



NHF Spotlights Scholars Leaping Towards A Bright Future!!

Tiahna Spencer 2015 graduate from University of Connecticut! Double major: Physiology and Neurobiology



- Awards: McNair Scholar and Honors Scholar
- Fall 2015: Attend the University of Connecticut School of Medicine
- College Activities: Community service sorority, leadership position in the Women in Math, Science and Engineering and works in the Office of the Dean of Students.

Rose Pierre 2015 graduate from Andrews University in Michigan! Double major in Family Studies & Human Development, Minor in Religion. She studied abroad in Turkey, Egypt and Israel last summer and



- Awards: Women of Promise and Distinction Award
- 2013 Associate's Degree from NCC.
- Fall 2015 New York University graduate studies in Higher Education and Student Affairs.

Congratulations, the NHA is proud of your accomplishments! We are happy that we could support your journey through the NHF Scholarship!

SENIORS! We HEARD You!

Beginning Monday June 1, 2015 dinner will now be served at 5:00pm as requested in the recent resident survey in the Irving Freese Community Center, 57 Ward St., Norwalk, CT 06851. A \$2.00 donation suggested, but the amount is not required.

Call 24 hour in advance for reservations at 203-241-2422. You can find the monthly menu at

www.norwalkha.org under Senior Services. Come when your favorite meals are served.

If you need a ride, call 203-852-1144 and press 0 to schedule a van ride.



Enjoy BINGO Tuesday Nights at 6:00pm



Volunteers are hosting BINGO every Tuesday night from 6:00pm-7:15pm in the Community Center at Irving Freese. PRIZES and LIGHT REFRESHMENTS will be served. Come have fun and enjoy!!



HUD Awards NHA Funding To Support Emergency, Safety and Security Needs

In an effort to address emergency, safety and security needs, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded \$116,454 to the Norwalk Housing Authority to improve security. The funding announced is part of \$6 million awarded nationwide to help secure public housing. The Norwalk Housing Authority will use this funding to purchase exterior lighting, fencing, and entry doors at Meadow Gardens Apartments to improve security and monitoring. "This grant will allow the Norwalk Housing Authority to make necessary improvements in and around their buildings to ensure families who live in public housing feel safe in their homes and immediate surroundings," said HUD Connecticut Field Office Director Suzanne Piacentini.

FREE SUMMER SCHOOL FOR ESL & GED PROGRAM



Norwalk Adult Education will be offering an ESL and GED (in English) program for Adults at Brien

McMahon High School. The FREE program will be offered Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon from June 29 through July 22. Registration will take place at Brien McMahon High School on June 24 and June 25 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. If you have any questions, please call the Adult Education office at 854-4115.

Washington Village Residents: Need A Job or A Better Job?

Express Employment Professionals will be hosting a registration session for temporary to permanent positions at Leroy Downs, 26 Monroe Street, Norwalk.

Interested candidates are encouraged to contact Daphny Dolce from Housing Opportunities Unlimited at 203-952-1851 or via e-mail

d.dolce@housingopportunities.com.

Available positions include: Administrative, Customer Service, Warehouse, General Labor, Receptionist.





NHA Needs Volunteers!

- ◆ Run Bingo at senior housing community centers
- ◆ Work at the main office stuffing mail
- ◆ Make copies for mass mailings
- ◆ Senior housing activities coordinator; flexible hours
- ◆ Listen to children practice reading

If you are interested, call Anabell DeLaCruz at 203-838-8471 ext. 140.

Employment Tip of the Month: Find occupations with O*NET Online

Explore career and occupational information online, FREE, at your convenience at www.onetonline.org. Sponsored by the US Department of Labor, O*NET contains hundreds of occupation specifics and descriptions. Check it out!

FREE Health Career Training!

Come to this information session to find out if you qualify for FREE health career training. Some opportunities include C.N.A., Phlebotomy, Pharmacy Tech, EKG ... AND MANY MORE!!!



WHEN: JUNE 16th, 10:00AM – 12:00 PM

WHERE: Leroy Downs Community Room, 26 Monroe St

SPACE IS LIMITED, CALL TO PRE-REGISTER: Lisa Roger, 203-838-8471 ext. 188.

Financial Management Tip of the Month: Avoid Payday Loans



Payday loans are marketed as a quick and easy way to help out borrowers financially until their next pay check. Did you know that the typical borrower with an average of nine payday loan transactions can be in debt for more than *half a year* at annual interest rates *over 400%*? Generally, payday loans hurt people's financial situation long-term. Avoid payday loans at all costs!

Identity Theft Protection Workshop

The fastest growing crime in the U.S. is identity theft. Every year victims are scammed of their money through fraud. Learn how to protect yourself and your assets from thieves who can steal your information.



WHEN: JUNE 17th, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

WHERE: Leroy Downs Community Room, 26 Monroe St., Norwalk

SPACE IS LIMITED, CALL TO PRE-REGISTER: Lisa Roger, 203-838-8471 ext. 188.

Fairfieldcountyjobs.com Largest Job Fair will be held on June 17th

Date: Wednesday June 17, 2015

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Location: Trumbull Marriott, 180 Hawley Lane, Trumbull CT 06611



Register: <http://www.allcountyevents.com/index.php/job-seeker-registration>

FREE Meals Offered WEEKLY by the Bridgeport Rescue Mission



In partnership with the Norwalk Housing Authority, The Bridgeport Rescue Mission Mobile Food Kitchen serves FREE hot take-home dinners in Norwalk weekly:

◆ Washington Village Learning Center, Tuesdays, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

◆ Meadow Gardens, 49 Meadow St., Thursdays, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

◆ Roodner Court Learning Center, 261 Ely Ave., Fridays, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

◆ Ryan Park (off Day Street), Sundays, lunches starting around noon

Approximately 100 meals are served nightly to anyone in need, no ID necessary, and open to all. Thanks to Bridgeport Rescue Mission for fighting poverty from the inside out!

All Invited!

To: You!
From: NHF Scholarship Committee

The NHF Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held on July 8, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Stepping Stones Museum, Matthews Park, 303 West Ave, Norwalk.

Please RSVP to Anabell DeLaCruz at 203-838-8471 ext.140.

Roller Coaster Physics

Students had a blast putting STEM into action with Roller Coaster Physics! A roller coaster demonstrates kinetic energy and potential energy. A marble at the top of the track has potential energy. When the marble rolls down the track, the potential energy is transformed into kinetic energy. Real roller coasters use a motor to pull cars up a hill at the beginning of the ride. Cars that are stopped at the top of the hill have potential energy. As the car rolls down the hill, the potential energy becomes kinetic energy. This fun activity showcased the importance of teambuilding, collaboration and consensus! Be sure to sign your child up for NHA STEM camp with Science and Math Coordinator Sheiree Powell. Contact your child's center lead coordinator for more details or email spowel@norwalkha.org.



Music Theatre of Connecticut Class



Students from Meadow Gardens and 20 West partnered on this project.

For the past two months, Learning Center students participated in a reader's theatre musical theatre class. In this class, students learned theatrical skills such as singing, dancing, acting, writing and performing. The kindergarten through-second graders performed a rendition of "Where the Sidewalk Ends" followed by poems they learned. The third through fifth grade students performed a modern version of "The Three Little Pigs" and "The Tortoise and the Hare" followed by the famous song "Ease on Down the Road" from The Wiz. The students really enjoyed their time at Music Theatre of Connecticut and are hoping to continue learning and participating in the programs MTC has in the near future.

*I've heard there are troubles of more than one kind;
some come from ahead, and some come from behind.
But I've brought a big bat.
I'm all ready, you see; now
my troubles are going to have troubles with me!-*



Let's Play Ball...At the park that is. Baseball is not to be played in the courtyards. Please report anyone who is violating this rule to Anabell at 203-838-8471 ext. 140. The next window broken could be yours that you will have to pay for.

NCC FREE Summer Bridge Intensive Math Program

Are you starting at Norwalk Community College in the fall and want to improve your math skills before you start school? NCC is offering a FREE intensive math program for students seeking to improve their mathematical skills and enhance overall preparation for entry into NCC in fall 2015. The program will run July 6-July 31, Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 12:15pm. For more information, contact Kim Hein at khein@norwalkha.org or 203-838-8471 x190.



Lease Reminder:

Now that the weather is nice and children and guests children are playing outside, please be sure both your children and guest children are supervised. Your lease states the following, ***"To conduct himself/herself and to cause authorized occupants and guests to conduct themselves in a manner which will not disturb their other residents peaceful enjoyment of their accommodations and will be conducive to maintaining the complex in a decent, safe and sanitary condition."***

NHA Welcomes New Reading Coach



The Literacy Program would like to introduce Nicole Nurse. Nicole is a certified teacher, who recently moved to Norwalk with her husband and two daughters from Texas. Nicole has ten years' experience in the classroom and as a Curriculum Specialist. As the Curriculum Specialist, she was responsible for a campus-wide implementation of the Language Arts and Social Studies programs. In addition to her teaching credentials Nicole holds an MBA from Texas A&M and a B.A. in Finance from the University of Connecticut. Nicole's last position was an Assistant Vice-President at Merrill Lynch & Co. responsible for budget analysis and writing published quarterly financial reviews. Nicole believes that every child can learn, that educating every child is in the best interest of our country, and is the right thing to do.



Music Theatre of Connecticut's Show Choir, MTGlee Audition June 1, 2015

Music Theatre of Connecticut School of Performing Arts announces auditions for MTGlee, Fairfield County's show choir. MTGlee (grades 9-12) will be auditioning for

new members on Monday, June 1 from 4pm - 6pm. Auditions will take place at Music Theatre of Connecticut, 509 Westport Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851. MTGlee will rehearse for upcoming summer performances beginning June 22 - July 2 from 6-9pm at Music Theatre of Connecticut. They group will be the featured entertainment at the Westport Compo Beach Fireworks on July 3; at the Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts in Westport on July 5, and with the Norwalk Symphony at their Pops Concert in Cranbury Park in Norwalk on July 12. Acceptance to MTGlee is based on audition. For the vocal audition, students should prepare 32 bars of a contemporary song (Broadway or Pop) and should bring sheet music in their key (a pianist will be provided). Students may provide a picture and resume if available (not required). For further information, or to schedule an audition, please call 203.454.3883.

NHA residents interested in auditioning and being a part of the show? Contact Wendy Gerbier at 203.852.1144 x103 or wgerbi@norwalkha.org to sign up for the audition and request transportation to and from the audition.

Norwalk Housing Authority Summer Program Begins June 29th!

Get into the spirit of summer at NHA's Learning Center Summer Program!

- Games
- Art projects
- Cooking
- Music
- Movement activities
- Language arts and math activities
- Field trips
- Cool science experiments
- Snack and lunch provided



Exceptionally **FUN** summer literacy program for students entering 1st, 2nd and 3rd!

The Summer Program will run from June 29th through August 20th! Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00am – 3:00pm. Registration packets available at the NHA office (24 ½ Monroe Street) and at all Learning Centers:

- Washington Village LC (1st -5th grade)
- Roodner Court LC (1st -5th grade)
- Meadow Gardens LC (1st -5th grade)
- Colonial Village LC (1st -5th grade)
- 20 West LC (middle and high school)



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