

Cecelia Amaro and Tyrone Ellison,
parents of Cearra Amaro, College
Success Program student



Congratulations College Success Program college graduates!
Good luck in your future endeavors!



Neal DeChillo, Associate Provost for
Academic Affairs, Salem State University



Kathy Pommer, College Success Program
volunteer, and Kirsten Crowe, College
Success Program PVMHS student



Michael Wheeler (Beverly Bank) and
his wife Karen Wheeler



David Silva, Provost and Academic Vice
President at Salem State University and
his partner Bruce Mueller

GREAT EXPECTATIONS NETS \$100,000 FOR FREE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Thanks to all of our donors, staff, volunteers, students, parents and supporters Great Expectations, 2018 was a night to remember! It was our most successful event to date, netting over \$100,000, providing needed funding to support a growing academic program empowering 100's of under-served youth to succeed in college, career and life.

LEAP was proud to honor our nine college graduates who have been in LEAP's College Success Program for 6+ years and long-time supporter, Dr. Stephen Immerman, who will be retiring this summer after nine years as President of Montserrat College of Art.

Student speakers, Kirsten Crowe from Peabody and Jeneba Koroma from Salem, delivered inspiring speeches about the impact of LEAP's programs on their ability to identify and pursue their aspirations. Parents, Cecelia Amaro and Tyrone Ellison, both high school drop outs and foster children, delivered a heartfelt speech of their hopes and aspirations for their children to have a better future which, thanks to LEAP and all of its donors, is now possible. The night ended with a surprise and very emotional presentation of an original portrait of Dr. Immerman, by LEAP and Montserrat Alumnus, Miguel Cruz.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored, placed ads in our program book, purchased tickets, and donated to Great Expectations.

A special thank you to this year's PhD Sponsors: Analogic, Beverly Bank, Cell Signaling, and EBSCO.



Brendan Walsh and Joseph Núñez,
College Success student, raffle action



Dick and Diane Pabich (Salem Inn-MA),
Nicole McLaughlin (Plummer Youth), and
William Henning (Beverly Bank)



Linda Saris and Miguel Cruz, LEAP
alumnus, presenting Dr. Stephen
Immerman with Great Expectation's
Distinguished Leader Award



College Success Program students from
PVMHS having fun!



Trivia winners "Red Sox Team" from the
Pierce, Pierce and Napolitano Law Firm table



Jeneba Koroma, Great Expectations' MC and
LEAP's College Success Program college
grad, with Jamie Saxonis and Taylor Ke



The LEAP staff. Great work team!

LEAP TEENS SHOW INITIATIVE

5 LEAP teens were awarded a United Way Youth Ventures grant to start up their new business, HelpTech, a service organization with a mission to help seniors navigate technology such as cell phones or social media.

10 of our English Language Learners through LEAP's ELL Street program have designed and built a pop up small lending library which will be installed at the Mary Jane Lee Park in the Salem.

5 LEAP teens are engaged in The 84 (the84.org), a student-led national advocacy group taking on the tobacco industry. Teens marched at the statehouse in opposition to the industry's tactics in promoting teen smoking.

PEER MENTORING AT LEAP

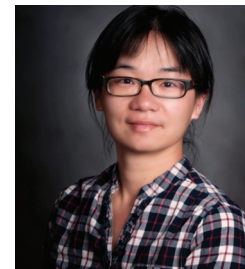
Our peer-to-peer support groups, Brothers for Success and Sisters for Success, have become two of the most talked about programs in Salem. Brothers for Success which now has 12 engaged teens, was invited this year to join the 100 Males to College initiative with Salem State University. About eight Sisters are studying gender bias in the media through the Misrepresentation curricula.



Brothers for Success students and mentors

STEM LEARNING AT O'MALEY ACADEMY

O'Maley Academy and LEAP for Education, teamed up to deliver year one of a 3-year STEM Discovery class thanks to funding from the Applied Materials Foundation and the Gloucester Education Foundation. Students were introduced to different STEM fields and got to work on STEM projects of their choice through the spring. Three high school mentors were hired to work with the middle schoolers who got to do some joint work at the high school. This unique program was designed to stimulate interest in STEM in the early grades and sustain it through high school. Dr. Yun Ling Li from the Center for Women and Work at UMass Lowell facilitated an inspiring discussion focused on young women's pathways in STEM education and STEM careers. Other exciting STEM programs took place at O'Maley Academy including robotics, forensics and marine biology (with Maritime Gloucester).



Dr. Yun Ling Li
from the Center for
Women and Work at
UMass Lowell



O'Maley students in the Marine Biology
program checking lobster's gender

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Luis and Rahniel Matos De Los Santos

Luis and Rahniel are brothers, attending LEAP for Education's, Teen Center and middle school Expanding Horizon programs. Luis came to the United States 3 years ago from the Dominican Republic to join his mother and two younger siblings, Rosebell and Rahniel. As a middle school student, Luis participated in Expanding Horizons and Healthy Harbors summer program. Now a freshman at Salem High School, he has transitioned into the Teen Center, participating in over 20 programs. Outside of LEAP, Luis plays tennis and is a member of ROTC. Rahniel is following in his brother's footsteps as an active member of Expanding Horizons and Healthy Harbors summer program. He is a 7th grader at Nathaniel Bowditch School and has enjoyed participating in Outdoor Explorers, Skills and Drills, Cooking, and Art. Rahniel is entering the 8th grade at Collins Middle School this upcoming September and is a true leader inside the classroom and after school, demonstrating good character and leadership skills.



SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM – GLOUCESTER AND SALEM

Recruitment of both students and businesses for the Gloucester High School and Salem High School's Summer Internship class is going strong. In Gloucester, 22 students have filed applications and students have so far been placed in a range of jobs -- including the Cape Ann YMCA as a summer lifeguard, the Beauport Hotel in a hostess role, a local law firm assisting in setting up an online portal for client documents, and the 1623 Studios where students will assist the local TV station with video production.

Salem students are finishing up their F1rstJobs applications and will be interviewing and securing summer jobs now through the end of the school year. (F1rstJobs is a summer employment initiative for teens on the North Shore run by the WIB.)

**If you're interested in hiring a local teen this summer – reach out and let us know!
Call Kayla Dorst at 978-740-6667 x114**

EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

Ten LEAP 10th graders have been accepted into the Salem High School Early College Program. As part of this new and innovative program, 40 Salem High School students will receive 12 credits after completing four college courses. These credits will be applied to both high school and college graduation. This completely free program will offer college courses taught by Salem State University professors at Salem High School during junior year and on Salem State University's campus senior year. This program was collaboratively designed through a partnership between Salem State University, Salem High School, LEAP for Education and the North Shore Workforce Investment Board (WIB). LEAP and WIB staff will provide enhanced student college and career services at Salem High School during the school day and at LEAP's offices after school.



College Success Program seniors representing the colleges they will be attending this fall

COLLEGE SUCCESS PROGRAM

The students in LEAP's College Success Program Class of 2018 have committed to attend the following schools this upcoming fall: Brandeis, Bryant University, Fitchburg State University, MassArt, Merrimack, Mount Holyoke, North Shore Community College, Northeastern University, Salem State University, University of Massachusetts Amherst, University of Massachusetts Boston, University of Massachusetts Lowell, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

LEAP LAUNCHES CAREER CONNECTIONS

Thanks to the support of Santander, Amelia Peabody and many of our donors, LEAP launched its Career Connections, a series of activities that help students identify interesting career pathways. March was "Career Slam" month, a series of round table discussions and field trips introducing students to careers in criminal justice/law, engineering, IT, finance, and health. For most of our students it was the first time they had the opportunity to meet a professional in the field.

80% of our College Success Program students completed a job shadow or informational interview during the months of April and May.

75+ professionals volunteered their time for Career Slam and Job Shadowing exercises. Thank you! We could not have done it without your support.

4 networking and mock interview nights also took place where students acquired valuable social capital and honed their skills for summer job searches.

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AMELIA PEABODY FOUNDATION

Amelia Peabody was both an artist and philanthropist in the early part of the 20th century. Coming from a wealthy family she talked about a life of altruism from an early age. At age 21, Peabody wrote in her diary,

"If I ever do take up charity, I intend to do it, and not half do it. Either I work hard or not at all."

Never married and with no children, she devoted her life to charity. And she gave birth to twin foundations, the Amelia Peabody Foundation in Wellesley and the Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund Trust in Boston. With combined assets of about \$300 million, the two funds currently rank among the largest and most generous in Massachusetts.

Today, the primary mission of the Amelia Peabody Foundation is to increase the number, range, and depth of positive learning experiences available to materially disadvantaged young people living in the cities and towns of Massachusetts. Last year, APF awarded about \$6 million in grants in Massachusetts, including many in Salem, Lynn and Gloucester.

APF has been an important partner to LEAP for thirteen years and APF funding has been instrumental in growing many of our flagship programs such as ELL Street for English Language Learners, college readiness programs and career connections.

Thank you to the Amelia Peabody Foundation for all the work you do to support youth-serving organizations all over the state and for the significant impact you have had in Salem on 1000's of LEAP students.

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Students from the College Success Program, funded by APF, representing the colleges they attend



Students playing chess at the Teen Center, a program funded by APF