



**SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2025**  
**VIRTUAL PARENT**  
**LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (PLC)**  
**MEETING**



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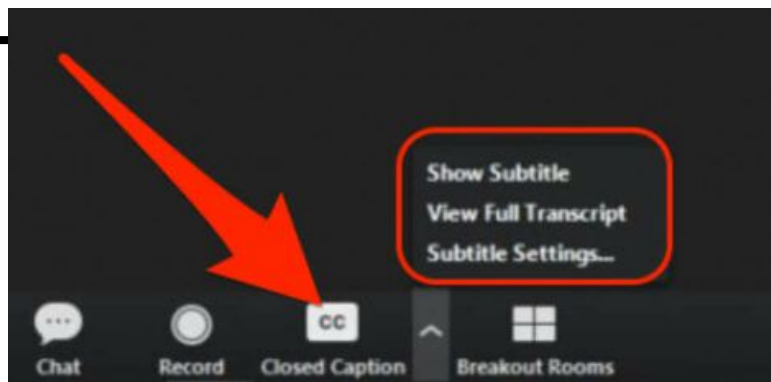
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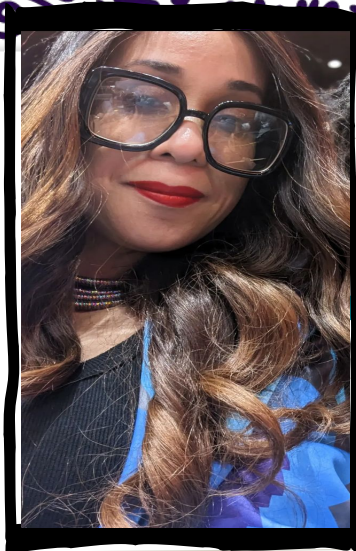
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2. **Mostrar subtítulos:** Haz clic en el ícono de mostrar subtítulos, luego haz clic en el ícono de flecha hacia arriba para acceder a más opciones.
3. **Establecer idioma:** Junto al icono de Mostrar subtítulos, haz clic en el ícono de la flecha hacia arriba, selecciona el menú de idioma de subtítulos: inglés y elige español.
4. **Ajustar la configuración:** Si es necesario, ajusta el tamaño del texto, el color de fondo y el color del texto para una mejor visibilidad.
5. **Guardar Configuraciones:** Guarda tus configuraciones para asegurar que los subtítulos se generen en español.





**Ms. Melody Pink**  
Parent Coordinator &  
Liaison to the Parent Leadership  
Council (PLC) at Williamsburg  
Charter High School (WCHS)  
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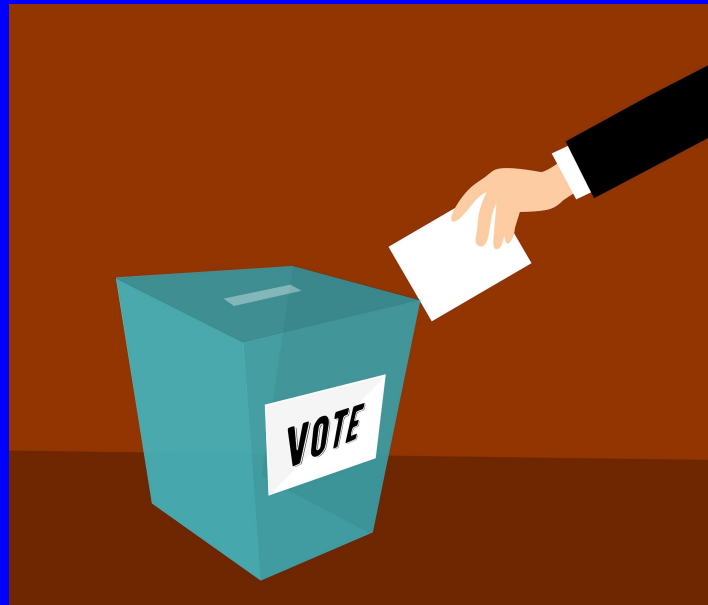
## Quick Virtual Housekeeping

- Please Mute your Screen & Mute your Phones
- Please Do Not Click Present or Hook your Screen to the TV ( It Interferes with the Presentation)
- Please Type your Name, Scholar's Name & Email Address in the Comment Section for Attendance \*\* Families on the phone please email Ms. Pink your name,scholar's name & grade
- Please type any Questions in the Comment Section relating to the Meeting
- NOTE: This PLC Virtual Meeting will be recorded & posted on our school website

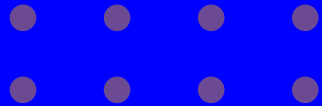
## PLC VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA

- **WELCOME FROM MS. PINK**
- **TRANSLATION OPTIONS - MS. PINK & PLC MEMBERS**
- **PLC AGENDA- PLC MEMBERS**
- **VIRTUAL HOUSEKEEPING RULES- PLC MEMBERS**
- **PLC ELECTIONS 2025-2026**
- **SCHOOL UPDATES FROM PRINCIPAL VALERIE JACOBSON**
- **PRESENTATION FROM THRIVE SCHOLARS**
- **PRESENTATION FROM RISEBORO COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**
- **COMMUNITY RESOURCES & POSITIVE VIBES- MS. PINK**
- **COMMUNITY TABLE-PLC MEMBERS & MS. PINK**
- **CLOSING & FINAL REMARKS**

# ATTENTION PARENTS



**PLC  
ELECTIONS  
2025-2026  
SCHOOL YEAR**



# Call to Order, Official PLC Taking Place





# MEET THE CANDIDATES



# CANDIDATE FOR PLC PRESIDENT MS. MONIQUE BOWENS



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**Hello Families,**

**My name is Monique Bowens and I'm running for your Parent Leadership Council (PLC) President. My scholar is in 12th grade. I come with a background in the medical field. I work with elderly and disabled people. I'm also a strong advocate for Charter Schools and ensuring that all scholars who attend charter schools receive the resources and materials they need to succeed. I'm very proud to be a WCHS parent. As I embark as your PLC President, my goal is to build a partnership with our Head of School, our Leadership Team, our amazing Teachers, and our invaluable Staff to provide an excellent learning experience for our scholars. I will be working closely with our Parent Coordinator & Parent Leadership Council Liaison Ms. Pink to bring informative, enriching meetings & workshops to all families each month. I encourage each and every one of you to become a part of our team. The number one reason to join the PLC & to attend our monthly meetings are to benefit our scholars. In doing so, you also help us. But there are many more advantages:**

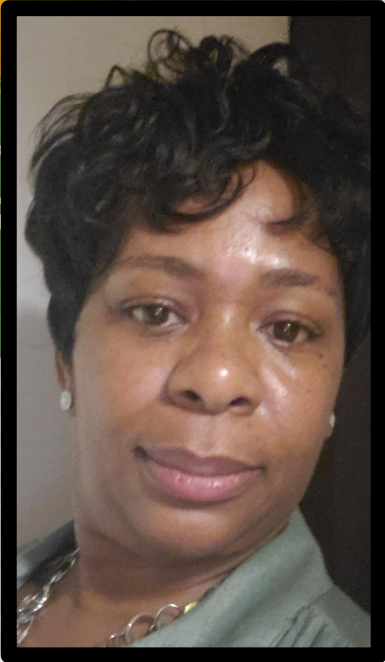
- **By becoming a PLC member, you'll be demonstrating to your scholar the importance you place on education.**
- **By getting involved, you'll be part of the solution, helping to make positive change. PLC functions provide opportunities to meet other parents, gain knowledge, resources for your family and learn about youth opportunities & enrichment programs for your scholar to build their resume for college and beyond. I'm here to inspire you, to encourage you and to lift you and your family up.**

**The PLC is a forum for exchanging ideas, attending the PLC meetings monthly you can make suggestions, and provide your input.**

**-Warmest Regards,**

**Monique Bowens**

**"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do"**




# CANDIDATE FOR PLC TREASURER

## MS. LUCIA MARTINEZ-JIMENEZ



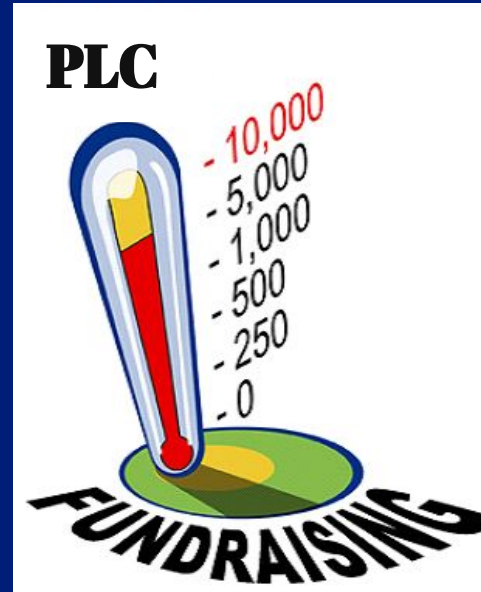
## PLC TREASURER

A portrait of Lucia Martinez-Jimenez, a woman with long dark hair and red-rimmed glasses, wearing a dark blue sweater. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background shows a wooden shelf with several potted plants and a blue chair.

Greetings! I'm Lucia Martinez-Jimenez, a proud parent of a WCHS Scholar and I'm absolutely delighted to express my interest in taking on the role of Treasurer for the Parent Leadership Council (PLC). Here's why I'm a strong candidate: **Shared Vision:** I wholeheartedly embrace the PLC's mission and am committed to cultivating an inclusive educational environment. **Financial Expertise:** I possess a strong foundation in financial management thanks to my background as an Accounts Payable Specialist and Assistant Manager in the hospitality industry. This background ensures the transparent and precise handling of the PLC's finances. **Board Experience:** My tenure as a Student-Parent Board Member at LaGuardia Community College's Early Childhood Learning Center Programs Inc. has equipped me with valuable insights into program regulations and have contributed to successful financial audits. **Communication & Organization:** My strong communication and organizational abilities will facilitate clear financial record-keeping and transparent parent-administrator communication. In summary, I am well-prepared and enthusiastic about taking on the role of Treasurer. I am ready to uphold the core values of the PLC, maintain open and effective communication, and ensure the responsible management of our finances. I am eagerly looking forward to the opportunity to contribute to the success of our school community. Thank you for considering my candidacy. - Parent Leadership Council = "Passionately Leading Change."

*Positive Affirmation: "To pursue lifelong learning and inspire others to do the same."*

# CANDIDATE FOR PLC FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR MS. CATHERINA DAVIUS



## PLC FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR



My name is Catherina Davius and my is scholar is a sophomore at WCHS. When I reviewed the Fundraising Coordinator position at Williamsburg Charter School PLC it felt like a beacon calling me to a bigger platform where my skills could contribute to monumental change for students and parents. As someone who has always been passionate about making a difference, I am excited to apply for the Fundraising Coordinator position. I'm currently an active member of New York Junior League, HOPE, Rotaract and Diabetes Research Institute Foundation as well as an active volunteer to Powered By Professionals. In NYJL I belong to the Winter Ball committee, we help raise 75% of funds for NYJL through our yearly fundraising gala. I have honed my skills in donor relations, family relation, event planning, charity work, fundraising and grant writing.

Having the opportunity to continue with the PLC as the Fundraising Coordinator excites me because it combines my passion for impactful work for the young generation with my skills in strategic fundraising and partnership building. I see immense potential in harnessing technology and innovative fundraising strategies to further amplify WCHS PLC humanitarian efforts.





Parent Leadership Council

Parents are the Secret Sauce to our School

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PLC  
MEMBERS FOR THE 2025-2026  
SCHOOL YEAR!!!!**

**CONGRATS**

# OPEN POSITIONS FOR PLC COUNCIL

JOIN US

VICE PRESIDENT

Secretary



Please email Ms. Pink at :  
[mpink@thewcs.org](mailto:mpink@thewcs.org) if you are  
interested in joining the PLC



# PLC ALUMNI PARENT VOLUNTEER MS. DENISE TURNER

## ALUMNI VOLUNTEER





## PLC ALUMNI PARENT VOLUNTEER

My name is Denise Turner and I am a Senior Medical Secretary at Weill Cornell Medicine which is a part of New York Presbyterian Hospital. My son is an Alumni from Williamsburg Charter School. I am excited for the opportunity to help as the PLC Alumni Parent Volunteer and increase family engagement at WCHS.

*Positive Affirmation:*

*"Don't worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try."*

*-Jack Canfield*

*"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."*

*-Aristotle*

# PLC PARENT VOLUNTEER

## MS. ANGELICA PEREZ





## PLC PARENT VOLUNTEER

*My name Angelica Perez.. I'm excited to be a Parent Volunteer for in-person school activities and events with the PLC. My scholar is a Senior this year.*

*We are thankful how WCHS is providing Great Education by building future achievement in our kids. Additionally, Ms. Pink provides us a lot of resources, including health & wellness, and so more resources to support our scholars and our families. Now, I want to take this opportunity to join and collaborate with the school initiatives and family engagement with the PLC to benefit our scholars and families.*

*My Positive Vibes: "The greatest gift we can give our children is our time, love, and attention."*

*Best Regards,  
Angelica Perez*



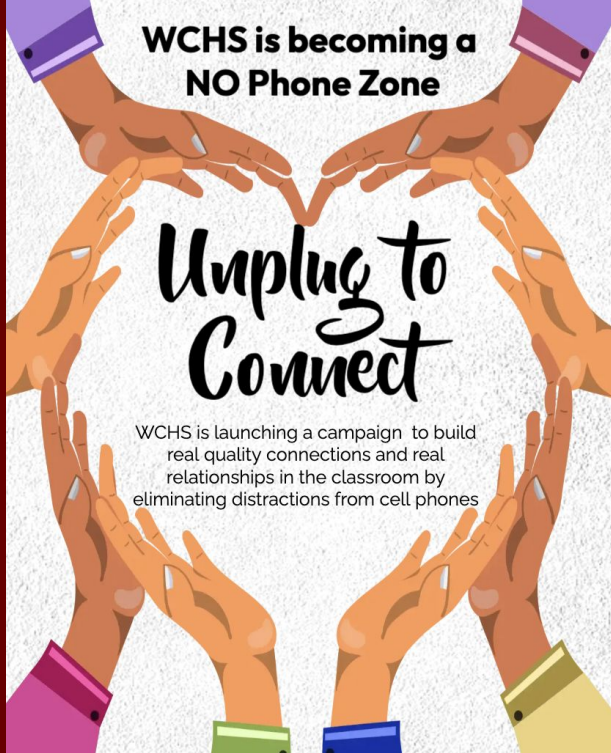
*School  
Announcements  
from  
Principal  
Jacobson*

**IMPORTANT**



- **September 23rd-24th, 2025 Rosh Hashanah - School Closed**
- **September 30th, 2025- WCHS Board Meeting at 3pm**
- **October 1st, 2025- Thrive Scholars In Person Scholar Presentation & Sign Up in Media Center**
- **October 1st, 2025- YMCA Rowe Academy In Person Sign Up & Info Session- During lunch period**
- **October 2nd - School Closed - Yom Kippur**
- **October 8th - WoodHull Hospital Career Day for Gr 12**
- **October 8th - Hispanic Heritage Month College Panel**
- **October 15th - Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration**
- **October 22nd - PSAT Exam Grades 9 & 11; Remote/Trips Grades 10 & 12**





Cell Phones

& Personal Electronics are not allowed in the school building!

When students arrive at school, they will turn in their cell phones/electronics to staff. Cell Phones will be organized by the students' last period class. At the end of the school day cellphones will be distributed to students.



## MORNING ARRIVALS

07:45

Step 1

1

Scan in with SWIPE



Step 2

2

Place your swipe pass inside of your phone pouch

Step 3

3

Put your bag down at the Scanner Station



Step 4

4

Remove your coat  
Place it on the Scanner

Step 5

5

Walk through the Metal Detector



KEEP OUR SCHOOL SAFE



## LLEGADA A LA ESCUELA

07:45

Paso 1

1

Escanea tu ID en el escaner



Paso 2

2

Vacía tus bolsillos  
Coloca tus artículos en los contenedores

Paso 3

3

Pon tu mochila en la mesa para revisarla



Paso 4

4

Quitate el abrigo y ponlo en la mesa para que seguridad lo revise

Paso 5

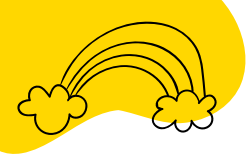
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MANTÉN NUESTRA ESCUELA SEGURA





# Bring your school chromebook

**EVERYDAY.** YOU are responsible for your school laptop!



**TAKE CARE** of all school devices - they are educational resources and are expensive pieces of equipment that you need!

**Bring your school laptop to school EVERY DAY FULLY CHARGED! Bring your school headphones as well!**

Can I use my own laptop at school? **NO** - only school assigned devices are allowed. Your laptop and any other personal devices will not have access to WiFi and will be collected.

If have any chromebook issues please complete a Tech form and stop at the **Tech Kiosk (in the Lobby) during your lunch period.**



# Emergency Contact Info & Annual Physicals

If you need to update your **Emergency Contacts** and numbers for 2025-26, please email [ecooper@thewcs.org](mailto:ecooper@thewcs.org) to get a copy of the appropriate form. Please make sure Williamsburg Charter has your current contact information (email address, phone numbers, mailing address) listed in its office records. If you have recently changed your address, you must also submit proof of address, so please contact the Records Office.

## ANNUAL PHYSICALS WITH UPDATED IMMUNIZATIONS DUE

All students must have an updated Medical Form (<https://cdn-blob-prd.azureedge.net/prd-pws/docs/default-source/default-document-library/ch205-child-adolescent-health-examination-form-english.pdf>) in their file for the 2025-26 school year by Mon., 9/22. Please return the forms to Ms. Witkowski at 198 Varet Street between the hours of 7:30am-2:45pm.

**PLEASE NOTE:** WCHS must comply with Public Health Law Section 2164 regarding student immunizations.

Questions? Email:

**[awitkowski@thewcs.org](mailto:awitkowski@thewcs.org)**

**Attendance Officer**

# School Emergency Response Procedures

*In our continued efforts to create a safe learning environment for your child, we have developed Lock-Down procedures to respond to an emergency on or around the school campus. Activating the Lock-Down procedures will stop all movement within the school and all perimeter doors will be locked. During this process, no one will be able to enter the school building or grounds. We will have a school representative available to meet with you outside of the school while the building is locked. These periodic drills, along with monthly fire drills, ensure that students and staff are familiar with the school's safety procedures. See our Safety Plan here:*

- <https://thewcs.org/safety-plan/>

**We will practice a Soft Lockdown Drill the week of Sept. 29th**

# AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FAIR

Thursday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

3pm

**ESPORTS CLUB**

**SENIOR COMMITTEE**

**KNITTING CLUB**

**EVANGELINA RODRIGUEZ TUTORING & PREPARATION**

**MUSIC LAB & DRAMA**

**LIVING ENVIRONMENT HOMEWORK HELP**

**WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB &  
STEP TEAM**

**INKWELL CLUB**

**GIRLS' CLUB &  
MANY MORE CLUBS**

**U.S. HISTORY HOMEWORK HELP**

For more information see Ms. Johnson in room 421..



# FERIA DEL CLUB DESPUÉS DE LA ESCUELA

Jueves, 25 de septiembre

A las 15:00 h

Ubicación: Cafetería

**CLUB DE DEPORTES ELECTRÓNICOS**

**COMITÉ SUPERIOR**

**CLUB DE TEJIDO**

**EVANGELINA RODRÍGUEZ TUTORÍA Y PREPARACIÓN**

**LABORATORIO DE MÚSICA Y  
CLUB DE TEATRO**

**AYUDA CON LAS TAREAS SOBRE MEDIO AMBIENTE VIVO**

**CLUB DE HALTEROFILIA Y  
EQUIPO DE STEP**

**TINTERO CLUB DE ESCRITURA**

**CLUB DE CHICAS Y  
MUCHOS MÁS CLUBS**

**AYUDA CON LA TAREA DE HISTORIA  
DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS**

Para obtener más información, consulte a la Sra. Johnson en la sala 421.



**WILLIAMSBURG**  
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL



# FRIGHT FEST AT SIX FLAGS 2025

Date: Friday, October 31st  
Park Hours: 5pm - 12am

Leave the school for 2pm Leave the park at 12am  
Price per person: \$100 per person  
Includes Regular Admission & Bus

Haunted House is not included and will be an additional fee at the Park for those interested.

Please pay with Cash or Zelle Kfernandez@thewcs.org  
Cash Payments and Permission slips can be submitted to Ms. Johnson in Room 421

Deadline: Payment & Permission Slip due by September 30th  
Note: First come, first served!




**WILLIAMSBURG**  
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL



# FESTIVAL DEL TERROR EN SIX FLAGS 2025

Fecha: Viernes, 31 de octubre  
Horario del parque: 17:00 - 00:00

Salida de la escuela a las 14:00. Salida del parque a las 00:00.  
Precio por persona: \$100  
Incluye entrada regular y autobús.

La Casa Embrujada no está incluida y tendrá un costo adicional en el parque para los interesados.

Por favor, pague en efectivo o Zelle: Kfernandez@thewcs.org.  
Los pagos en efectivo y los permisos pueden entregarse a la Sra. Johnson en la sala 421

Fecha límite: El pago y la hoja de permiso deben entregarse antes del 30 de septiembre

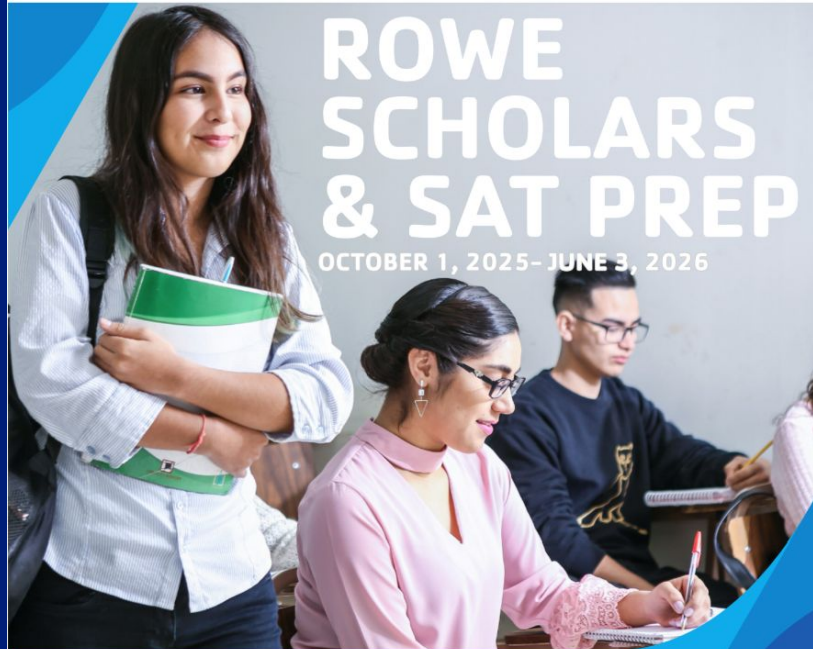
Nota: ¡Cupo limitado, se dará prioridad por orden de llegada!

# THE ROWE Starts 10/1!

- **SAT Prep -Wednesdays 1:30-2:30**  
open to all students
- **The Rowe Scholars meeting**  
**Wednesdays Periods 6-7 Lunch** open  
to Grade 11 and 12 grade students.

**Students do not need to attend both but  
must complete the application forms .**

**Questions? Email Ms. Chery at:**  
[nchery@thewcs.org](mailto:nchery@thewcs.org).



The Greenpoint Y is offering **FREE** curriculum-based college access and career readiness programming for teens in grades 9-12.

- **Rowe Scholars:** Wednesdays during 6th and 7th period lunch
- **SAT Prep:** Wednesdays from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

#### ROWE SCHOLARS

- College admissions
- College application assistance
- FAFSA learning
- College visits
- Scholarship opportunities
- Career learning & preparation

#### SAT PREP

- Skills development
- Test-taking strategies
- Test familiarity & format
- Personalized study
- Individual assessments

#### TO REGISTER

Please pick up a registration form at the school office, complete and return via email to Isaiah Webb or bring it on the first day of the program. Any questions, contact Isaiah Webb, YMCA Teen & Sports Coordinator at [iwebb@ymcanyc.org](mailto:iwebb@ymcanyc.org).



**YMCA OF GREATER  
NEW YORK**  
Where there's a Y,  
there's a way.





## 2025 - 2026 ADMISSIONS

**GROW WITH PURPOSE.  
LEAD WITH INTEGRITY.**

Williamsburg Charter High School is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 academic year!

- ✓ Supportive Learning Environment
- ✓ Visual & Performing Arts Programs
- ✓ Diverse & Inclusive Community
- ✓ 20+ Student Clubs & Athletics
- ✓ College and Career Counseling

APPLY NOW



### Summer Tours Available!

We're offering personalized one-on-one tours all summer long — schedule yours today!

 Williamsburg Charter High School  
198 Varet Street, Brooklyn, NY 11206



## ADMISIONES 2025 - 2026

**CRECER CON PROPÓSITO.  
LIDERAR CON INTEGRIDAD.**

¡Williamsburg Charter High School está aceptando solicitudes para el año académico 2025-2026!


- ✓ Apoyo para todos los estudiantes
- ✓ Programas sólidos de arte y electivos
- ✓ Comunidad diversa e inclusiva
- ✓ 20+ clubes de estudiantes y atletismo
- ✓ Orientación universitaria y profesional

APLICAR AHORA



### ¡Tours de Verano Disponibles!

Ofrecemos recorridos personalizados uno a uno durante todo el verano — ¡agenda el tuyo hoy!

 Williamsburg Charter High School  
198 Varet Street, Brooklyn, NY 11206





# THRIVE

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# SCHOLARS

**Leo Martinez** (he/him)  
**Scholar Recruitment Manager**  
[Lmartinez@thrivescholars.org](mailto:Lmartinez@thrivescholars.org)



# AGENDA |



- 01 Who We Are
- 02 Program Overview
- 03 Application Process
- 04 Questions?





**What career do you want to pursue after college?**





# Our Mission

For more than **20 years**, Thrive Scholars has been providing **high-achieving** students from **under-resourced** communities the opportunities they need to thrive at **top colleges** and in **meaningful careers**.



# What We Do

**College Readiness**

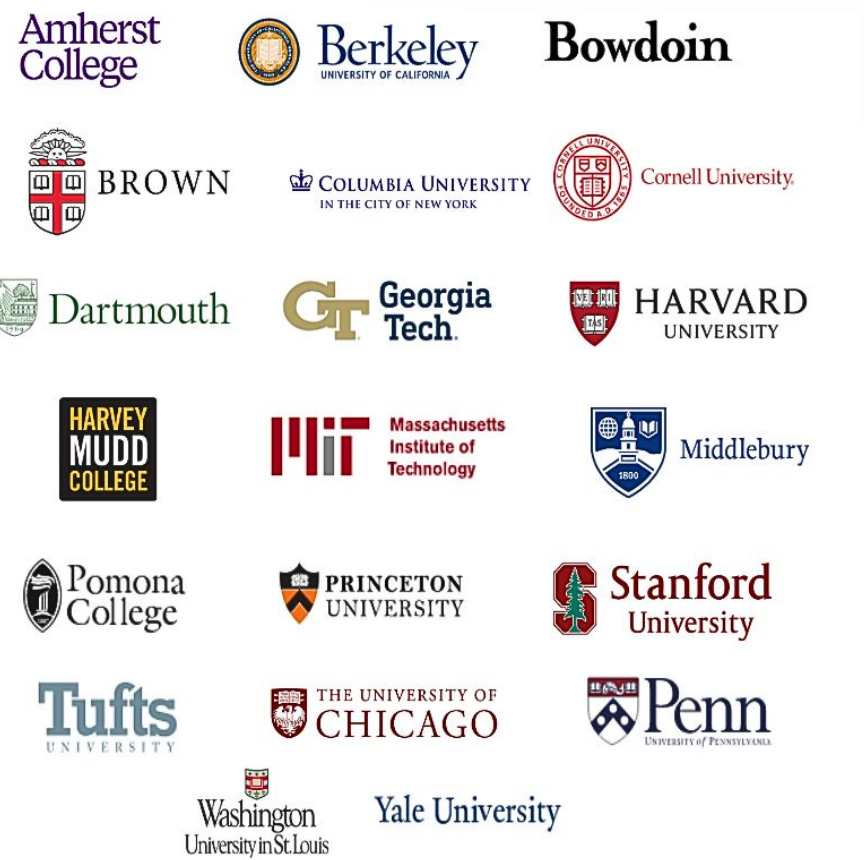
**Career Development**

**Economic Mobility**



# Why Top Colleges Matter

- Graduation rates
- Meets financial need
- Economic Opportunity





# Our Scholars Thrive in Meaningful Careers

**Deloitte.**

J.P.Morgan

 Microsoft

WALT DISNEY

 **BOEING**

Morgan  
Stanley

 **UCLA**  
Health®

 **Merrill Lynch**

 **WELLS  
FARGO**

 **Google**

 **AIG**

**BLACKROCK**

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GRUMMAN**

 **accenture**

 **Meta**



 **Goldman  
Sachs**

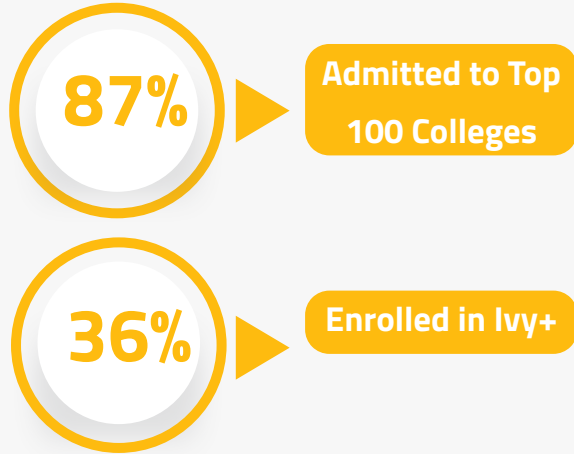
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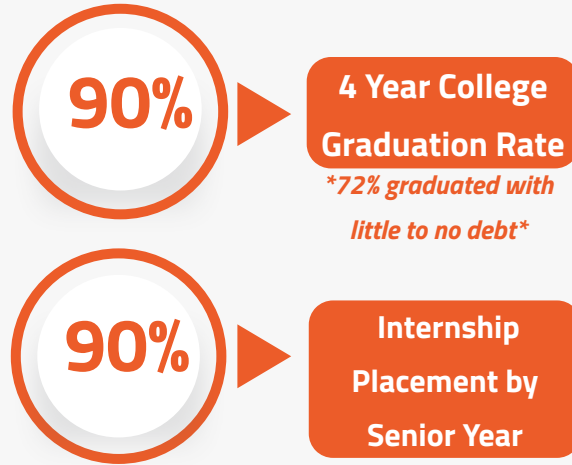
# Program Results

Our Scholars are breaking barriers and excelling in their academic and professional journeys.

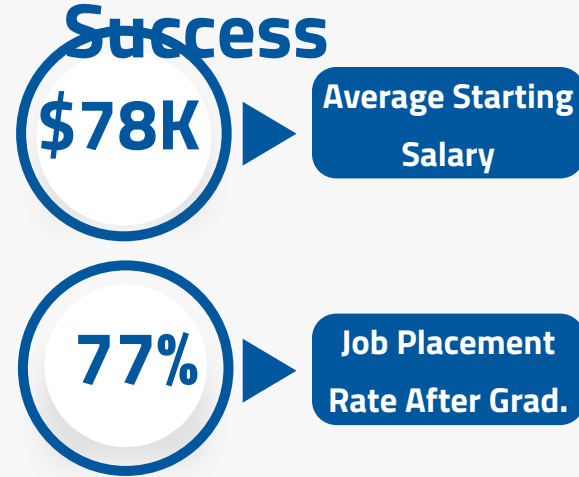
## College Access



## College Success



## Career



\*Data reflects our 2024 graduating cohort

# Thrive Scholars Journey



At Thrive, we provide intentional mentorship in the most critical moments of your early career.



# Year 1: College Access

- Build a standout **college essay** that highlights your story
- Create a balanced **college list** with reach, target, and likely schools
- Participate in **mock admissions workshops** to understand what colleges value
- Get **personalized guidance** on financial aid and scholarships
- Attend **college fairs** and connect with admissions officers



## Years 2: College Success

- Strengthen **writing and math skills** through courses taught by college professors
- Learn **time management and study strategies** for rigorous college classes
- Receive ongoing **mentorship** to navigate challenges and stay on track
- Build **community** with peers from across the country who share your goals
- Develop **confidence and resilience** through workshops and coaching



# Years 3-6: Career Development

- Explore different industries through **career workshops and panels**
- Practice **networking and interview skills** with professionals
- Gain hands-on experience through **internships and fellowships**
- Learn how to build your **personal brand** and professional presence
- Join the **Thrive alumni network** for mentorship and job connections



# Career Pathways



**Business &  
Management**



**Consulting**



**Engineering &  
Technology**



**Exploration**



**Public Service**



**Finance**



**Law**



**Life Sciences &  
Healthcare**



**Media, Entertainment &  
Creative Arts**

# Summer Academy Experience

Commuter

Residential

- Commuter: Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City
- Residential: Washington University in St. Louis (WashU)

## Academic Preparation



## Campus Experience



## College Admissions & Success Counseling



## Career Exploration & Development



# Special Events in the 6-Year Program |

- College Fairs & Mock Admissions
  - College Essay Workshops
  - Career & Social Capital Workshops
  - Day on the Job & Career Panels,
- ... and more!



# Applying to Thrive



## Who Should Apply?

- Current high school **junior**
- Cumulative **GPA** of **3.6+**
- Household income must be below **\$125,000 or less**
- **First generation** college goer



# Application Overview



# Application and Enrollment Timeline



## September

- Application opens  
**September 1st**

## December

- Applications close  
on **Dec. 14**

## January

- Recommendations are  
due **mid-January**

## March

- Decisions will be  
**released** in the  
**mid-March**

## April - June

- Scholars will join  
onboarding sessions  
and submit paperwork

## June - August

- Summer Academy



**Deadline is at 11:59 PST**

# So...Why Join Thrive Scholars?



## During the academies, Scholars will:

- ✔ Participate in two Summer Academy programs hosted on a college campus where you will be taught by college professors.
- ✔ Receive an annual stipend.
- ✔ Receive monthly coaching sessions with a college and/or career advisor.
- ✔ Have access to competitive internships and career networking opportunities.
- ✔ Participate in Thrive's extensive alumni network.
- ✔ Meet other high-achieving scholars focused on their futures.

# Scholar Spotlights

Journeying Toward a Brighter Future



**Deja**

JACKSONVILLE

## Building a Future in Business & Law

College: University of Michigan  
Class of 2028

Major: International Business, Trade,  
and Tax Law

Career Pathway: Consulting

### FUTURE GOALS

Aspiring corporate lawyer or in-house counsel.  
Looking forward to connecting with industry  
leaders who can help navigate the road to  
multiple degrees.

“As a dedicated student pursuing multiple  
degrees, my goal is to leverage my analytical,  
strategic, and cross-cultural expertise  
to drive impactful solutions in the  
consulting industry.”



**Joshua**

BOSTON

## Exploring Career Paths with Thrive Scholars

College: Northeastern University  
Class of 2026

Major: Marketing

Career Pathway: Business & Management

### FUTURE GOALS

Embracing career opportunities with gratitude  
and support from the Thrive Scholars community.

“Thrive has so many relatable, inviting, and  
helpful staff at every turn and opportunities  
for students of all avenues of the job market.  
I'm grateful to the program, and to my fellow  
Thrive Scholars!”



**Ariana**

LOS ANGELES

## Turning Passion Into Purpose

College: Harvard University  
Class of 2026

Major: Government

Career Pathway: Law

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**Thank You for Joining!**

# RiseBoro

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### Our Presenter:

**Andy Marte**  
Policy & Legislative Analyst

**GAIA 2025**

**Sept 25** Edison Ballroom  
Thursday 240 W 47th St,  
New York, NY 10036



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The image features a large blue circle on the left side containing the text 'RiseBoro' in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, the words 'COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP' are written in a smaller, white, bold, sans-serif font. The background of the entire image is a photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, with various skyscrapers and buildings under a clear sky. In the foreground, there are some rooftop structures and utility equipment.

# RiseBoro

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

*Since 1973, we've offered services designed to support every generation and meet the needs of communities.*

*Our unique model of holistic community revitalization works by developing neighborhood assets, like affordable housing, to create the foundation for a more vibrant and diverse community. We build upon this foundation with programs designed to connect people to resources to help everyone in the community thrive, especially our most vulnerable populations.*

# RiseBoro

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

### Support Our Senior Division



**2,740**

MOW Meals  
Delivered Daily

**1,504**

Friendly Visiting  
Hours

**6,751**

Transportation Trips

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### Supporting Our Community



**307**

Volunteers Recruited

**17,525**

In-person COVID  
Education Sessions

**1,357**

Participants in Participatory  
Budget Initiative

**RiseBoro**  
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP



### Support Our Housing Division



**2,980**

Units in  
Development

**615**

Units  
Completed/ Leased

**10,274**

Social Services  
Calls and Visits

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# Adult Education

## GED/HSE Classes

## Spanish GED/HSE Classes

## Morning and Evening ESOL Classes

RB Education



### ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES (HSE/GED)

Our dedicated staff and inclusive approach equips every individual to be an agent of change in their life and their community.

Classes are offered Monday through Wednesday From 6:00pm - 9:00pm (Spanish) (adults over 21) and Mon-Fri from 9am to 1pm (In Spanish and for students 18-20 years old). \*\*Classes are also offered Monday through Thursday (English) From 9:00am - 12:00pm (ages 18 and over)

High School Equivalency (HSE) classes are designed to prepare students for the national high school equivalency examination, the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC). Instruction is based on the content of the test, which includes Math, Reading, Writing, Social Studies, and Science. Students receive instruction in the following subjects, Language Arts - Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

Enrollment Is Now Open!



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RB Education



### CLASES PARA ADULTOS DE HSE/GED EN ESPAÑOL

Inscripciones estan abierta para nuestras clases gratis!

Reciba su diploma de escuela secundaria hoy!  
Ofrecemos Clases de GED en Español:

Lunes a Miércoles de 6:00pm - 9:00pm (para adultos mayores de 21 años) y  
Lunes a Viernes de 9:00am - 1:00pm (Para estudiantes de 18 a 21 años de edad)

La inscripción ya está abierta!



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## ESOL CLASSES

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English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are for adults who are non-native English speakers. Students study English and also participate in the cultural and social activities within the classroom. The goal of an ESL program is to improve the students' level of English. ESL classes teach different language skills, depending on the students' English abilities, interests, and needs.

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### Clases de Ingles para Adultos

Inscripciones estan abierta para nuestras clases totalmente GRATIS!

(Ofrecemos classes durante el dia de 9:00am - 12:00pm para adultos mayores de 18 años)

Las clases de inglés como segundo idioma (ESL) que ofrecemos son para adultos que no hablan inglés como lengua materna. Los estudiantes estudian inglés y también participan en actividades culturales y sociales dentro del aula. El objetivo del programa de ESL es mejorar el nivel de inglés de los estudiantes. Las clases de ESL enseñan diferentes habilidades de lenguaje, dependiendo de las habilidades, intereses y necesidades de inglés de los estudiantes.



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# ***Adult Education Cont:***

## ***Adult Basic Education (HSE/GED in English and Spanish)***

**ABE classes are for adults who are already proficient in the English language but wish to improve their basic reading, writing, and math skills. Reading and writing are integrated to give students the foundation for effective communication. Adult Basic Education classes are funded by the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) and are available to adults 18 years and older.**

## ***ESOL Classes***

**English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are for adults who are non-native English speakers. Students study English and also participate in cultural and social activities within the classroom. The goal of an ESL program is to improve the students' level of English.**

**This Fall, we are offering an Intensive ESOL course meant to prepare ESOL learners with the English skills to succeed in higher education**





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Flexible schedule options, onsite at Riseboro and online  
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Students must attend full time to complete degree in two years

### Apply Now for the Spring 26 Semester!

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- CUNY application & application fee (\$65 freshman applicants)
- Official HS transcript & diploma or HSE certificate with score report
- Official college transcript (if applicable)
- Must meet CUNY English Proficiency requirements

#### In Person Application Assistance Available:

**Where:** 1474 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237

**When:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30pm to 7:00pm



Please click on the following link if interested: <https://forms.office.com/r/PJbtwnriSj>

\*Students must apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA & TAP) for tuition assistance. Students are responsible for any tuition gaps, CUNY Application fee (\$65 per student), Student Tech, Student Activity, Consolidated, and Student Senator Fees (Full-time \$226.45 and Part-time \$121.45), and books and other instructional materials.

Funding Provided by Assemblywoman Martiza Davila  
In collaboration with CUNY Kingsborough Community College.

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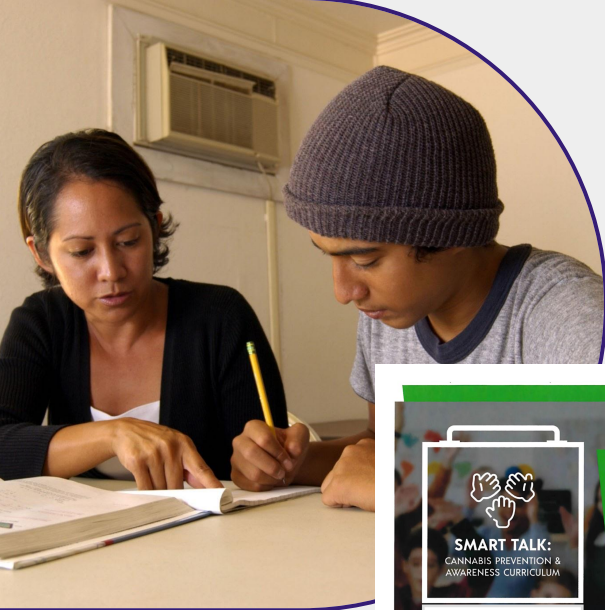


Earn your Associate Degree in Liberal Arts with Kingsborough Community College, now in Bushwick



## *College in the Community Program*

- Earn an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts nearby!
  - *3 stops away on the L train*
- Classes are held at 1474 Gates Avenue Tue-Thu, 6pm-9pm
- KCC staff available in-person to assist throughout the semester



# Parenting Classes and Substance Prevention

**SMART TALK:**  
VAPE PREVENTION & AWARENESS CURRICULUM

The SMART TALK Vape-Free curriculum includes a **middle and high school program** that are 5 lessons, approximately 50 minutes each. It also includes a two-lesson **elementary school version**, approximately 50 minutes each. Every lesson provides a **presentation**, and other materials aimed at addressing key factors associated with youth e-cigarette use.

**ECHO**  
ENHANCING COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTCOMES

*ECHO offers lessons for youth grades K -12!*

Five 50-minute Lessons  
or organize and plan your own curriculum

- Lesson 1: Full of Potential: Your Brain: Nicotine-Free
- Lesson 2: Healthy Body, Healthy Youth: Effects of E-cigarettes on The Body
- Lesson 3: What a Waste! Impact of Cigarettes and E-cigarettes on The Environment
- Lesson 4: Don't Be Played: How Tobacco Marketing Targets You-It
- Lesson 5: Be Your Strength: Stress, Coping, and Wellness

### GOALS FOR THIS CURRICULUM

- 1. Increase their knowledge about e-cigarettes and the **harms they can cause**.
- 2. Gain awareness of strategies manufacturers and sellers of vapes use to increase use among adolescents, such as **deceptive and creative marketing strategies**.
- 3. Introduce **harm reduction and refusal skills** among a spectrum of users (from users who use often, to those who experiment, and to those who don't use nicotine products).
- 4. Ultimately, **prevent and reduce** vape or nicotine use of any type.

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## FREE 7 WEEKS PARENTING WORKSHOPS

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN 3- 12 YEARS OLD  
SKILLS YOU WILL LEARN INCLUDE:

- HOW TO STRENGTHEN YOUR BOND WITH YOUR CHILD
- DEALING WITH CONFLICT WITH OTHER CHILDREN
- CO-PARENTING
- GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL
- ALTERNATIVES TO PUNISHMENT
- AND MORE
- FREE GIVEAWAYS

Date: Starting Monday September 22nd  
Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm  
Location: Washington Irving Library  
360 Irving Ave. Brooklyn, NY. 11237

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# Prevention Education, Counseling, and Functional Family Therapy

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**ATLAS**  
Strength in Community

Atlas meets people at times of crisis and connects them to free community-based therapeutic programming.

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FUNCTIONAL  
FAMILY THERAPY

Through the Atlas Functional Family Therapy Adults program, individuals who have a recent arrest, aged 19-27, and their family unit will engage with a therapist to nourish and build on their existing strengths, wisdom and capabilities to better cope with conflict and crisis in the future.

Contact our Community Outreach  
Supervisor

Roxana De La O Cortez  
rdelaocortez@riseboro.org  
Tel: 718 381 9653



## P.E.A.K. & C2C:BRY

partners with schools in Brooklyn to provide the following services:

### P.E.A.K.:

Evidence-Based Prevention Education covering:

- Goal setting
- Social-emotional learning
- Substance use
- Peer Pressure

### C2C:BRY:

Free counseling for youth ages 13-21

- Mental Health Screening
- Mental Health Education
- Risk Evaluation & Psychosocial Assessment
- Stress Management and Wellness Skills

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# HOMEBASE

NYC's Eviction Prevention Program

## Resolve Your Housing Crises

Call us for assistance if you struggle with any of the following:

You Are Being Evicted

Can't Afford the Monthly Rent

Owe Rent To Your Landlord

### Servicing Zip Codes:

11212, 1237, 11221, 11206, 11211, 11249, 11222, 11251

### Brownsville Offices:

145 E 98th St, Brooklyn, NY 11212  
1875 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11207

### Bushwick Offices:

90 Beaver St, Brooklyn, NY 11206  
380 Grove St, Brooklyn, NY 11237



# Homebase

*Housing Assistance and Eviction Prevention Services*

## What We Do

- **Emergency rental assistance**
- **Level Up! Workforce Development Program**
- **In-house financial coaching**
- **Landlord/tenant mediation**
- **Public benefits, healthcare screening and enrollment (Food Support Connections program)**
- **Tenants' rights seminars**
- **In-house staff attorneys**
- **Community referrals for supportive service**

Thank you!!

Any Questions?



# CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2025

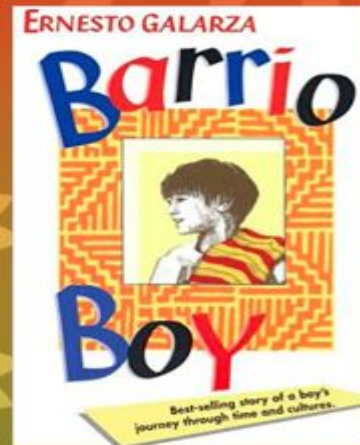
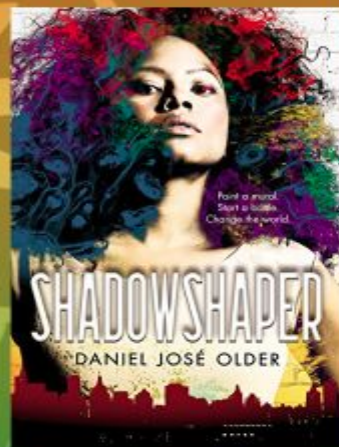
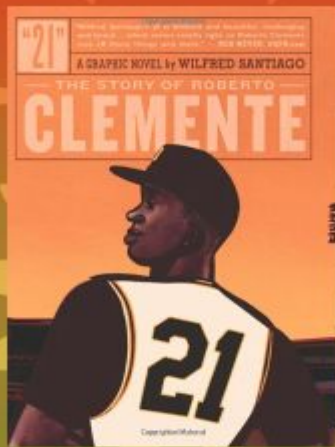
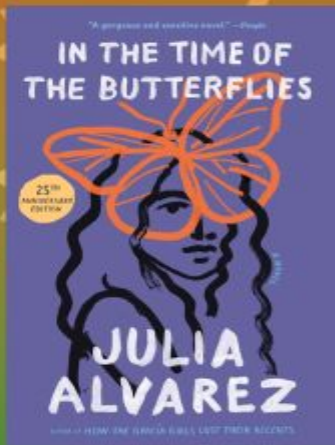
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**HISPANIC**  
HERITAGE MONTH



*Hispanic Heritage Month - a celebration of the impact and influence Hispanic Culture has had on our nation. The timing has historical significance, as 9/15 marks the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. It also nods to Mexico and Chile, which celebrate their independence on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18.*



# Celebrate Latinx Heritage Month with These Authors!



September 15th - October 15th  
Check one out today!

*Community  
Resources from  
Ms. Pink*





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Saturday  
Sept. 27, 2025



10:00am - 3:00pm



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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 2025**

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## Don't forget to flip your ballot!



- ➔ Complete both sides of both ballots
- ➔ Insert ballot into scanner one sheet at a time
- ➔ Please wait for the "thank you" screen before inserting the second sheet



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<https://bit.ly/3joWHQr> #VoteNYC

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# POSITIVE VIBES FROM MS. PINK

## REMINDERS

- YOUR FEELINGS MATTER
- YOU ARE NOT A BURDEN
- IT'S OKAY TO HAVE HARD DAYS
- THERE IS NO SHAME IN SEEKING OUT THERAPY
- SELF-CARE IS NOT SELFISH.
- MENTAL HEALTH IS IMPORTANT & REAL.
- YOU ARE NOT ALONE!



# POSITIVE VIBES FROM MS. PINK



“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

*Maya Angelou*



Message from Ms. Pink

www.gardner.com

# To ALL Students Returning to School

If you see any of the following:

- another student struggling to make friends
- another student being picked on
- a student who is new, shy, or not with the  
“in crowd”
- a student who is eating lunch alone

## Be a Leader! Be a Warrior!

Say hi. Smile at them. Ask if you can sit with them.  
Include them. You never know what that person is  
facing inside or outside of school.



# COMMUNITY TABLE

Open Parent Discussion





# Thanks!

**Do you have any questions?**

PLEASE REACH OUT TO US  
IF YOU HAVE ANY  
QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS  
AT: [PLC@THEWCS.ORG](mailto:PLC@THEWCS.ORG)

**See you at our  
next Virtual PLC  
meeting  
October 30th,  
2025 at 6pm!!**

