



Connecting Stamford's High School Students to...

Character • Coaches • College • Careers • Community

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Thanks to YOU!

We are grateful for the volunteer time you have shared, the monies you have sent or are planning to send, and for the powerful *connections* you continue to make on behalf of our students and our organization!

Your efforts at work:

- 132 amazing high school student members
- 45 committed Norwalk Community College students
- Our robust alumni network of **Future 5** college students and graduates
- 60 college acceptances to 32 colleges to date for our 51 seniors!

Thank you for making **Future 5** an energetic and optimistic community where powerful *connections* are happening!

To date, **Future 5** has raised **\$587,000**. Our goal is **\$900,000** by June 30th.

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

The Power of Connection



Amy Murphy Carroll

Future 5 Career Connections Consultant

I love the energy, optimism and sense of possibility that students have. They don't ask why; they ask "why not."

While Future 5's core mission focuses on the high school years, as we graduate more and more students, it's apparent that support can't end at high school.

Future 5 brought me on board to help them get a better sense of the local labor market and identify living wage opportunities for those students who don't immediately pursue college. That will allow us to advise, direct, and connect Future 5 students as they transition from school to career.

The great thing about our Future 5 students is that they generally stay in the community, and are potential long-term employees.



Shiller Lucien

Future 5 Alum and Hewlett Packard Technician

I learned a lot about networking at Future 5, and that's helped me find jobs.

I participated in everything Future 5 had to offer. I wouldn't have had the chance to visit colleges on my own or receive scholarships without Future 5.

Through Future 5, I learned to take advantage of opportunities, and I also learned about taking responsibility and communicating. Now I use these skills at work with my manager and customers.

Future 5 helped me graduate from high school and college, and it's one of the reasons I encouraged my sister, Claudia, to become a member of Future 5, too.



Left-to-Right: Martine and Christina

Hidden Figures

A Future 5 nod to the Oscars... but mostly to the Power of Perseverance!

A group of **Future 5** students who turned in good progress reports were rewarded with a trip to the movie *Hidden Figures*.

Christina: "I loved it! Seeing the movie *Hidden Figures* was like black girl magic! Catherine (Taraji P. Henson) was a bright, young math star and she was treated as if she was not equal but she kept on persevering. It reminded me of my CP pre-calc class where I often feel like a second class citizen. Now I simply focus on getting my work done more than worrying about what others are thinking of me. I learned how to perform in a positive way without it getting under my skin."

Martine: It was so good, especially the woman who played the Supervisor role (Octavia Spencer). She is a good role model for a kid to see: Someone who can outperform despite her gender or age. She didn't let anyone bother her or dampen her spirits. Now when I see people who rub me the wrong way, I no longer let them ruin my day or change my perspective."

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