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## BROTHERS FOR SUCCESS EMPOWERING MALES OF COLOR THROUGH EDUCATION

Thanks to your generosity and that of Amelia Peabody, Melvin Trust and Van Otterloos foundations, we are excited to announce the second year of Brothers for Success (BFS), a partnership with Salem State University and Salem High School. This group works with young men of color to empower them through mentoring relationships, educational opportunities, and discussions pertaining to race and culture. Brothers for Success is led by Dr. Steven Oliver, assistant professor at Salem State University's School of Education, and Dr. José Salgado, associate professor at Salem State University's School of Education and Director of the Intercultural Leadership Program. Throughout the fall, the group has been working together to develop rapport and trust through conversations, and to deepen mentoring relationships.



## YOUR IMPACT - MEET ELIAN TEEN CENTER - STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Elían Aquino Fortuna's experiences exemplify the impact of your dollars. A freshman at Salem High School, Elían is an active member of LEAP's new Teen Center. Elían was a quiet kid and a disengaged student but thanks to LEAP programs that you support, he is now very involved. Elían volunteers at the North Shore Animal Shelter and the local community garden, GreenSpace. He participates in workshops with the Salem Theatre where he learns different ways people express their stories, whether it be through music, rap, or acting.

Elían is hoping to someday start a social enterprise in Salem.

*"I don't want to just be rich," Elían explained. "I want to make money so I can help people who need it. I want to do good things for people. Your generosity helps me achieve this."*



On an average day in the Teen Center, Elían helps prepare food for himself and his peers, works on his homework with our tutors, and practices his communication skills.

*"He's an exemplary Teen Center member. My favorite thing about Elían is that he takes his dreams so seriously and is game for new experiences that LEAP has to offer" shared Taylor MacDonald, Teen Center Coordinator.*

## O'MALEY ACADEMY - EXCITING NEW ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS FROM MUSIC TO FARMING

O'Maley Academy after school program at the O'Maley Innovation Middle School in Gloucester works with numerous local community partners to provide rich and varied curriculum for 200 students. The staff at Backyard Growers facilitate a farming/cooking class, Sound Harbor Music provides weekly guitar lessons, and Cedar Rock Organic Farm in West Gloucester hosted a group of students to teach them about organic farming techniques, help them make real-life connections, and also teach them about college and career options in agriculture and horticulture. Thank you to our generous Gloucester donors and the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.



PHOTOS: (a) Seventh grader receives instruction from Joe Wilkins at Sound Harbor Music  
(b) Group visit to Cedar Rock Organic Farm

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## COLLEGE SUCCESS PROGRAM

### JASON DINH - SEMI-FINALIST FOR PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP

Jason, a senior at Salem High School from our College Success Program, made it through the first two rounds of interviews that The Posse Foundation holds for its applicants and is ready for the third and final interview with Posse this December. If chosen, he will be attending Bucknell University on a full tuition-only scholarship. Best of luck Jason!



### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - GIFTS OF TIME BENEFIT THE YOUTH OF PEABODY

**Marjorie Halperin** has provided much needed support to our high school seniors in Peabody since her start as a College Success Program volunteer this fall. As high school seniors fill out college applications and submit financial aid forms, Marjorie has offered advice to encourage students during independent work. Her stories and bubbly personality engage students during group discussions. Marjorie has deeply connected with students by offering feedback on their college essays and resumes. The College Success Program staff greatly appreciates Marjorie's dedication and creative suggestions to enhance our lessons.



**Cathy Pommer** has been volunteering at LEAP for the last five years and this is her second year with our College Success Program. She volunteers twice a week helping our high school junior and senior groups in Peabody. Whether running a discussion, helping a student revising a college essay, or clarifying a question, Cathy is always willing to help each student. She brings a calm, organized and experienced approach. Our students rave about Cathy. We truly appreciate her dedication and support for our organization, our program and our students.

Here are just two examples of our fabulous volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Betty Haggerty, [ehaggerty@leap4ed.org](mailto:ehaggerty@leap4ed.org).





## EXPANDING HORIZONS - SALEM MIDDLE SCHOOLERS GET CREATIVE

### HEALTHY HARBORS - MAKING AN IMPACT ON OUR OUTDOORS

Students participating in Healthy Harbors are developing meaningful service learning activities in the Salem Woods. They have identified areas that are in need of trail maintenance and intend to assist by connecting with the Friends of Salem Woods organization to build new bridges and signs. The group, facilitated by Salem Sound Coastwatch, is also helping the community build a rain garden in Splaine Park located at the base of Salem Heights. This project is an effort to help catch marine debris and stormwater run-off. Thank you New England Bio Labs Foundation!

### FUTURE CITY - LEAP STUDENTS CREATE AN UNDERWATER CITY

Future City is a national competition that walks students through the entire civil engineering process as they design their own “futuristic” city. This year’s theme is “green spaces”. The group began by exploring various concepts in civil engineering as they designed a virtual model of their own using the software Sim City. They are currently working to complete their essay describing their city. Students will then construct a 3D model that will be brought to competition day at Northeastern University in January. We are very excited to see what the underwater city of “Grote Water Stad” (Great Water City) turns out to look like!



PHOTOS: (a) Students participating in Healthy Harbors with Salem Sound Coastwatch instructor Jack Nessen  
(b) Future City team working on their essay

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## NEW PROGRAMS COMING TO LEAP IN 2017

### HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM - GLOUCESTER

Recognizing the importance of internships for college and career, many Gloucester donors including Applied Materials and United Way - North Shore are supporting our Gloucester High School Internship Program which will start in February. Students will complete a program to prepare for a 2017 summer or fall internship. LEAP staff will match students with local businesses to complete a 40+ hour internship.

### ELL STREET - SALEM

ELL Street is a program for English Language Learners to build English Language Literacy, and improve vocabulary and speaking through meaningful community service.

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THANKS TO YOUR GIFTS

255

MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
STUDENTS

130

HIGH  
SCHOOL  
STUDENTS

65

COLLEGE  
STUDENTS

133

PARENTS/  
FAMILIES

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