

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S STATE OF THE SCHOOL

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year! As we venture into 2012, we take great pride in our accomplishments as we move forward on our journey into 21st Century Education.

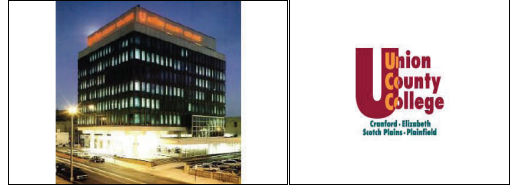
Our staff is growing by leaps and bounds as we have secured new high school teachers in Social Studies, Ms. Eboni Furr; in Science, Ms. Debra Hwang; in English, Mr. Leo Wiener; in Computer Technology, Mr. Peter Cook; and Ms. Jasmine Mody as our Teacher of Students with Disabilities. We also have on staff, Mr. Gregory Ruffin in Physical Education and Health, Mr. Gregory Lowe in World Language and Elementary Education.

While our staff is growing we bid farewell to Ms. Randy Gooden who is now continuing her career in another district and Ms. Monica Smith who is currently on personal leave. In

the meantime, teaching and learning are still taking place in the six – eight LAL classroom where Ms. Stokes and Mrs. Salter are challenging students' thinking and writing under the capable assistance of our newly acquired LAL Coach and Curriculum Consultants, Ms. Alannah Leonini, and Ms. Eileen Lampkin.



*"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure....As we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates others." From the Inaugural Address of Nelson Mandela.*



We applaud our High School Junior Leaders as they fulfill one of their goals, beginning their college careers while yet in high school.

Our High School Leaders are having an extraordinary college experience on the grounds of Union County Community College, earning dual high school and college credits. Seventeen of our students acquired over 68 college credits. The second semester promises to be twice as fruitful, as each student will take a minimum of two classes this spring.

### Who in the world is Mr. Darren Salter??

One paraprofessional who has four awesome tasks:

- ◆ Student Advisor
- ◆ Basic Skills Support Teacher
- ◆ Physical Education Assistant
- ◆ Basketball Coach

## CONGRATULATIONS AND KUDOS!

- RUT** ◆ "Rutgers University Tutors"  
◆ All Scholars and Leaders who took the PSAT and SAT.
- ◆ Over 1000 cans collected in, "HELPING FEED FAMILIES CAMPAIGN."
  - ◆ PATCO FUNDRAISER winners, Kayla Durden & Gerrell Brand.
  - ◆ TEEN ARTS ANTHOLOGY winners, Courtney Johnson & Kathy Frazier.
  - ◆ SAI ESSAY CONTEST RUTGERS winners, Jeanique Hawks & Chinedum Ehiobuche.
  - ◆ SCIENCE BOWL winners, Adia Daglow, Kyle Russell, & Jayla Williams .
  - ◆ WINTER CONCERT! To the 150 students and Mrs. Cabbagestalk.

## REVISED CALENDAR 2012

### ADD HALF DAYS

### PROFESSIONAL DEVLPMT.

⇒ JANUARY 13 AND 27, 2012

⇒ FEBRUARY 3, 2012

### NEW PARENT CONFERENCES

⇒ FEBRUARY 9 and 10, 2012

### ADD FULL DAY

⇒ FEBRUARY 2, 2012



### "SOUNDS OF SCHOLARS INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE"

Mr. Anthony E. Nelson and our Scholars will soon be making music as our newly created instrumental music program begins second semester. Parents see enclosed flyers.