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## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION: Partners Newsletter

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From the Superintendent



Dr. Iline Tracey

So many great things happen every day in the New Haven Public Schools that I wanted to find a way to share some of them with you on a regular basis. This newsletter will come to you once a month. In it we will describe the accomplishments of our extraordinary students and teachers, as well as the perspectives of our principals and others who lead in the district.

We chose the name “Partners Newsletter” because that’s what you are: whether you are a parent or a staff member, you are a partner in the creation of your students’ learning experiences. We don’t take your work for granted. On the contrary, we want to celebrate it as essential to our students’ success.

Please enjoy this first issue of the newsletter. Share your feedback and your story ideas by emailing the editor at [justin.harmon@new-haven.k12.ct.us](mailto:justin.harmon@new-haven.k12.ct.us).

From the Schools

### **OBAMA Students Collaborate on Art Reflecting African Culture**



Students at Barack Obama Magnet University School created collaborative works of art to kick off the school year. This year, art projects will feature aspects of African culture, so the students in second through fourth grades produced artworks depicting animals native to the continent. The students each contributed a small piece to a larger piece of art. [[READ MORE](#)]



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## **HILLHOUSE Offers Vocational, College Prep Pathways**

James Hillhouse High School serves college-bound students, as well as those who want to start a career right after graduation. To address the needs of the latter group, as well as students who may be unsure about whether to pursue a college degree, Principal Glen Worthy is advancing vocational programs in health, construction, and automotive maintenance. All three programs allow students to progress either to a career or college.

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## **BARNARD Students Immersed in Environmental Science and Technology**

Barnard Principal Robert McCain calls the school's new outdoor learning space and mud kitchen "a maker space for budding scientists and explorers". With dirt as their medium, students in pre-kindergarten through first grade learn through nature-based exploration, allowing them to make observations and ask questions about the world around them. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

## **From Across the District**

### **Nataliya Braginsky Named National History Teacher of the Year**



The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History named Nataliya Braginsky, a social studies teacher at Metropolitan Business Academy, 2021 National History Teacher of the Year. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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## **Grant to Support Anti-Racist Teaching, Curriculum**

New Haven Public Schools and Students for Educational Justice have been awarded a grant that will support building a community of teachers, teacher educators, youth, and student organizers committed to advancing anti-racist pedagogy, curriculum, and practice within K-12 public schools in Connecticut. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

## **New Haven Teacher of the Year Has “a Heart for the City”**

New Haven’s teacher of the year for 2021 knew she wanted to be in the classroom at age 5. “I used to play teacher with my cousins,” said Melanie Thomas, now a third-grade teacher at Truman School. “I always knew it was a gift I had.” [\[READ MORE\]](#)

## **Relief Funds Providing Additional Teachers, Counselors**

The Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER II) was approved by the State Department of Education and the New Haven Board of Education in April 2021. To date, these funds have been utilized to do the following:

- Hire 87 grade 1-3 teachers to create smaller class sizes
- Implement “Summer of Fun 2021” by expanding summer school offerings from pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade through partnerships and collaboration with community organizations
- Provide academic resources to supplement learning for students who receive special education and bilingual services [\[READ MORE\]](#)

## **iReady Math Program Facilitates Individualized Attention**

iReady K-5 Classroom Math, My Path, and the iReady Diagnostic Assessment bundle, all published by Curriculum Associates, were purchased by New Haven Public Schools in the spring for all K-5 classrooms in the district, using a combination of Alliance and Title 1 funding. This comprehensive math program provides both core classroom instruction and through My Path, a comprehensive individualized student intervention plan. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

## **Cross Curriculum Wins Highest Rating in National Showcase**

History teacher Brian Grindrod and student presenters from Wilbur Cross High School earned the highest rating in the northeast in a curriculum showcase sponsored by the Center for Civic Education and Georgetown University. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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NHPS Strategic Plan: Values, Mission, Vision, Priority Areas

**Strategic Plan: SY 2020-2024**



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## EXCELENCIA EN EDUCACIÓN: Boletín de Socios

Noviembre 2021

De la Superintendente



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Muchas cosas maravillosas suceden todos los días en las Escuelas Públicas de New Haven que deseaba encontrar una forma de poder compartir algunas de ellas con ustedes de manera regular. Este boletín les llegará una vez al mes. En él describiremos los logros de nuestros estudiantes y maestros extraordinarios, así como las perspectivas de nuestros directores y otros que lideran en el distrito.

Elegimos el nombre "Boletín de Socios" porque eso es lo que eres: ya seas un padre o un miembro del personal, eres un socio en la creación del aprendizaje y experiencias de tus estudiantes.

No damos por sentado tu trabajo. Al contrario, queremos celebrarlo como algo esencial así como celebramos el éxito de nuestros estudiantes.

Disfrute de este primer número del boletín. Comparta sus comentarios y las ideas de su historia enviando un correo electrónico al editor [justin.harmon@new-haven.k12.ct.us](mailto:justin.harmon@new-haven.k12.ct.us).

### De las Escuelas

#### Los Estudiantes de OBAMA Colaboran en el Arte que Refleja la Cultura Africana



Los estudiantes de la Escuela Universitaria Magnet Barack Obama crearon obras de arte colaborativas para comenzar el año escolar. Este año, los proyectos de arte contarán con aspectos de la cultura africana, por lo que los estudiantes de segundo a cuarto grado produjeron obras de arte que representan animales nativos del continente. Cada uno de los estudiantes contribuyó con una pequeña pieza a una obra de arte más grande. [[LEE MAS](#)]



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## **HILLHOUSE Ofrece Itinerarios Vocacionales y de Preparación Universitaria**

La Escuela Superior James Hillhouse prepara a estudiantes que van a la universidad, así como a aquellos que desean comenzar una carrera inmediatamente después de graduarse de cuarto año. Para abordar las necesidades de este último grupo, así como las necesidades de los estudiantes que quizás no están seguros sobre la posibilidad de obtener un título universitario, el director Glen Worthy está promoviendo programas vocacionales en salud, construcción y mantenimiento automotriz. Los tres programas permiten a los estudiantes progresar hacia una carrera o hacia la universidad. [\[LEE MAS\]](#)



## **En la Escuela BARNARD los Estudiantes son Inmersos en Ciencia y Tecnología Ambiental**

El director de Barnard, Robert McCain, llama al nuevo espacio de aprendizaje al aire libre y la cocina de barro de la escuela "un espacio de creación para científicos y exploradores principiantes". Con la tierra como medio, los estudiantes de pre jardín de infantes hasta primer grado aprenden a través de la exploración basada en la naturaleza, lo que les permite hacer observaciones y hacer preguntas sobre el mundo que los rodea. [\[LEE MAS\]](#)

## **A través del Distrito**

### **Nataliya Braginsky Nombrada Maestra Nacional de Historia del Año**

El Instituto Gilder Lehrman de Historia Estadounidense nombró a Nataliya Braginsky, maestra de estudios sociales en Metropolitan Business Academy, Maestra de Historia Nacional 2021 del año. [\[LEE MAS\]](#)



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## **Beca Para Apoyar la Enseñanza Antirracista, Currículo**

Las escuelas públicas de New Haven y los estudiantes por la Justicia Educativa han recibido un donativo que apoyará la construcción de una comunidad de maestros, formadores de maestros, jóvenes y organizadores estudiantiles comprometidos con el avance de la pedagogía, el plan de estudios y la práctica antirracistas dentro de las escuelas públicas K-12 en Connecticut. [[LEE MAS](#)]

## **La Maestra del Año de New Haven Tiene "su corazón en la ciudad"**

La maestra del año de New Haven para 2021 sabía que quería estar en el aula a los 5 años. "Solía jugar a ser maestra con mis primos", dijo Melanie Thomas, ahora maestra de tercer grado en la escuela Truman. "Siempre supe que era un don que tenía". [[LEE MAS](#)]

## **Fondos de Ayuda que Proporcionan Maestros y Consejeros Adicionales**

Los Fondos de Ayuda de Emergencia para Escuelas Primarias y Secundarias (ESSER II) fueron aprobados por el Departamento de Educación del Estado y la Junta de Educación de New Haven en abril de 2021. Hasta la fecha, estos fondos se han utilizado para hacer lo siguiente:

- Contratar a 87 maestros de 1-3 grado para crear clases más pequeñas
- Implementar "Summer of Fun 2021" ampliando las ofertas de la escuela de verano desde el prejardín de infantes hasta el 12 ° grado a través de asociaciones y colaboración con organizaciones comunitarias.
- Proporcionar recursos académicos para complementar el aprendizaje de los estudiantes que reciben educación especial y servicios bilingües [[LEE MÁS](#)]

## **El Programa de Matemáticas iReady Facilita la Atención Individualizada**

iReady K-5 Classroom Math, My Path y el paquete iReady Diagnostic Assessment, todos publicados por Curriculum Associates, fueron comprados por las Escuelas Públicas de New Haven en la primavera para todos los estudiantes de K-5 en el distrito, usando los fondos de Alliance y Title 1. Este programa integral de matemáticas proporciona instrucción básica en el aula y, a través de My Path, un plan de intervención estudiantil integral e individualizado. [[LEE MAS](#)]

## **El currículo Transversal Obtiene la Calificación más Alta en la Exhibición Nacional**

El maestro de historia Brian Grindrod y los estudiantes presentadores de Wilbur Cross High School obtuvieron la calificación más alta en el noreste en una exhibición del plan de estudios patrocinada por el Centro de Educación Cívica y la Universidad de Georgetown. [[LEE MAS](#)]



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## Plan estratégico de NHPS: Valores, Misión, Visión, Áreas Prioritarias

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