

Record Number of Scholarships Awarded

This spring, New Futures received a record number of applicants for its scholarships. After extensive review of the scholar application forms, academic records, essays, and recommendation letters, plus an interview with each applicant, our Selection Committee awarded 19 new scholarships, a record number for a single award period.

We were particularly impressed with the accomplishments and determination of this group of prospective scholars, and are extremely excited to welcome them into the New Futures family. We'd like you to meet some of new scholars:



Loren Redman's father was deported to the Dominican Republic when she was 2, and her mother has been in a coma since Loren was 12. She lives with her grandmother and had a child at age 16. Loren got her GED certificate with impressive scores and is determined to make a good life for herself and her daughter. Being at the hospital visiting her mother has caused her to gain interest in the medical field. She is planning to study biology at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, MD.

Daniel Centeno is a determined young man who aspires to be a chef. While attending high school, he maintained a full time job in order to help with family finances, and shopped, cooked and helped to care for the family. He won 3rd place



in the 2009 regional Top Teen Chef Competition. He has a promising future, but culinary school is very expensive. With the help of a New Futures scholarship, Daniel will be pursuing his dream at L'Academie de Cuisine this fall.

Through the Year Up program, Hamlet Evertsz used his computer skills as an intern at BET Networks and also volunteered as a computer technician at the American Red Cross. He obtained some computer training at Year Up but would like to expand his skills and obtain professional certifications to make



himself more marketable. He wants to be able to support himself and his mother, and would someday like to pursue college. He is using his New Futures scholarship to obtain Linux and Cisco Network training and certification.

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Partner Organizations with Spring '09 Scholars:

- Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School
- Community Club of the NY Ave. Presbyterian Church
- For Love of Children
- Hope and a Home
- Latin American Youth Center
- Liberty's Promise
- See Forever Foundation / Maya Angelou Public Charter School
- Year Up

New Futures Holds New Scholar Orientation

New Futures is continually enhancing its program to increase the likelihood of success for all of its scholars. Recognizing that the transition to post-secondary education can be difficult, especially for those who are the first in their families to take this step, New Futures wants to ensure that all of its scholars are prepared to succeed in their educational endeavors.

In June, New Futures trialed a workshop for its spring scholarship recipients. Topics covered included post-secondary education terminology, using a syllabus, time management, study skills, and getting support on campus. Feedback from the students was positive, and New Futures plans to fine tune the workshop and make it a standard component of the scholarship award process.



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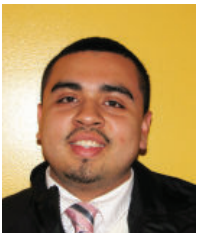
Elizabeth Calderon's mother left her at age 9, with little English and little support at school. She ended up at a Foster Care Home at LAYC and with their support and the encouragement of a special teacher at Bell Multicultural High School, Elizabeth began to improve her grades and ultimately succeed at AP (college level) English. She is now

very excited about furthering her education and would like to become a registered nurse. She looks forward to attending Trinity University in DC where she can be part of a campus community full of activities.



Mahamat Hassane left his family in Chad to come to the US for a better life. He worked with his father repairing cars when he was young and wishes to pursue auto mechanic training and certification to obtain a good job. He lives with his uncle, and while attending high school, he worked almost full time in order to support himself.

Mahamat has been accepted at the Excel Institute which provides free training. His New Futures scholarship will provide financial support for his required tools, transportation, and certification exams.



Elmer Diaz is currently an Outreach Worker, working with at-risk and runaway youth between the ages of 13 and 24. He has discovered that he works well with at-risk youth and enjoys what he does. This work has inspired him to pursue a career in social work or counseling. His plan is to begin with an associate's degree at Montgomery

College and then transfer to a local 4-year college. He will attend school part time so that he can continue to work in his field and bring in income to support himself and his family.

These are just a few of the new scholars you will be hearing about in the future and possibly meeting at our upcoming benefits.

Thank you to all of our wonderful donors who helped to make these scholarships possible!

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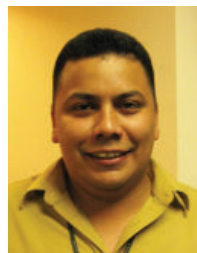
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An Update From Some of our Graduates



Michelle Maringe came to the US with her mother and sister, when the situation in her native Zimbabwe became unsafe. Some of you may remember Michelle as one of the speakers at our Spring 2008 Benefit. At that time, Michelle had just obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from UDC. Since that time, Michelle has obtained

her Master's Degree in Social Work from Catholic University, passed her licensing exam, and is now working for Catholic Charities in Southeast DC. She says, "This society has done a great deal to help me as an individual. Because of that, I feel an obligation to give back what I have taken, so the circle of helping others can continue."



Lizandro Diaz came to the United States from Honduras to be with his mother, who had been separated from him thirteen years earlier. His goal was also to obtain an education and a career to support his two young children. He first obtained his GED, and with the help of two New Futures scholarships, he obtained training as an A+ and Network+ technician and obtained professional

certification as a Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA) and Systems Engineer (MCSE). Lizandro now works as a Desktop Support Technician, which he loves, and volunteers for local organizations fixing computers and teaching basic computer use to others. He continues to pursue training to keep his skills current, but is able to do so on his own, since he now has a sound career.

Plans for the Fall

New Futures is gearing up for our second annual **Career Fair**, where prospective scholars can learn about careers which require two or fewer years of education. In addition to providing information about these careers and their educational requirements, vocational schools and colleges with one and two year programs will be on site to talk with the students.

There are many college fairs in the area which expose youth to four-year degree options, but very little information is available for other options which might be worth considering as a first step or an alternative to a bachelor's degree.

New Futures believes there are many opportunities for promising careers which can be obtained with professional certifications or associate's degrees. And, for students pursuing a college degree, it is often advantageous to first obtain an associate's degree and then pursue a bachelor's degree.

These shorter-term options allow youth to begin earning higher wages in a relatively short period of time and increase the likelihood of program completion with a credential recognized in the job market.