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In February, The College Crusade of Rhode Island announced a \$100,000 grant award from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation. The grant will help to provide a wide range of College Crusade programs designed to increase student readiness for college, including extracurricular reading and math enrichment, SAT test preparation, campus visits, leadership development opportunities, career exploration activities, and financial aid workshops. The grant also supports the services of College Crusade Advisors, who counsel students in 32 middle schools and high schools throughout Central Falls, Pawtucket, Providence, and Woonsocket about the steps they should take to stay on the path to college.

"We are deeply grateful for this very generous award from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation," said Robert Oberg, director of development for The College Crusade. "Their contribution helps make it possible for thousands of students from our state's disadvantaged urban communities to experience life-changing personal and educational success."

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High school students from **The College Crusade of Rhode Island** pose with career speakers during a recent career conference. Seated from left to right are: **Darrell Thorpe**, program manager for diversity at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of RI; **Melissa Husband**, supportive services program coordinator for Rhode Island Housing; and **Den Soch**, president of the Rhode Island Young Professionals. Standing at far right is **Maria Carvalho**, high school manager for The College Crusade.