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## November 2015 News



### NCC Donates an Office to Future 5

**Norwalk Community College and Future 5 Collaborate...**to increase positive outcomes for students

Together Clif McFeely, Founder and Executive Director of **Future 5** and Ann Rogers, Executive Director, Norwalk Community College Foundation officially launch the **Future 5 – NCC Stay Connected** program. NCC has generously donated a new **Future 5** office located on NCC's West campus.

"The **Future 5 – NCC Stay Connected** collaboration was initiated to establish an on-campus support system for **Future 5** high school graduates as they pursue their college and career path," said Clif McFeely, founder & executive director of **Future 5**. "For a large percentage of our Stamford high school graduates, NCC represents a critical step towards this goal. Improving the NCC retention and graduation rates is key to the success of our organization and is beneficial to NCC as well. We're grateful for the donated space and our new partnership with NCC," added McFeely.

**Future 5** takes a holistic approach to working with Stamford high school students. We are all about the "Power of Connection" and now we have the opportunity to put this power to work at Norwalk Community College.

Julie Horowitz (MHSA) and Martha Cook (MBA) are overseeing **Future 5 – NCC Stay Connected**, a collaboration to provide on-campus support to **Future 5** graduates as they continue their education at Norwalk Community College. The program assists students in all aspects of community college life and mirrors the support that is offered to **Future 5** high school students. Currently, 45+ **Future 5** members attend NCC.

**Photo Caption:** Front row: Ann Rogers, executive director of the Norwalk Community College Foundation, Future 5 student Trevon and Future 5 coach Martha Cook. Back row: F5 students Stanley and Michelle, Future 5 coach Julie Horowitz, and Future 5 founder & executive director Clif McFeely

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# Future 5 Alumni in Full Swing at College



**Greg Koszkul,**  
*Freshman Engineering Major at  
Rochester Technological Institute*

“College isn’t as easy as you might think. Even when Ritchie our mascot greets you at orientation! I have had to step up my game at RIT but I am totally grateful for the opportunity to be meeting so many intelligent and amazing students. I am pledging a fraternity and have never met a group of guys so respectful and personable before. It really makes me see life from a very hopeful perspective.”



**Sabina Pierre-Louis,**  
*Freshman in 5-year Physician’s  
Assistant (PA) program at Seton Hall*

“My college experience so far is going great. At first, it was hard adjusting and being away from home. The more time I spend here, I love it even more because I know that I have friends that are going through the same things as I am. I love how there are so many support networks that can help me through my classes and how it’s a close knit campus. I’m very grateful for Future 5 and the coaches who helped me get here.”



**Luis Hernandez,**  
*Junior, Transfer from NCC to  
Eastern Connecticut State*

“NCC nurtured me and I received the necessary skills to adapt and thrive at a four-year school like Eastern CT. Our mascot is a Warrior, like me. We conquer every step along the way. I am grateful for the opportunity to be pursuing my four-year degree in history.”



## 3 Steps to Create “It Takes a Village” Mural

Featured at Stamford’s Ferguson Library



**Future 5** students participate in Stamford Public School Foundation’s MarcUS for Change 5K event at Mill River by encouraging community members to make over 100 hand designs for a mural.



Back at the **Future 5** office, student members utilize the hand drawings to create a colorful mural, entitled: “It Takes a Village”.



Mayor Martin joined **Future 5** members at the Ferguson Library celebration where our students spoke about the **importance of community service and supporting Stamford!**

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