

Norwalk Housing Foundation holds the 20th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony



Keynote Speaker, Juanita James, President & CEO of Fairfield County's Community Foundation speaks to scholarship recipients and their families.

On June 20, 2018 Norwalk Housing Foundation (NHF) held its 20th Annual College Scholarship Award Ceremony at the Stepping Stones Museum for Children. Over the years, NHF has assisted more than 257 students fulfill their dream of higher education and has awarded more than \$1.9 million dollars to Public Housing residents. The night was filled with excitement and splendor as Harry Carey, NHF Chairman announced each recipient's name to come forward and receive their award. The scholarships ranged anywhere from \$1,000 to \$15,000 for each student.

One resident in particular, Jessica Davis has known she wanted to work in criminal justice ever since she was a kid growing up in Washington Village. In fact, she traces the roots of her passion to her experiences there, as she witnessed friends getting in trouble

with the law. Now she's proud to say she is entering the last semester of her master's degree in criminal justice at Sacred Heart University with a 4.0 GPA.

The Norwalk Housing Foundation Scholarship has been recognized and awarded by many institutions, including Harvard University, which named it one of the top 25 innovations in American government in 2015, and the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, who gave it the National Award of Excellence.

The Norwalk Housing Foundation boasts that every single dollar it receives goes directly to scholarship recipients. This year, those recipients included both undergraduates and graduate students pursuing degrees ranging from the arts to the sciences.

Clyfford Simeon, who will be starting as a freshman at Southern Connecticut State University this fall, said the scholarship has allowed him to pursue a degree in theater arts, following his love for film and the stage. "I just think it's really great that they give it [scholarships] to so many people - even people like me in theater arts, which many people don't consider a career," he said.

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Congratulations to Norwalk Housing Foundation college graduate, Wilson Lauture!

Washington Village resident and Norwalk Housing Foundation college graduate, Wilson Lauture has launched his career at Pure Insurance located in White Plains, NY. His Pace University Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Public Accounting (BBA) helped him stand out in the interview process and secure the job. Wilson's main responsibilities currently fall under accounts payable and accounts receivable, as well as bank reconciliation. He makes sure all the bills are paid on time and recorded properly for audit purposes. Wilson also assists the Finance and Accounting Department with special projects, such as ensuring that the company is in compliance with paying sales tax.



"I believe this is a perfect position for me as a recent grad to start building my foundation and gain as much experience as possible that could open future doors," said Wilson. "My goal is to become a competitive leader in the business world with different experiences in different industries. Since a dream can't ever be too big or scary, my current goal is be a Controller one day, with an interest in becoming a CFO and/or CEO."

Wilson is planning to pass at least two parts of the CPA exam this year and ultimately earn this certification. We congratulate him and wish him much success!

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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY



Undergraduate recipients are Kerline Aristhene, Southern Connecticut State University; Rosalie Armatis, University of Bridgeport; Celestin Benoise, Southern Connecticut State University; Duly Bolivar, Central Connecticut State University; Jonathan Ceja, Marymount Manhattan College; Nicholas Ceja, Richmond University in London; Brian Davis, Seaton Hill University; Nadine Delcin, University of Bridgeport; Jalen Elliott, Western New England University; Ruth Fajardo, Norwalk Community College; Alyah Fresnel, Central Connecticut State University; Isiah Gaddy, Shaw University; Kevin Garcia, Southern Connecticut State University; Luis Gonzalez, University of Connecticut (Stamford Campus); Genesis Hernandez, Western Connecticut State University; Corrina Isaacs, University of Connecticut (Storrs Campus); Clarentz Jean, University of Hartford; Emmanuella Jean-Louis, Lasell College; Rose Jean Louis, Quinnipiac University; Jessica Joseph, Western Connecticut State University; Clara Labaze, Western Connecticut State University; Syndie Lauture, Marist College; Shvrine Lezeau, American University; Rebecca Lubin, Norwalk Community College; Cindy Makaba, Western CT State University; Cassidy Nieves, Mercy College; Renzo Pablo, Norwalk Community College; Rose Poteau, Roger Williams University; Abigail Serrano, University of Bridgeport; Clifford Simeon, Southern Connecticut State University and Amador Umpierre, Norwalk Community College.

Graduate recipients are Melanie Armatis, Bay Path University; Sandy Armatis, Sacred Heart University; Jessica Davis, Sacred Heart University; Ezekiel Romero, Husson University and Desiree Waters, Sacred Heart University.



Dr. Hervens Jeannis brings the FIRE!

Dr. Hervens Jeannis tells the spellbinding story of how he came to be the first high school graduate, college graduate, Master and Doctorial graduate in his family. Dr. Jeannis shared his life struggles and how he overcame the many obstacles that could have inevitability knocked him down. His parents emigrated from Haiti looking for better opportunities for their family and that's when they found the Norwalk Housing Authority. As a kid, he attended the NHA Learning Centers which provided him an outlet for exploration outside the home and access to resources that helped him flourish socially and academically.

Dr. Jeannis thanked NHA and NHF for being a part of setting him on the right track to fulfill his dreams. He also thanked the many donors who've made contributions over the years and emphasized the importance of giving back. He stated that no amount is ever too small to give or receive.

JOB TRAINING & EDUCATION



FREE Microsoft Excel Training

- July 26th, at 10am -

Hop aboard the Career Coach Bus at the 149 Water Street parking lot for an in-depth 4-hour training in MS Excel — FREE!

Create and edit spreadsheets and graphs using Excel tool bars. Built in features such as Auto Complete and Auto Fill will also be covered, in addition other formatting techniques and the use of formulas and functions. Time permitting Vlookup, Hlookup and Pivot Tables will be covered. Please note, participants must plan to attend the entire 4-hour training. Pre-registration is not required.

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Are you interested in a career in sales?

Do you want to move into retail management?

Join us for a free information session!

If you would like to pursue a career in retail customer service and sales, or another industry where dealing with customers and providing service is valued, consider a new Certificate being offered by Norwalk Community College.

A new 10-session course leads to a Retail Customer Service and Sales Certificate, and gives students the skills to move into management. The course will cover merchandising, inventory control, selling and service, economics, and much more.

The program is scholarship funded, and graduates will benefit from career placement assistance at the new SoNo Collection upon graduation.

Date: Tuesday, August 7

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Smilow Life Center, 55 Chestnut Street, Norwalk, CT

Call Nadine at 203-866-1057 X201 or Lisa T. at 203-952-8308 to register for the information session.



For Norwalk students who struggle with math and reading

Tuesdays 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

June 19 - August 14, 2018



H.E.L.P.
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The Homework HELP Program pairs academically gifted and talented tutors with

elementary, middle, and high school students to promote academic excellence and positive work habits. Tutors are selected to support, nurture, and guide students towards academic success. They provide structured one-on-one instruction and coaching.

Sponsored by the Norwalk Public Library Board of Trustees This program is free and open to the public.

Registration is available online or by calling 203.899.2790 ext. 15903.

SoNo Branch Library, 10 Washington St., Norwalk, CT 06854

Healthy living workshop series

Want to know how to keep up with your health? Join The Healthy Living Workshops, featuring a three-part series of health and wellness topics:

July 18th "Healthy Eating"

Aug. 15th "Low Impact Exercise"

Sept. 26th "Knowing Your Health Care Team"

Each workshop convenes for one hour;

6pm-7pm. Representatives from Person to

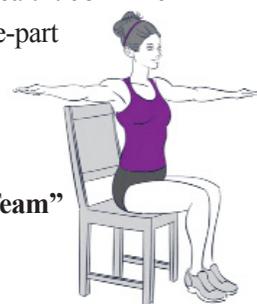
Person, ShopRite supermarket and other community

organizations will lead discussions and demonstrations on how to maintain our health.

Please note location! The workshops will be held at the NHA/HOU Choice Neighborhoods Temporary field office at the Smilow Life Center, 55 Chestnut Street, Norwalk, CT 06854. This program is FREE and open to the public.

Spaces are limited, registration is required.

Call (203) 838-8471 ext. 681 (Nadine and Ella) or ext. 671 (Emendya)



Want to own your own home? You can do it!

NHA Federal Public Housing and Federal Section 8 residents may qualify for mortgage subsidies for up to 15 years!



Come to this FREE program presented by Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust, to learn what's involved in becoming a homeowner, on **Saturday August 11th, 9:00AM – 5:00 PM.** Take the confusion out of homebuying. You'll be guided step by step through the process including reviewing your finances, determining how much you can afford, reviewing your credit, shopping for a home, obtaining a mortgage, preparing for the closing, and more. ***This popular class fills up quickly! Pre-registration is required, space is limited.*** The Norwalk location for this presentation is not yet finalized. Contact 203-838-8471 Jamie (x180) or Nadine(x681) and to learn the steps you can take **TODAY** to become a homeowner! Transportation available to NHA residents only with at least one week advanced notice.

LEARNING CENTERS

We Bird Together: NHA students and seniors find common interest in urban birding

The Norwalk Housing S.T.E.M. department is delighted to have the young and old share a common interest in science! During the month of May S.T.E.M. club session, students grabbed their binoculars and headed outside to find various birds that reside in the area and get hands on exposure to convex lenses. To their surprise, Jim DeFlorio was interested in joining their research adventure! The students were thrilled to get up close and personal with his vintage World War II binoculars! Urban Birding is a year-round project that was initiated by S.T.E.M. Coordinator Sheiree Powell. This project was developed and launched by the prestigious Cornell University. The primary purpose of this program is to provide research opportunities to



Jim DeFlorio scoping out birds with S.T.E.M. students. Pictured above from left to right, Jim DeFlorio, Jaelonie Hayes, Aalijah Bullock, Elena Garcia.

diverse urban communities and to collect high-quality data from the participants that will provide Cornell University with valuable knowledge of how different environments influence the location of birds in urban areas.

Exploring learning through the summer wave

Don't let your child slip backwards during the summer months. Between the end of one school year and the start of the next every student risks summer learning loss. On average, students lose 2 months of reading skills over the summer. Whether your child loves to read, play outside, or get techy, there are many fun but effective ways to promote learning over the break. Since the summer is here, it's a great idea to start planning now what activities you'll use to avoid summer learning loss. Here are some activities to help.

Summer Challenge: Keep a log/journal of what you do this summer with your child. Doing things with your children is a great way to stay connected and up to date in their lives. It is important to have quality and quantity time together to nurture and strengthen the family bond and relationships. Here is a list of fun family activities. A family that PLAYS together, stays together! Make a ritual of it, choose a night of the week for some of these and make it a tradition. Make it fun!

Fun Family Activities

- Read aloud with your child for 15 minutes everyday
- Play a board game
- Cook together and bake cookies (Get your favorite recipe and start mixing. You can even talk about math while doing this activity)
- Watch movies and eat popcorn (talk about your favorite scenes)
- Go to the zoo
- Go on a hike at Cranbury Park (It's a great way to get outdoors and get some exercise. Be sure to notice all of the beautiful things around you and talk to your child about them)
- Go swimming
- Do a puzzle
- Go fishing
- Go camping
- Have a treasure hunt



Have Fun while keeping the learning going!

4th of July safety tips

More than 50,000 fires are caused by fireworks every year. Take the proper precautions when operating fireworks.

- Never disassemble or try to make your own fireworks.
- Don't point sparklers, or fireworks at yourself or others, especially while they're being lit.
- Only light fireworks on the ground and in areas that are dry and fire resistant.
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks or sparklers.
- Don't attempt to light multiple devices at the same time.
- Always keep a portable fire extinguisher close by. Also keep a water hose or buckets of water nearby to put out fires.

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SUMMER Program

Washington Village LC Roodner Court LC Meadow Gardens LC Colonial Village LC 20 West LC - middle/high school

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