



## News about...

February 2017

# Urban **US** Suburban

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### Participating Districts:

Brighton  
Brockport  
East Irondequoit  
East Rochester  
Fairport  
Hilton  
Penfield  
Pittsford  
Rochester  
Spencerport  
Webster  
West Irondequoit  
Wheatland-Chili

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## Rush-Henrietta School Board Unanimously Approves Urban-Suburban Participation

On November 8, 2016, the Rush-Henrietta CSD Board of Education approved the district's participation in the Urban-Suburban Program, effective September 2017. The vote was a unanimous 7-0. The district plans to enroll between three and five seventh graders at Roth Junior High School.

With more than 5,500 students—one-third of which are non-white—Rush-Henrietta already is one of the most diverse school district in the region. "We really are a diverse and welcoming district, and we think it's a great opportunity both for the urban students and our own students, who might get exposure to people who have grown up differently from them," says Robert L. Cook, President, Board of Education, Rush-Henrietta Central School District.

## Introducing the New Monroe One Logo

"In September 2015, I supported the School-Community Relations Department's recommendation to proceed with the creation of a new Monroe One logo to re-brand our organization. One year later, we have a new Monroe One logo with an 'out of the box' shape that reflects the evolving programs and services that support our component school districts. We've moved from a traditional 'BOCES' logo to a more abstract 'M' shape with 'Monroe One Educational Services.' We feel it's a sharper, more modern brand identity for our organization."

- Dan White, District Superintendent



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EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

## Monroe One Prepares To Launch New Website

After many years of support from our web provider, Blackboard/SchoolWorld, Monroe One is changing web providers to Blackboard Web Community Manager. Beginning in spring 2017, Monroe One's new website will include:

- A vibrant re-design and color scheme featuring enhanced website functionality;
- Mobile Responsive Design templates where all of the web content adjusts to fit the size of the device being used, making it ideal for mobile users of iPads, tablets, mobile phones, and other devices;
- Single Sign-On (user-based access to information), and access to other web-based technologies;
- Google Translator functionality for language translations in 80 foreign languages.

Watch for more Monroe One website updates as we get closer to the launch date!

- Submitted by John Walker, School-Community Relations

# Parent Group Meetings for the Remainder of the 2016-2017 School Year\*

**February 7, 2017** 11:00am–12:30pm  
**Transportation:** This meeting is for parents with children in any of our participating districts, at **any grade level (1–12)**  
Brighton Administration Building Boardroom, 2035 Monroe Avenue,  
Rochester, NY 14618

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**February 16, 2017** 7:00pm–8:30pm  
**Youth Fair:** This meeting is for parents with children in any of our participating districts, at **any grade level (1–12)**  
Irondequoit High School Auditorium, 260 Cooper Road, Rochester, NY 14617.

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**March 2, 2017** 1:00pm–2:30pm  
**Parent Teacher Conferences:** This meeting is for parents with children in any of our participating districts, with children in **grades 1–5**.  
Brighton Administration Building Boardroom, 2035 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618

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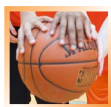
**March 22, 2017** 7:00pm–8:30pm  
**Program Wide:** This meeting is for parents with children in any of our participating districts, at **any grade level (1–12)**  
Irondequoit High School Auditorium, 260 Cooper Road, Rochester, NY 14617

## \*Please Note:

No make-up meetings will be held. If you do not meet your parent meeting requirements, you will be referred to your school district superintendent regarding your continued participation in the program.

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## Save-the-Dates for additional Urban-Suburban End-of-the Year Events:



**March 4, 2017** 10:00am–3:00pm  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 3-on-3 Annual Basketball Scholarship Tournament**  
Mendon High School Gym, 472 Mendon Road, Pittsford, NY 14534

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**May 15, 2017** 7:00pm–9:00pm  
**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Ceremony**  
East Ridge High School Auditorium, 2350 E. Ridge Road, Rochester, NY 14622

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**June 11, 2017** 1:00pm–5:00pm  
**Family BBQ**  
Lake Riley Lodge @ Cobbs Hill Park, 80 Culver Road, Rochester, NY 14610

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# Urban-Suburban Interdistrict Transfer Program

## 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament!

The Urban-Suburban Program is hosting its 3rd annual basketball tournament with 100% of the proceeds supporting the Urban-Suburban Scholarship Fund. This tournament will consist of teams in the middle school division (grades 6-8), high school division (grades 9-12), Foul Shooting and 3 Point Competition (open to all). Concessions will be sold, and there will be door prizes and more! **Admission is FREE!**

**Date: Saturday, March 4, 2017**

**Time:** 10am – 12pm: Middle School Tournament;  
12pm – 1pm: Foul Shooting & 3 Point Competition;  
1pm – 3pm: High School Tournament

**Location:** Pittsford Mendon High School,  
472 Mendon Road, Pittsford, NY 14534



### REGISTER YOUR TEAM!

**Register by Friday, February 17, 2017**

for instant prizes!

- **Registration Fee:** \$30 per team
- **Team must consist of 4 players:**  
2 program participants & 2 suburban students (co-ed teams welcomed)
- More details and registration form can be found at [www.monroe.edu/us\\_bb117](http://www.monroe.edu/us_bb117)



### VOLUNTEER!

- **Opportunities include:** referees, concession stand, sign in table, score keeper, set up and award table  
Students receive **community service hours**
- **For more information:** please contact Felicia A. Smith, Community Liaison Specialist at (585) 249-7048 or email [Felicia\\_smith@boces.monroe.edu](mailto:Felicia_smith@boces.monroe.edu)



### DONATE!

- Sponsor a Team (\$30)
- Granola Bars
- Prepackaged Chips
- Prepackaged Cookies
- Gatorade
- Door Prizes
- **For more information:** please contact Felicia A. Smith, Community Liaison Specialist at (585) 249-7048 or email [Felicia\\_smith@boces.monroe.edu](mailto:Felicia_smith@boces.monroe.edu)



2016 Middle School Tournament Champions



2016 Foul Shooting & 3 Point Competition Winner



2016 High School Tournament Champions

## More Upcoming Events

### February 11, 2017 **Urban League of Rochester Salute to Black Scholars Program Brief Overview of the College Admissions, Financial Aid & College Preparation Process**

Check in 9:00 am

Workshop:

9:30am–1:00pm

(Light refreshments  
will be served)

**For:** All High School Students; Parents/Guardians strongly encouraged to attend

**Hosted by:** Roberts Wesleyan College

Merlin G. Smith Hall (Building #3), 2301 Westside Drive, Rochester, NY

#### **Workshops will cover:**

- College Admission Process Review
- Financial Aid & FAFSA Overview & Updates
- Scholarship Information (Black Scholars Program & other community programs)
- Academic Opportunities, Summer Internships, Employment
- “Steps to Prep” Workshop reviewing college preparation timeline

#### **To Register:**

Please go to <http://www.ulr.org/Events> (Select Financial Aid Workshop and Register)

NOTE: There is no phone registration. If you have technical difficulties registering online, please send an email to [timothy.johnson@ulr.org](mailto:timothy.johnson@ulr.org)

In the event of **inclement weather**, the Urban League announces cancellation of events by calling (585) 325-6530.

### May 20, 2017 **KICKS for Campers Kickball Tournament & Scholarship Fundraiser**

5:00pm–8:30pm

Presented by YMCA Camp Cory

in partnership with Pittsford Central Schools and the Urban-Suburban Program

**For:** Kids, Families and Communities

**Location:** Sutherland High School, Stadium Field “Under the Lights”  
55 Sutherland Street, Pittsford, NY 14534

#### **Event Details:**

- Students from Barker & Calkins Road Middle School will be competing in the tournament & Scholarship Fundraiser. Each registered team will include U-S program participants and suburban students.
- This upbeat evening of kickball will culminate with an epic exhibition game played between Camp Cory Counselors and staff from Pittsford Schools, the Urban-Suburban Program, parents and surprise guests.
- Thad Brown, Sports Director of Channel 8 news will be the celebrity MC.
- The Interact Club from Mendon and Sutherland High Schools will run carnival games on the sidelines for children of all ages.
- Students from Barker and Calkins will provide entertainment.
- There will be concessions sold throughout the event.

**If you have questions or wish to volunteer**, please contact:

Jeanne Strazzabosco at [jeannestrazzabosco@gmail.com](mailto:jeannestrazzabosco@gmail.com) or (585) 943-6031.

## College Planning Series

### Facilitated by Nazareth College

The Urban-Suburban Program has partnered with Nazareth College to provide outstanding scholarship opportunities and support to Urban-Suburban students as they prepare to enter their college years. On November 21, 2016, representatives from Nazareth College began hosting monthly workshops for current Urban-Suburban students in their junior and senior years, regarding the college planning process, including college readiness, evaluation and preparation.

As a part of this partnership, Nazareth is hosting a workshop on their campus as part of the College Planning Series on **Tuesday, February 21, 2017** from 3:30–6:30pm. The outline for the event is as follows:

#### Focus: Academic Preparation and Experience

- 3:30 – 4:00** Arrival
- 4:00 – 4:45** College Classroom Environment (Nazareth Faculty Roundtable)
  - What are the expectations?
  - How do I prepare?
  - What determines success?
- 4:45 – 5:15** Brief Tour of Classroom, Laboratory Facilities and Experiential Learning
- 5:15 – 5:45** Open Q & A: Next Steps—Admissions and Financial Aid
- 5:45 – 6:30** Dinner (provided) and social time

#### To RSVP:

Contact TaShonda Jefferson at 585-249-7047 or [tashonda\\_jefferson@boces.monroe.edu](mailto:tashonda_jefferson@boces.monroe.edu) by **Wednesday, February 15, 2017**. This is a HARD deadline, and reservations will not be accepted after 5pm on this date.

Below are the remaining sessions in the College Planning Series for the 2016–2017 school year:

- **Thursday, March 16, 2017**, 6:30–8:00pm, 2643 Elmwood Avenue (Twelve Corners Middle School)
- **Thursday, April 13, 2017**, 6:30–8:00pm, 2035 Monroe Avenue
- **Thursday, May 18, 2017**, 6:30–8:00pm, 2643 Elmwood Avenue (Twelve Corners Middle School)

## Brighton Science Bowl Team wins NOBCCHE National Science Bowl in Raleigh, NC!

The 2016 NOBCChE Science Bowl was held November 9–12 in Raleigh, NC. The competition is comprised of students in middle and high school who demonstrate an understanding of physical sciences, life sciences, earth sciences, engineering, mathematics, and Black scientists and inventors. The Brighton Science Bowl team entered the competition, competed in the Junior division and WON!

Their success caught the attention of our very own Senator Joe Robach. On Wednesday, December 14, 2016, Senator Robach met the members of the Brighton Science Bowl Team at Twelve Corners Middle School and presented them with congratulatory certificates.

Kudos to Kelvin Knight and the US Alumni Association youth mentoring outreach initiative for all the hard work and dedication to make this possible.

# Urban League of Rochester

## Annual Salute to Black Scholars Early Recognition Program

The Urban League of Rochester's 30th Annual Early Recognition Program was held on Sunday, November 6 at Nazareth College. The Early Recognition Program is a component of the Black Scholars Program where honorees must continue to meet the necessary requirements in order to be eligible, as graduating seniors, for recognition as Urban League Black Scholars. As sophomores, students must achieve an unweighted 9th grade cumulative GPA of "C+" (2.75) or better; juniors must achieve an unweighted cumulative GPA of a "B-" (2.85) or better for four semesters (9th and 10th grade); seniors must achieve an unweighted cumulative GPA of "B" (3.00) or better for seven semesters (9th, 10th, and 11th grade and first semester of 12th grade). Only grades earned in science, English, math, history and foreign languages are computed. Congratulations, and continue to strive for academic excellence!

### **Brighton High School**

Curtis Arline  
Alana Britoon  
Mikayla Henry  
Keith Scott  
Makalah Sizer  
Miyah Sizer  
Sabri Smith  
Zhane Smith  
Jamai Thomas  
Jonathan Torres  
Jordan Wilson  
Trinity Wilson

### **Brockport High School**

Jalyn Cox-Cooper  
Destinee Ellison  
Cory Gross  
Anajah Jackson  
Amiya Johnson  
Brianna McCloud  
Latoya McNish  
Brianna Williams  
Destiny Williams

### **Eastridge High School**

Duane Alston  
Jameire Mitchell

### **Fairport High School**

Irvin Baulkman  
Ethan Davenport  
Ky'Asia Davidson  
Alona Davis  
Epongue Ekiller  
Jair Fair  
Keshawn Howard  
Jordyn Johnson  
Vanzell Johnson  
Dominique Jones  
Eseoghene Kessington  
Muse Mberwa  
Amaya Powell  
Chivonna Reed  
Andre'L Starks  
Gwyndolyn Stringer

### **Penfield High School**

Shalese Cotton  
Elaye Ekiyor  
Jordan Gross  
Kennedy Jackson  
Jailah Lovett  
Tabonnie Nesmith  
Raven Phelps  
Jordin Watson  
Brenna Wilcox  
Trenton Wynn

### **Pittsford Mendon High School**

Gianni Brown-Grant  
Tyler Corbitt  
Asia Hite  
Naiyah James  
Cierra Joiner  
Trevor Nesmith  
Tiana Swank  
Harmonie Williams  
Tyrice Williams

### **Pittsford Sutherland High School**

Mardasia Ashford  
Marquis Carter  
Faith Cook  
Nubia Cromartie  
Sameerah Jackson  
Geovanna Joseph  
Aniyah McIntyre  
Hillary Mekoyo-Bakou

### **Irondequoit High School**

Elaina Alston  
Kania Barnes-Johnson  
Summer Bennett  
Olissa Bruce  
Gerald Drumgoole  
Caleb Felton  
Kazmin Houser  
Joel Kingsley  
Terry-Ann Lewin  
N'dia Neal  
Ty'sean Sizer  
Amelia Smith  
Lily Smith

### **Wheatland-Chili High School**

Taylor Bishop  
Destiney Brumfield  
Jordyn Gross  
Trinniti Gunn  
Ciarra McDaniel  
Desmond Walker

## Student Corner

### **Kelvin Ivey**

Kelvin is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Ivan Green Primary School in the East Irondequoit Central School District. Every month, a student from each classroom is selected to have breakfast with the principal for demonstrating H.E.A.R.T. Kelvin followed the school and classroom rules, served as a role model for other students, and exemplified the following characteristics:

- H:** Honest
- E:** Empathetic
- A:** Acting safely
- R:** Responsible
- T:** Thinkers

Kelvin and his parents were invited to have breakfast with Principal Dr. Deborah Decker in October to celebrate his special achievement. Congratulations Kelvin!

## Student Corner

The Urban-Suburban students at East Rochester Junior and Senior High School continue to immerse themselves in the ER way of life! On Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00am in the cafeteria, the following students were recognized for being Student of the Month and then served a complimentary breakfast.

**6th Grade—Jael Duran**

**7th Grade—Marie Mekoyo-Bakou & Caleb Wilcox**

**10th Grade—Alex Rans & David Warren**

In order for a student to be nominated for Students of the Month, he/she must meet the following requirements: passing all classes, no more than two lates, 90% attendance for the month, and no disciplinary referrals. When you see these students, please congratulate them and thank them for being outstanding members of the ER Family.

## Tre Reese

Tre Reese is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Calkins Road Middle School in the Pittsford Central School District. Tre started the 2016-2017 school year strong and had a remarkable first quarter. At the end of the first marking period, he received seven As (Art, Band, English, Technology, Science, Spanish, and Gym) and two Bs (Social Studies and Math) for an overall GPA of 3.14. Congratulations Tre for exemplifying the academic prowess of our Urban-Suburban students. Keep up the good work!

## Alumni Highlight



### **Camille McIntyre Wheatland-Chili High School Class of 2000**

I am a proud graduate of Wheatland-Chili, class of the greatest ever 2000! I entered the Urban-Suburban Program in the first grade at TJ Connor Elementary School. This program was the catalyst that helped shape me into the woman I am today. At an early age, nothing seemed different or out of the norm. However, as I grew in the program there were several challenges that I had to face. I realized that being in the Urban-Suburban Program, I had to gain stamina and a strong back bone in order to be the best academically and personally. Going to Wheatland-Chili was embarrassing at times. None of my friends in the city had ever heard of the school. They would ask, “Don’t you mean Gates?” I’d say, “No, it’s called Wheatland-Chili.”

It was difficult to go to school in the suburbs and return to life in the city. I had to explain why I woke up so early and why I was still at the bus stop on the days the city schools were closed. The precedent of education my mother wanted was far beyond what I could ever imagine. She knew that she wanted me to get an A1 education by any means necessary. When I came to that realization, my mental state changed. I developed

a love for learning and put that action into my school work. Every single teacher I had pushed me, challenged me, and made me go hard for my education.

After graduating from Wheatland-Chili High School, I pursued my degree in business management from Norfolk State University. A few years later, I transferred to and graduated from SUNY Empire State College with a degree in business management and economics. Currently, I work for a non-profit organization as a Community Asset Navigator working with high risk youth. I also started my own business #iRocWomen which emerged from a photo shoot I did with over 600 women from across Rochester.

I attribute my success to my upbringing, the values my mother instilled within me, and what I learned and achieved from the program. I have gained lifelong friends, core values, and a heart of gratitude for being a part of the greatest educational program—Urban-Suburban. I am also glad to say that our seven year old daughter is now a proud student in the Urban-Suburban Program, attending school in the Pittsford School District!

# Did You Know?

## Brockport

### New assistant principal appointed at Brockport High School

The Brockport Central School District Board of Education is pleased to announce the probationary appointment of **Ashley Dame** to the role of Brockport High School Assistant Principal. Dame succeeds Matthew Schultz who was appointed assistant principal at Brockport Hill School.

Dame most recently served as acting assistant principal at Greece Athena High School. Prior to that, she spent interim roles as acting assistant principal at Greece Olympia and assistant principal at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Summer Program. Dame also was a teacher in the Greece Central School District and Buffalo Public Schools.

“We’re very excited to have Ashley Dame join the administrative team at Brockport High School,” said Brockport High School Principal Dr. Brian Weller. “She brings a real student and family focus to her approach and will be a great addition to our faculty.”

Dame received her Master of Science in Educational Leadership from St. John Fisher College and a master’s and bachelor’s degree from the State University of New York at Fredonia.



## Fairport

### Brooks Hill School welcomes new assistant principal

After teaching first and second grade for the past eight years, this fall **Maurin Jeffries** transitioned to her new role as the assistant principal of Brooks Hill Elementary School, beginning in early October.

Jeffries has spent the past four years in the Brighton Central School District teaching at Council Rock Elementary School, and previously in the Geneseo Central School District.

Jeffries said she is looking forward to building positive relationships with staff and families at Brooks Hill.

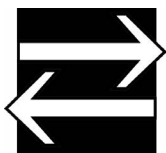
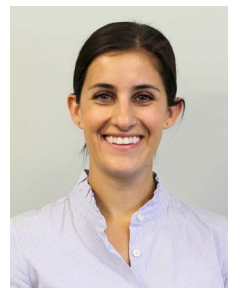
“I’m hoping to make a smooth transition to foster consistency during the beginning of the school year,” she said. “It is an important time for leaders in education to be able to influence and guide the larger school community toward continued best practices and what’s best for children, and this is an honor and a privilege.”

Jeffries earned her Bachelor of Science and Certifications in Childhood and Elementary Education from Niagara University and her Master of Science and Certification in Literacy Education at Boston University. She also was a D1 volleyball player while at Niagara University. This fall, she will complete her Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration—and Certifications in Building and District Leader—at The College at Brockport.

Brooks Hill School Principal Meredith Klus said she is excited about the addition of Jeffries to the school community.

“We are very much looking forward to giving Mrs. Jeffries a warm welcome and showing her the pride we have in our school,” said Klus. “We also look forward to the leadership she will bring to our staff and students.”

Jeffries lives in Pittsford with her husband, Ed, and their 8-month-old son, Ross. She said she is always looking for opportunities to stay active and enjoy Rochester.



Visit the Urban-Suburban Program Web site at:

[www.monroe.edu/US](http://www.monroe.edu/US)

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