the Malcolm X Shabazz High School Girls Basketball Team and Coach Vanessa Watson on winning the 2013 State Tournament of Champions title. The team beat Rancocas Valley at the Sun Bank National Center in Trenton 66-54, following a season in which they ranked no. 1 in the Star-Ledger Top 20.



Congratulations also to the East Side High School Boys Basketball Team, who won the state Group 3 title, and went on to be one of the final six teams in the 2013 State Tournament of Champions.



**District Softball Champs**



Congratulations to Arts High Softball Coach Healy and the 2013 Newark City Champs Girls Softball team!

**Cami Anderson, Superintendent**



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**NJ Devils Honors Program: A Lesson in Motivation**



Since 2009, the New Jersey Devils organization has given away free tickets that reward students for good grades. The NJ Devils Honors Program, a joint initiative between the Devils and the Newark Public Schools, provides an incentive for students to perform well in school. At the same time, they see inside the famous Prudential Center, also known as The Rock.

By the end of the first marking period for the 2012-2013 school year, a total of 18,797 students had received Devils tickets through the program. Students in grades 3-12 are eligible, and tickets are given to those who either place in the Honor Roll (A or B in all subjects) or the Super Honor Roll (A in all subjects) in a marking period. Each student gets two tickets to an individual game. Kudos to the Devils for motivating district students to do better and for being a great partner!

**Adopt-A-Preschool Literacy Initiative**



The launch of the Adopt-A-Preschool Initiative, is a community partnership between the Newark Public Schools, the Newark Fire Department and the Newark Preschool Council. The partnership is designed to strengthen early literacy and provide positive role-models for young learners. Book-drives are being carried out at fire houses and fire-fighters plan to visit, read, and engage students in conversations around literacy, thereby assisting them to develop oral language.

**Newark Public Schools Male Students Gain the Essentials on Career Development**

Approximately 400 male students representing the district's high schools met at Rutgers University, on Friday, May 31, for the Young Men Employment Network (YMEN) Student Conference. The event brought students together in grades 10 and 11, who have committed themselves to academic success, are contributing to their communities and have career interests that match those featured as part of the conference. Workshops selected were based on projected employment opportunities in the City of Newark. Each student had the opportunity to meet with career professionals, discuss job and career opportunities for the summer and learn about the importance of image in a professional environment. A panel of student leaders in various endeavors spoke to the participants about their personal experiences.

Assistant Superintendent Roger Leon noted 400 male high school students were called to this conference. "You were chosen because you did something good, and we applaud you," he added.

Dr. Alex Ellis, president of the Tied to Greatness Company, based in Union, New Jersey, was the special guest who spoke to the students about self-esteem, proper attire and business settings. Dr. Ellis' company provided free ties for all of the attendees who were assisted in a tie tying demonstration by teachers, counselors and coaches who served as chaperones.

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**National Theatre Visits Bruce Street School**



Bruce Street School recently hosted hearing-impaired students from across the state for a stirring performance by the National Theatre of the Deaf. The group's Little Theatre performers presented "The W-5, stories behind Who, What, Where, When, and Why." (photo: A young student takes part in the interactive performance).



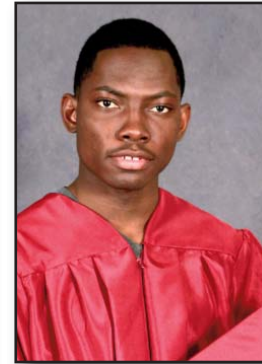
# Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Class of 2013!



**American History High School**  
Humberto Gomes, Valedictorian  
Shante Larry, Salutatorian



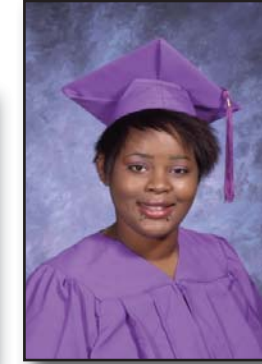
**Arts High School**  
Ana Sousa, Valedictorian  
Amber Pistone, Salutatorian



**Bard Early College High School**  
Marvin Pinkrah, Valedictorian  
Katrina Anderson, Salutatorian



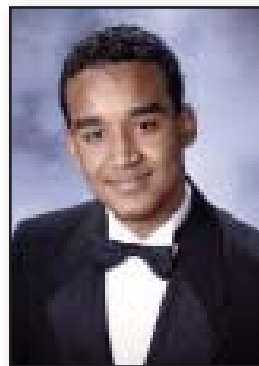
**Newark Bridges High School**  
Oumar Ouattara, Valedictorian  
Jevon Jeffrey, Salutatorian



**Newark Innovation Academy**  
A'Crissa Grayson, Valedictorian  
Vinicius An, Salutatorian



**Newark Leadership Academy**  
Brianna Winbush, Valedictorian  
Jadzia Cribb, Salutatorian



**Barringer High School**  
Jean Carlos Rocha, Valedictorian  
Kelly Djine, Salutatorian



**East Side High School**  
Dominique Almendariz, Co-Valedictorian  
Deliris Diaz, Co-Valedictorian  
Maria Badilla, Salutatorian



**Newark Vocational High School**  
Ashley Jarrett, Valedictorian  
Cindy Beaubrun, Salutatorian



**Science Park High School**  
Jennifer Herrera, Valedictorian  
Stephanie Reinoso, Salutatorian



**Technology High School**  
Jocelyn De La Rosa, Valedictorian  
Idaliss Rivera, Salutatorian



**Central High School**  
Sharoya Lavon Simmons, Valedictorian  
Tah'asia Stevens, Salutatorian



**John F. Kennedy School**  
Joe Davila, Valedictorian  
Rico Belen, Salutatorian



**Malcolm X Shabazz High School**  
Saskia Anderson, Valedictorian  
Ma-Lisa Winbourn, Salutatorian



**University High School**  
Surafel Tadesse, Valedictorian  
Ebonee Burwell, Salutatorian



**Weequahic High School**  
Shauntel Lucius, Valedictorian  
Shellasia Leitch, Salutatorian



**West Side High School**  
Elisa Morel, Valedictorian  
Khandi Garraway, Salutatorian

*Note: Due to space restrictions, the alpha order layout is somewhat skewed for the Central and East Side honorees.*