

THE NEW JEWISH HOME

GERIATRIC CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

GCD Newsletter

Keeping a pulse on what's new! Dec. 2018

Here to Here, Health Convening highlights GCD High School Nurse Intern and the GCD Program

By Tiffany Lee, Sr. Program Manager, GCD High School | Dec 11, 2018



Pictured: Sonia Scarso and Ruben Diaz, Jr.

On November 16, 2018 the nonprofit organization, Here to Here, hosted a Healthcare Convening at the Metropolitan College of New York's Bronx Campus. The GCD Program and Here to Here have partnered to provide job training and professional development to local teens since 2017. In accordance with the Here to Here mission: a variety of employers, educators and diverse community stakeholders came together to collaborate and discuss methods to help young people access scarce opportunities and meaningful careers in the Health Care Industry. As a Here to Here participant **Sonia Scarso**, (a Senior attending Bronx International High School) was introduced to the GCD program. She is highly engaged in GCD and has earned her Certified Nursing Assistant Certification (C.N.A) and is currently a GCD Nurse Intern at The New Jewish Home. Sonia followed Bronx Borough President, Ruben Diaz, Jr., in making opening remarks at the Convening. During Sonia's speech she spoke proudly of her Nigerian Heritage and her transition from Italy to New York City at the age of fourteen. She shared how her mother's aspirations of becoming an obstetrician helped fuel her dreams of pursuing a Pre-Med Career in college. Having recently earned her C.N.A. certification, Sonia is now able to assist her mother in realizing her dreams of getting into the Health Care Industry by tutoring her in preparation to take the Certified Nursing Assistant exam. Sonia closed her speech by sharing her goals after graduating high school, *"I now know how wide the healthcare field is ...I'm still undecided: Nurse...doctor...I don't know...but I know that I want to be in this field. I am proud. I like to see myself in scrubs. That is who I am."*

The GCD program was also represented at the Convening during a workshop. **Tiffany Lee**, Senior Program Manager for GCD High School Programs gave an overview of the GCD Program, including curriculum, challenges and successes.



Bronx Leadership Council

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Everything you can imagine is real.
-Pablo Picasso



Nathan Dass, Weinberg Resident & Donald Milanes

Bronx GCD Celebrates Thanksgiving

By: Lashima Goshine, Program Manager

Bronx Students celebrated with three Thanksgiving Fest's. The first at Weinberg Gardens with a total of 20 tenants in attendance. The second at Gladstone with a total of 17 tenants. Finally, participants put together a potluck to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with their peers. Yummy!

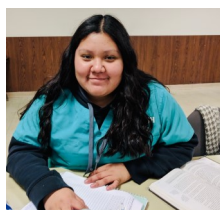
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Student of the Month

Ericka Jimenez is a 17 year old senior and attends A. Philip Randolph High School. Ericka currently interns in TNJH Pharmacy and on the Nursing Units. GCD appreciates Erika for role modeling by teaching C.N.A skills to the Junior class. In addition, We can't wait to see what the future holds for Erika being that she has completed all of her college preparation and college applications with GCD. In Erika's own words:



"GCD has served as a way to meet new people and explore different career paths in the medical field. It has given me the opportunity to take part in an internship and grow as a person and professionally."

Alissa Batista is a very dedicated and driven young lady. As soon as an opportunity arose she advocated for herself and has made the role her own. As the new Co-Chair of the Leadership Council Alissa has already planned a Christmas Party and multiple intergenerational events for the Assisted Living Program (ALP). In Alissa's words:

I feel fortunate to be a part of this internship because it enriches my education and medical knowledge. I have learned in GCD, only in the past few sessions; vitals and cardiac circulation. I am glad to keep learning more things to help me improve as a person.



PARENT ENGAGEMENT IS KEY! THANKS!

Jacqueline Gil
Mom of Madison Gill, attends APR

Elkes Naim
Mom of Nadia Naim, attends APR

Lenice Howe
Mom of Geri'Lynn Felicier-Norton, attends BMS



Photographed: Milwaukee GCD Students, 2018

After an 18 month process, Ovation Communities in Milwaukee, Wisconsin is the first program to replicate The New Jewish Home's GCD Program. In August of 2018 Ovation opened their program with 5 participants. Within four months, they have grown to 14 participants. GCD Director, **John Cruz** and the GCD Team, were instrumental in assisting Ovation Communities develop their pilot program. In August 2018, John spent a week in Wisconsin meeting with key Program Staff and Senior Leadership. TNJH GCD Program is excited about the possibilities of further expanding the GCD Pro-

Happy Holidays Happy Holidays Happy Holidays

Parent's Corner

- Dec 14th: No GCD Program (Juniors)
- Dec. 15th: SAT Test Prep, Diagnostic Test (All Juniors)
Manhattan Campus, 120 W 106th St. @ 9am
- Dec 17/18/20: Holiday Parties at GCD
- Dec 19th: GCD Program Cancelled (Manhattan Only)
GCD Program Holiday Event (Bronx Only)
- Dec 21st: Sr. Interns Only / No Jr. Program (Manhattan)
Bronx & Manhattan Program, Early Dismissal
- Dec 24-Jan 4: No GCD Program
- Jan 3/4/5: PCT in Session at Lehman College
- Jan 5th: SAT Test Prep (Jr.'s only @ Manhattan Campus)
- Jan 7th: GCD Regular Programs Resume