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## April 2017 News



## The Writing's on the College Wall!

### Congratulations Class of 2017!

The Senior Pep Rally is one of our favorite days of the year, and the College Wall is a visual reminder of the determination of our seniors to achieve their goal of earning a college degree. The majority (87%) of them will be the first in their family to attend college.

We celebrated our 47 high school seniors' acceptances to more than 60 different colleges at our annual Senior Pep Rally. Underclassmen, coaches, and staff gathered as our seniors announced the colleges they'd been accepted to. Then with lots of high 5's and fanfare, the seniors proudly signed their names under each college listed on their Class of 2017 College Wall. All the seniors have been active participants in our weekly College Prep workshop since September, in addition to meeting with their individual college coaches.

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

**Stephanie**  
College Coach

*“You can’t underestimate the determination and ambition of these high schoolers!”*

I became a College Coach at **Future 5** because I believed that I could make a difference in the life of a local high school student. Working with Samantha has been a rewarding and transforming experience for both of us! I was so proud and happy for her when she received the first of her 8 acceptances to college.



**Samantha**  
Future 5 Student Member

*“I’m really excited about going to college, and I’m feeling optimistic about my life and my career.”*

Behind my smile is a motivated, persistent, kind, positive and loving person. I was ecstatic to receive my first college acceptance letter! It took discipline, hard work, and dedication to complete my applications and essays on time, and I’m so grateful to Stephanie for helping me through this process!



## “Our” Daffodils

**Future 5** students planted these daffodils in Veterans Park in 2014. A welcome site after a long, cold winter, “our” daffodils are a good metaphorical reminder for us that the seeds we’re planting today with our students have the chance to bloom and grow year after year right here in Stamford, in spite of adverse conditions and/or twists and turns.

## Future 5 Volunteers are Superheroes!

In celebration of National Volunteer Recognition Week we’ll be honoring our 80+ volunteer coaches and tutors at **“A Celebration of Our Superheroes!”** on April 26 (6-8 PM) in our office at 135 Atlantic Street. Please join us if you’d like to learn more about volunteering at **Future 5**.



## coffee with clif

A **FUTURE 5** CONNECTION  
& CONVERSATION



An informal get together on the last Friday of every month. Come and join the conversation on a trending topic and learn more about how we’re changing the lives of high school students in Stamford.

Please email **Sydney Fine**  
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