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### **New Jersey Health Initiatives Announce \$2 Million in Grants to Ten Community Coalitions Across the State**

#### *Four-Year Initiative Will Help Build a Culture of Health in New Jersey*

Orange, NJ (July 14, 2015) – *New Jersey Health Initiatives* (NJHI), a statewide grantmaking program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), today announced ten recipients of four-year grants to fund multi-sector, community-focused coalitions during an event in Orange, New Jersey. The aim of *NJHI: Building a Culture of Health in New Jersey – Communities Moving to Action* is to support communities across New Jersey to make sustainable system changes and policy-oriented, long-term solutions for healthier living.

Spanning the full geography of the Garden State – from Morristown and Orange in the north to Salem and Atlantic City in the south – the ten recipients will serve as laboratories for innovative approaches to sustaining healthy communities.



**Pictured: NJHI Director Bob Atkins, PhD, RN, FAAN**

“Building a culture of health at the community level requires collaboration – individual groups can’t solve health challenges working in isolation,” said NJHI Director Bob Atkins, PhD, RN, FAAN. “We’ve found that communities across New Jersey are already forming coalitions of diverse organizations, including hospital systems, local health and human service agencies, schools, businesses, elected officials, public health officers, and engaged citizens. We’re hoping to add to the long-term strength of those community coalitions through not just funding, but also training and coaching. “

Grant funded communities have received \$50,000 for their first year, with an additional \$150,000 granted in total over the final three grant years (provided the coalition members raise at least \$35,000 in matching funding during the final two years of the initiative). During the first year, teams from each coalition will participate in a Boundary Spanning Leadership Institute, to develop tools and build skills to work on multi-faceted community issues, culminating in the development of an action plan to collectively address the most pressing needs of their community.

The ten coalitions NJHI selected for this initiative are led by the following organizations:

- AtlantiCare Foundation – Atlantic City
- City of Jersey City – Jersey City
- North Jersey Health Collaborative – Morristown
- Orange Public Schools – Orange
- Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey – Newark
- Township of Irvington – Irvington
- United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern NJ – Camden
- United Way of Salem County – Salem
- YMCA of Eastern Union County – Elizabeth
- YMCA of Trenton – Trenton

These ten projects were selected to encompass a diverse group based on their location in the state, whether urban or rural, and which populations they serve.



**Pictured: Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools, Orange Public School District.**

“The Orange School District is honored to be included among these grant recipients,” said Ronald C. Lee, superintendent of Orange Public Schools. “We appreciate being recognized by NJHI for the work we are already doing through our public schools, including a recently-opened pediatric treatment clinic, and a community greenhouse that is tended by area families when school is not in session. We’re excited to design and implement a Blueprint for Action that will continue us on a path to better health for all residents of Orange.”

The *NJHI: Building a Culture of Health in New Jersey – Communities Moving to Action* project is aligned with the *County Health Rankings & Roadmaps* model. That program – a collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute – ranks health based on four factor areas: health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and the physical environment.

“This program aligns perfectly with the Foundation’s vision of working with others to build a Culture of Health and is a great way to get communities right here in our home state of New Jersey already focusing on health working together,” explained Marco Navarro, senior program officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. “We believe in the power of collaboration to create true systemic change and make the healthy choice the easy choice for everyone. We hope this

program, along with others like our annual Culture of Health prize and *Roadmaps to Health*, will help to highlight communities that can serve as best practices for others across the country.”



**Pictured: Marco Navarro, senior program officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**



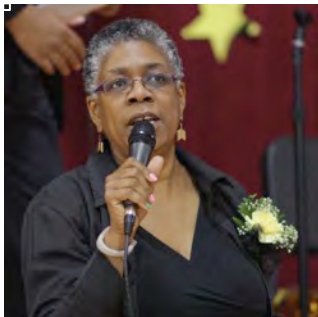
**Pictured: (top) Orange Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson; student dancers; (bottom) Orange Public Schools' coalition members; Orange coalition members and Mr. Navarro.**

## **Our A'peeling Works: An Orange Publishing Party**

The Orange Public School's held its first annual District-Wide Publishing Party, *Our A'peeling Works*, on June 18. The event shared writings of student authors in grades pre-K through 12. Several student authors, seated in the "writer's chair" on the stage of the "gymnatorium" at Lincoln Avenue School, were on hand to read their favorite piece to the public. Some were nervous, at first, but all were proud to read their selection, for the appreciation of the audience.

Additionally, there were writings on display in several genres, including personal narratives, fables, memoirs, informational writings, research essays, editorials, investigative journalism, and poetry. Each school displayed a selection of student work.

The community of Orange was there to support the young authors and to view the level of work and rigor that students practice when writing.



**Pictured (left to right): English Language Arts (ELA) Department Director, Ms. Kathy Carter, student Emcee and reader, Andrew Coats and ELA staff members.**



The students authors selected to present their work were:

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Tashana Noel       | Cleveland Street School                 |
| Kyree Neblett      | Park Avenue School                      |
| Selena Jean-Pierre | Orange Preparatory Academy              |
| Heaven Chadwick    | Cleveland Street School                 |
| Therry Francois    | Rosa Parks Community School             |
| Carlos Gomez       | Rosa Parks Community School             |
| Allen Mesirin      | Lincoln Avenue School                   |
| Cyndi Smith        | Oakwood Avenue Community School         |
| Ashi Jackson       | Cleveland Street School                 |
| Isaiah Inniss      | Forest Street School                    |
| Jayden Honeyghan   | Heywood Avenue School                   |
| Autumn Tarver      | Park Avenue School                      |
| Olivia Martinez    | Forest Street School                    |
| Akasha Baranello   | Heywood Avenue School                   |
| Tracy Ware Jr.     | Lincoln Avenue School                   |
| Stephanie Alvarado | Orange High School                      |
| Naqyille Cole      | Career and Innovation Academy of Orange |
| Neagesti Chance    | Rosa Parks Community School             |



**Pictured: Scenes from *Our A'peeling Works: An Orange Publishing Party*.**



**Pictured: Scenes from *Our A'peeling Works: An Orange Publishing Party*, including student authors.**

## **Orange High School, *Honoring Our Students 2014-2015*, Award Ceremony**

On June 16, Orange High School held its 2014-2015 Award Ceremony, *Honoring Our Students*. Honor Roll students were recognized for their academic achievement, along with High Honors recipients: Keleen Ashmead, Dinah Beckford, Ana Chacon, Lounie Germain, Gifty Minnow, Taguy Mohamed and Kezia Ofosu-Oware. Each honor roll student received a certificate and a gift bag.

Students who were awarded scholarships, were also recognized, as follows:

The Orange Education Foundation awarded ten \$1,000 scholarships to the following students:

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Keshawn Alexander      | Candice Mintah |
| Shammond Ash           | Bradley Paul   |
| Melvin Bailey          | Amanda Opoku   |
| Diamonique Jacobs      | India Williams |
| Brittany Jean Baptiste | Stefan Wilson  |

The Orange Education Foundation, serving the Orange Public School District students and staff members were present to award the scholarships. They were: President, Ms. Gail Velox, Vice President, Mrs. Alesia Price, who introduced the recipients and her board members, Treasurer, Ms. Barbara Clark, and members, Rev. Dr. Irving Childress, Mrs. Deloris Tyson, Mrs. Diana Harmon, Ms. Pamela Venable, Ms. Barbara Sair, Ms. Lena Smalls

|                                      |                              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>The Class of '65 Scholarships</i> | Bria Wood<br>Alaya Montgomer |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
|   | Lofaine Bradford |
| <i>Chevon Moore Scholarship</i>                     | Kelia Whyte      |
| <i>Orange High School Scholarship Fund</i>          | Mikail Volcy     |
| <i>William Nathan Williams Scholarship Fund</i>     | Kausar Ahmed     |
| <i>Matthew R. Bocchino Scholarship Fund</i>         | Bria wood        |
| <i>Chartwells School Scholarship Fund</i>           | Javonie Bond     |
| <i>Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Scholarship</i> | Alaya Montgomery |



**Pictured: Scenes from the OHS Award Ceremony.**

The various awards were presented by the program hosts, Dr. Kalisha Morgan, Assistant Principals, Stefanie Matthews, and Mohammed Abdelaziz, along with representatives from the individual scholarships including Ms. Kathryn Carter, Orange’s Director of English Language Arts, representing the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Before the ceremony closed, students Kausar Ahmed, the 2015 class Valedictorian and Taguy Mohamed, the 2015 class Salutatorian, were presented with a special certificate of achievement and an award to receive a Google Chromebook.

There was also a ceremonial “passing of the baton” from the Senior Class President, Barakat Olusekun, to rising senior Dinah Beckford, who will serve in that capacity next school year.



**Pictured: Chromebook recipients with Dr. Morgan.**

The event was held in the cafeteria at Orange High School and included a meal following the student recognition. Co-Principals opened the program, which was attended by students, their families, friends, and OHS staff, as well as district administrators and Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee.





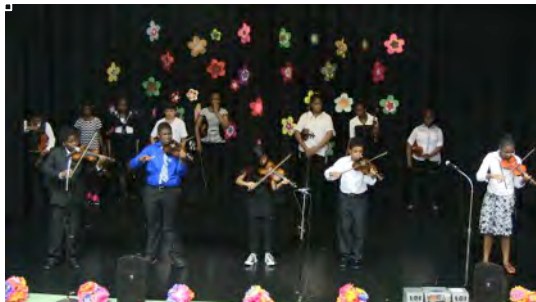
**Pictured (left to right): Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, Inc. Scholarship recipient with AKA representatives; OEF Scholarship recipients.**



**Pictured (left to right): Orange Education Foundation members with scholarship recipients; Senior Class President and next year's president.**

## **Rosa Parks Community School, Annual Spring Concert**

The Visual and Performing Arts Department at Rosa Parks Community School presented their Annual Spring Concert on June 16 at the Central Auditorium. The event was a wonderful display of talent, from beginning to end., and opened with *Lift Every Voice and Sing* with a trumpet solo by Ulices Gonzales and piano accompaniment by Mr. Peterson.



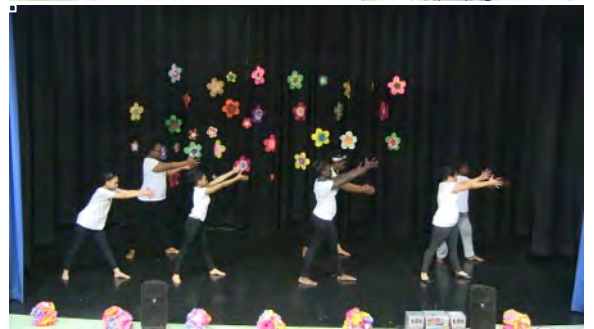
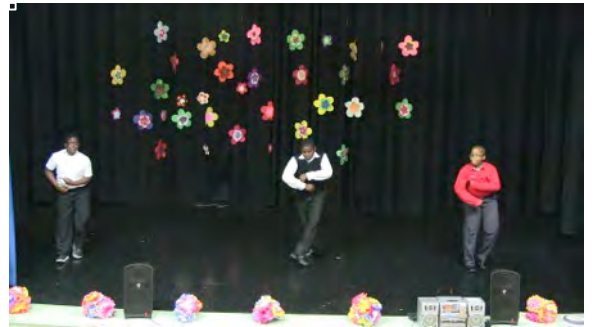
After welcoming remarks by Principal Mrs. Debra Joseph-Charles, the program continued with the instrumental portion of the concert, featuring *Beginner Violin Grade 6-7* students, under the direction of Mr. Terrence Thornhill, playing such songs as *Twinkle Twinkle Little Stars*. There were several solo violin performances: Christian Severn, *French Folk Song*, Jimmy Philippe, *Allegro*.



Next to perform was the *Beginner Band Grade 5*, playing, among other songs, *The Lion Sleeps Tonight* with an instrumental solo by Alex Tacuri. The Intermediate Band Grade 7 performed, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and two solos: *Stay With Me* with Slomit Ortega on clarinet and WoodJerry Israel on guitar and *All of Me* with Ryan Delgado on the saxophone and Kharim Cadeus on the piano. The band students were led by Mr. Sem Etienne.



Mrs. Mariel Johnson's vocal students followed. The *Grade 3 Chorus* sang *Ben* and the *Grade 4 Chorus* sang *Dancin' in the Street*, before the *Grade 5-7 Chorus* and the *RPCS Honors Chorus* performed a medley of songs from *Motown: The Musical*.







The *RPCS Dance Ensemble* and various grade level dance groups closed out the evening with several exciting dance pieces, directed by Mrs. Nadia Smith-McCoy. The dancers had the audience energized and involved, capping off an evening of splendid performances.



**Pictured (above and left): Scenes from Rosa Parks Community School's Annual Spring Concert.**

## **A Look Back at Orange Preparatory Academy's STEM Family Night**



Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) held a S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

Family Night on June 3. Attendees were treated to fun, hands-on activities designed to display the types of science, technology, engineering and math experiences students are engaged in at OPA. Families saw a variety of displays, demonstrations, student science projects, robotics and activities requiring their participation. All were encouraged to visit each exhibit in the OPA cafeteria, as well as the *SmartLab*, and received credit for prizes.



**Pictured (above and left): Scenes from Family STEM Night at Orange Preparatory Academy.**



**Pictured: Scenes from *Family STEM Night* at Orange Preparatory Academy.**

## **Summer Reading Requirements**




Visit the district website at [www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us) and follow the link on the home page (*Site Shortcuts*) for **Summer Reading** recommendations and requirements from the English Language Arts Department.

**FYI**

***See flyers below for important Pre-K registration information***



# July 2015

| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday   |
|--------|--|---|-----------|----------|--|--|
|        |  |   | 1         | 2        | 3<br><br>District Closed<br>for 4th of July | 4 Independence<br>Day<br><br><i>Happy 4th of July</i> |
| 5      | 6<br> | 7   | 8         | 9        | 10   | 11   |
| 12     | 13   | 14<br>Monthly Board<br>of Education<br>Meeting at<br>Board Office<br>6:00 <sup>PM</sup> | 15        | 16       | 17   | 18   |
| 19     | 20   | 21  | 22        | 23       | 24   | 25   |
| 26     | 27   | 28  | 29        | 30       | 31   |  |

# Share The News!!!!!!

REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN FOR NEW STUDENTS

GRADES: K - 12

(FOR THE 2015 - 2016 SCHOOL YEAR)



**WHEN:** July 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 - August 27<sup>th</sup> 2015

**WHERE:** Orange Board of Education Central Registration Office  
451 Lincoln Avenue Orange, NJ 07050

**HOURS:** 8:30pm - 1:00pm (appointments)  
Appointments are every 30 minutes. The last appointment is 12:30pm)

**DAYS:** Monday - Thursday

**TRANSFERS:** Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 1:00pm  
Parent/Guardian(s) Must Have Photo identification

**REGISTRATION PACKETS:** Are available at the Orange Board of Education District Office or your neighborhood school. They can also be downloaded from the district website: "*Orange Public Schools Overview*". Follow the link under site shortcuts:

*Orange Public School Registration Information*

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:  
CENTRAL REGISTRATION OFFICE @ (973) 677-4000 EXT. 6044





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Director of Special Programs

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Supervisor of Early Childhood

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

### REQUIREMENTS:

- 3 years old by 10/01/15                      4 years old by 10/01/15
- Must be resident of Orange Township
- Original Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization record
- Current lease or Mortgage Statement
- 2 Proofs of Residency (eg. PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill, **NO CELLPHONE BILLS!!**)
- Picture ID

**If you are living with a friend or relative, you must be included in their lease agreement. Notarized letters stating you rent a room/apartment/house will not be accepted.**

**Registration Days:      JULY 2015**  
**14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>.**  
**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Last sign in: 1:00 p.m.**

**Place: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**  
**397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050**  
**973-677-4500 ext. 1904, 1918 or 1922.**

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***IF YOU ARE CONCERNED YOUR PRESCHOOL CHILD IS DEVELOPING OR LEARNING DIFFERENTLY, YOU CAN CALL THE DISTRICT TO REQUEST AN EVALUATION FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES.***



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## REGISTRACIÓN PREESCOLAR

### REQUISITOS:

- 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/15
- 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/15
- DEBE SER RESIDENTE DEL MUNICIPIO DE ORANGE
- PARTIDA DE NACIMIENTO ORIGINAL
- EXPEDIENTE DE INMUNIZACIONES DEL NIÑO/NIÑA
- DECLARACIÓN ACTUAL DEL ARRIENDO O DE LA HIPOTECA
- Identificación de fotos
- **2 Pruebas de Residencia (recibo de PSE&G, teléfono o recibo del cable, NO CELLPHONE!) deben ser actual.**
- **SI USTED ESTA VIVIENDO CON UN FAMILIAR O AMIGO TIENE QUE ESTAR INSCRITO EN EL CONTRATO DE ARRENDAMIENTO. NO SE ACEPTARA CARTAS NOTARIZADA.**

### **REGISTRACIÓN:**

**JULIO 2015**

**14, 15, 16, 21, 22, y 23.**

**10:00am-200pm**

**Tiene que firmar antes de las 1:00pm**

**LUGAR: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

**397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050**

**(973) 677-4500 ext 1904, 1918, o 1922.**

**SI USTED ESTA PREOCUPADO POR QUE SU HIJO/HIJA ESTA DESARROLLANDO ALGUN PROBLEMA DE APRENDISAJE O APRENDIENDO DIFERENTE FAVOR DE CONTACTAR AL DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS ESPECIALES EN EL DISRITO.**