



## YB STUDENTS VISIT URI

By Raisa, YouthBuild Alumni

Development program in Taff Hall. The Talent Development program is organized to help in-state students of color with low income and disadvantaged students. Without the support of TD, many of these young people may not have been able to attend URI. Touring the TD building gave YB students and opportunity to see where over a thousand members of the Talent Development program achieve their educational and professional goals. Our students hope to one day be a part of the TD Program at URI.

Later in the day, students enjoyed a great meal in URI's dining hall. Students were surprised by all of the available food options. After a long lunch, students were able to enjoy the full campus tour including the dorms, gyms and pool side area that URI has to offer. URI was a great experience for the students to get an insight on college choices. YouthBuild students were honored to visit and many left excited to apply!



YouthBuild Providence Students visiting the URI campus

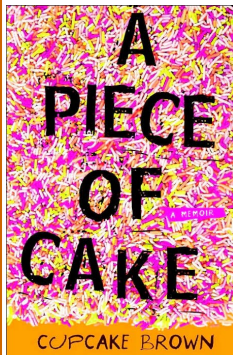
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This month, YouthBuild students made their way to University of Rhode Island (URI) campus to explore one of their future college choices. Students had the opportunity to tour the campus with YouthBuild Providence staff, many of whom are URI alumni!

Students were able to sit in with an academic advisor from the Talent

### READ THIS BOOK!

By Gesenia, Student Writer



After her mother dies in her arms, Cupcake Brown enters foster care and faces physical and sexual abuse. From child prostitution to gang initiation and drug addiction, Cupcake brings you into the horrors of her past.

This memoir was amazing... Brown tells you the whole painful truth and helps you see how she

survived such a difficult life and what it took for her to learn from the past and build a better future .

I recommend this book because it powerfully describes the harsh world that many live in. It explains how you can survive, just like Cupcake Brown, who is now a successful lawyer at a large firm in San Francisco.

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#### And much more!

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

The following students recently passed portions of their GED test:

**Tommy:** Social Studies & Science

**Chrissna:** Math & Reading

**Stephanie:** Reading

**Tiana:** Reading

**Carmen:** Reading

## YouthBuild Providence Begins Granting Diplomas

### Thanks to a Partnership with the Providence Public School Department

By Elijah, YouthBuild Alumni



**October 23, 2012** YouthBuild Providence and The Providence Public School Department announced a partnership that will be the first of its kind in the city of Providence. High school students who are at risk of dropping out will now have the opportunity to their high school diploma at YouthBuild Providence. This is an incredible opportunity for young people to embark with us on the first multiple pathways educational initiative in the City of Providence.

We are pleased to have the support of Mayor Angel Tavares, Superintendent of Providence Public Schools Dr. Sue Lusi, and Charlotte Golar Riches the Senior Vice President Public Policy, Advocacy, and Government Relations, YouthBuild USA.

We believe YouthBuild's partnership with the Providence Public School system will help the drop out rates and will do everything in our power to make sure students are successful in everything they do.

**Angela Romans-** Office of Mayor Angel Tavares, Senior Advisor of Education  
Speaking Outside of YouthBuild Providence

### YOU Can Help YouthBuild Providence

Win \$10,000!

The CTK Foundation Fund has just issued the official rules and guidelines for their 2013 Heart & Soul Grant— and they're not looking for a lengthy proposal. The Foundation asks that the participants of a non-profit (YouthBuild Providence students, staff and volunteers) submit a 4-8 line poem creatively expressing the mission of the organization.

**Here at YouthBuild, we thought we would make it into a healthy competition of our own.**

The rules are simple:

1. Write a 4- 8 line poem describing YouthBuild Providence's mission in your own creative words
2. Submit the poem to Ariana via email at [aalicea@provplan.org](mailto:aalicea@provplan.org)  
Or simply drop it off in her office...
3. Before Winter Break, Mr. Hubbard will announce the winner and they will receive gift certificate and their poem will be submitted to the CTK Foundation

**If you need help getting started, here is the official YouthBuild Mission Statement:**

*Our mission is to provide young people with opportunities for positive life choices and experiences, and to help them become mentally and morally empowered to accept responsibility for themselves, their families and their communities.*



Congratulations to Gesenia & Dominique,  
October & November's Students of the Month!

A special thank you to Heskey, George, Stephen, Katherine and Tiana...

... for coming in on a Saturday to build picnic tables for Central Falls High School

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To the UConn students who participated in this service day on Nov. 3rd...



**THANK YOU!**

FIELD TRIP: MIDDLESEX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY



In November, seven students visited The Middlesex Company's bridge construction site in Bourne, MA. Students learned about the safety, planning, and communication involved in a large commercial construction project. Staff at the site explained the process of cutting away the existing bridge and building the new one, one half at a time. Students had the opportunity to sit in the crane, learn about its controls, and see it in action. TMC staff also explained to students some of the many routes to starting a career in bridge construction.

YB LAUNCHES NEW EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

December 2012:

This month, staff were challenged to create after school clubs for YouthBuild Providence Students. Just last week, Shannon's **Sewing Club** began meeting and the turnout was fantastic. Students stayed after school until 5pm learning about sewing machines, embroidery, mending and they begin their projects. From pencil skirts to pillows, we look forward to seeing their creations!

Other new clubs include.

- ◆ **Men of Color United** with Mr. Hubbard
- ◆ **The Jigsaw Crew** with Mr. Rob Hubbard
- ◆ **YBP Girls Rock** with Ms. Rosa
- ◆ **Movie Club** with Mr. Mike
- ◆ **YB TV**, hosted by Elijah
- ◆ **Sewing Cub** with Shannon
- ◆ **The BEAST in Society** with Raisa
- ◆ **SPEAK**, Poetry with Ms. Deb

FALL SEMESTER PHOTOS...



Elijah and Dominique @ URI's Dining Hall



Ariana (VISTA), Justin (PC Intern) & Raisa (Alumni & AmeriCorps Member)



Mark, John & Justin in construction

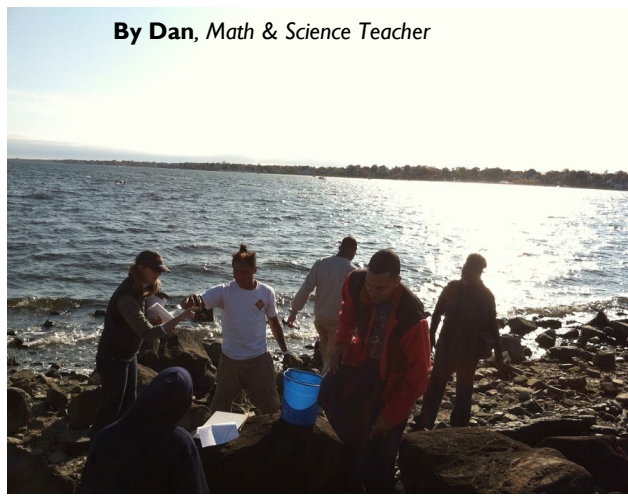


Shannon (Education Director) & Dan (Math & Science Teacher)

BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP: SAVE THE BAY

In October, YouthBuild Providence students visited Save The Bay. First we all boarded the *Alletta Morris* and collected live animals from the Narragansett Bay floor. The crew taught students about the diversity of life in the bay and different types of plankton living there.

After returning to land, students explored the rocky shore and collected live animals such as the Asian shore crab. They conducted an inquiry lab by closely examining animals like sea urchins, sea stars, horseshoe crabs, and spider crabs. The field trip allowed students to connect what they learned about ecosystems in biology class to the fascinating and diverse life found in the bay.



By Dan, Math & Science Teacher

YouthBuild Providence Students visiting the Narragansett Bay



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QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

*"If you could give any gift this holiday season, what would it be and who would you give it to?"*

"I'd buy my mother a house" - Katherine, student

"A scarf for Mr. Hub" - Heskey, student

Happy Holidays from the Staff & Students at YouthBuild



UPCOMING EVENTS:

**December 19:** First YB Girls Rock Meeting

Rosa will be hosting the club's first after school meeting... we will be scrapbooking!

**December 21:** YouthBuild's Annual Holiday Brunch

Students are welcome to bring food donations

**December 24th— January 1st:** Winter Break

Students should return for classes on

Wednesday, January 2nd 2013!