



FUTURE 5 helps motivated, low-income high school students in Stamford connect to their full potential.

April News

The Writing is on the Wall



Our seniors climbed the steps in droves in order to leave their mark. A once blank wall is now covered with students' names and the colleges where they have been accepted. The **Future 5** Pep Rally was a huge success and we now have the wall to prove it. The names that adorn our wall run the gamut from the **University of Connecticut**, to **Iona**, **Manhattanville** and **University of VT**, from **Princeton**, **Norwalk Community College**, **Pace**, **Virginia Tech** and **Syracuse**, **Goucher**, **Seton Hall**, **New York University** and **Michigan State**.

Sabina has been accepted into Kings College, Southern Connecticut State, Quinnipiac University, Dequesne University, Drexel University, Central Connecticut State, Stony Brook University, UConn Storrs, and Seton Hall University

OVERHEARD
AT FUTURE 5

- "Family can be the toughest gremlin to overcome. You can't choose your family, but you can choose how to deal with them"
- "Not gonna lie, my mom made me come here the first time. But then I chose to come back the second time. And now you guys can't get rid of me!"

Job Prep is "Life Prep"



22 graduate from **Future 5** Job Prep 2015!

We call it Job Prep. On the surface, the appeal for our kids is that Job Prep is about all things jobs: resumes, interview skills, summer job searches, job shadowing, even internships. But for the 22 intrepid members who committed to all 6 sessions and graduated with their special business cards and letter of reference, **Future 5** Job Prep is so much more. It is about the all-important soft skills our young members will need to navigate life.

With help from our Job Prep Coaches – 12 amazing volunteers who lent us their time and "real world" experience each week – each of our students had opportunities to directly interact with new adult acquaintances and put newly acquired soft skills to the test.

Yes, Job Prep prepares Future 5 students for the job/career world in tangible ways, but it may be the intangibles we teach them that will serve them best in life. Job Prep is really "life prep."



Thank you, Deirdre McAllister Smith for five years of leadership, dedication, and commitment to Job Prep and **Future 5** students! We'll miss you!

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Thank you to our 29 donors who contributed \$4,745 to **Future 5** on Giving Day to help us fund one year of healthy snacks, and thank you to Fairfield County's Community Foundation for introducing them to us!