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Fact Sheet

ORGANIZATIONAL FOCUS

The College Crusade of Rhode Island is the state's most comprehensive college-readiness and scholarship program for middle school and high school students in low-income urban school districts. We reach out early to motivated students and encourage their commitment to learning. No other organization in Rhode Island provides as much long-term guidance and support for students from these communities.

The College Crusade was inspired by the idea that the consistent involvement of caring adults helps young people overcome economic and educational disadvantages. We believe in the students we serve. Our dedicated staff nurtures their personal and academic growth, and our specially designed programs give them the tools they need to succeed in school and to stay accountable to their college goals. We reward the effort and achievement of financially eligible students with up to four years of college scholarships.

The College Crusade's sustained social and academic investment in the lives of young people increases the vitality of our state and creates a lasting legacy for the future.

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

The College Crusade of Rhode Island is an innovative nonprofit organization originally founded in 1989 as the Rhode Island Children's Crusade for Higher Education. We changed our name in 2007 to reflect a new strategic focus on increasing college readiness among economically disadvantaged youth in Rhode Island.

Nearly all students admitted to The College Crusade are from low-income or minority families. Our services to them combine the steady, nurturing presence of caring adults with a rich array of programs that focus on academic enrichment, social and personal development, career awareness and exploration, and preparation for postsecondary education.

We reach out to young people in sixth grade and provide them with consistent support and guidance for seven years, all the way to high school graduation. Students admitted to The College Crusade receive over \$10,000 in free programs and services. Since 2001, we have also provided over \$23 million in college scholarships to more than 3,000 graduates from Rhode Island high schools.



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